



Friends of Worplesdon School Minutes
Tuesday 5th May 2026

Attendees

Natasha Baxter
Jen Stanhope
Karen Pointer
Judith Strange
Lauren Shelton
Marta Ward
Michelle Seymour

Apologies

Kirsten Heffer
Tori Bispham
Kim Shipway
Sam Hannington
Sarah Gosden

Welcome

Points for discussion:

1. Financial Update.

- a. FoWS have raised £12,409 so far this year.
- b. Latest event totals - Easter challenge £230; Infant Entertainment £220 (up £135 on last year); BTR £802.
- c. £12,595 spent so far this year - most recently hall projector, Zactiv event & Year 3 planters.
- d. Infant entertainment feedback - we need a list of children returning to night owls, a craft table was suggested for the children less keen on dancing, teacher attendance needs to be requested earlier in the planning stages, children's water bottles to be taken into the hall, tuck shop tokens like the junior discos so children can choose their snack, mufti day on the day.

2. New committee

- a. We have only had one expression of interest in the committee roles.
- b. Kareen O'Brien will appeal to children in assembly.
- c. Emails to parents from FoWS & Kareen O'Brien - risk of losing the Christmas Fair and the £5000 it generates.
- d. A 'Save Our Fair flyer' in bags was suggested to reception and year 3 parents who may have less awareness of FoWS.
- e. Lauren Shelton has volunteered to continue to run the second hand uniform sales.

3. Gazebos

- a. We need 4 ideally.

- b. These could be good quality second hand gazebos or sponsored by a company and brought new with their logo on the side.
- c. We will do a gazebo appeal to the school for second hand or for companies willing to sponsor a gazebo.

4. Junior disco - 15/5/26.

- a. Ticket bookings are going well so far.
- b. 282 tickets sold last year - 189 so far this year.
- c. We will also be taking last minute bookings on the night this year.
- d. Game requests have included many of the games already incorporated in previous years and some party games that wouldn't work on such a large scale.
- e. Tuck shop - every child gets tokens for 1 drink, 1 crisps and 1 chocolate/sweets which they can choose themselves.
- f. We have had good teacher engagement so far, except for year 6 - Judith will speak to them to see if any can attend.
- g. Karen is liaising with Judith/Dave/Jeanette for last minute preparations.
- h. Kareen will do a shout out in assembly.

5. Summer Fair - 3/7/26.

- a. Planning document has been updated with year groups allocated to stalls. These will be shared more widely in the coming weeks.
- b. Majority of games will remain the same as last year with a football shootout to be added - unfortunately Jake Fazio is unavailable on a Friday to run this so it will be allocated to a year group.
- c. We are on track with our planning time scales so far.

6. Additional events

a. Zactiv workshop - 8/5/26.

- i. Jen has sent an email to remind teachers and check classes have practised for photos. Angela is prepared to take the photos.
- ii. Jen, Karen and Natasha will be there on the day to ensure classes are ready and keep Zack to schedule.
- iii. Final consents are being collected prior to photos being sent out after the event.

b. Happy Bags - 12/6/26.

- i. Marta will send Sarah the Happy Bags poster to go on Fairlands Community Page and say we can collect from houses locally.

c. Sports days - Cafe2U will be in attendance.

d. Frozen Fridays - 10/7/26 & 17/7/26.

- i. Lauren has volunteered to run this.

7. AOB

- a. Michelle suggested signing the school up to the Mini London Marathon next year - FoWS will check how this will work and if the school have to sign up directly or if we can do it on their behalf.