



**Friends of Worplesdon School (FoWS)**

**Registered Charity No. 1087830**

**AGM Minutes**

**22nd September 2026**

**Attendees**

Natasha Baxter  
Kirsten Heffer  
Jen Stanhope  
Judith Strange  
Edith Pozzoni  
Iren Puj  
Michelle Seymour  
Tina Warner  
Rachel Pengelly  
Lucy Dibsall

**Ordinary Business**

**Apologies**

Tori Bispham  
Christina Gurney  
Jane Sumners  
Lauren Shelton

**Minutes of FoWS AGM 2025**

Minutes of the AGM held on 16/9/25 were circulated prior to this year's AGM for review and were approved.

**Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from last year's AGM.

**Chair's Report for 2025/26 (attached)**

Natasha Baxter took everyone through the Chair's Report covering the last academic year looking at our key success, lessons learnt and thanking all those involved.

Natasha reported that FoWS had enjoyed another successful year of fundraising, organising a range of events and initiatives including the Christmas Fair and raffle, Happy Bags, Break the Rules days, Frozen Fridays, the Junior Disco, Summer Fair, Wonka Bars and other fundraising activities.

A key achievement was funding the final six interactive whiteboards, meaning every class now benefits from this equipment. FoWS also funded a Zactiv workshop with Zac George, which was particularly well received by pupils and staff.

The Chair highlighted the success of the Christmas Fair and Grand Raffle, which raised £5,559, the Wonka Bar event, which raised £797, and the Summer Fair, which raised £2,826. The Junior Disco was also a particular success, with arrangements now in place for it to continue next year.

The Chair noted that volunteer engagement had been more challenging during the year. Several Trustees and key volunteers are due to step down during 2026/27, and FoWS is therefore seeking new Trustees and volunteers. It was noted that at least two new Trustees are required to ensure the charity can continue operating beyond Christmas 2026.

The Chair thanked the Trustees, volunteers, school staff, local businesses and the wider school community for their support throughout the year. Plans for the 2026/27 Autumn Term include the second-hand uniform sale, Happy Bags, Break the Rules Day, Christmas activities and the Christmas Fair, with the Spring and Summer programme to be confirmed following the election of new Trustees.

#### **Treasurer's report for the year ending 30th August 2026 (attached)**

Kirsten Heffer took everyone through the Treasurer's Report covering the last academic year.

FoWS began the year with total funds of £13,563.87 and generated gross income of £20,603.06, producing a surplus of £17,828.11. This was slightly lower than the previous year, primarily due to the absence of a large ticketed event at the Summer Fair.

Total expenditure was £15,515.31, including £12,517.36 provided in support of the school. This included six interactive whiteboards (£7,512), a new school hall projector (£3,635), and contributions towards a range of other school activities and items, including the successful Zactiv workshop.

FoWS ended the financial year with £17,606.62 in the bank and a £1,045 cash float, giving total funds of £18,651.62. Kirsten noted that FoWS is therefore in a strong financial position to support further projects, with air-conditioning units for classrooms identified as an initial project being explored. Thanks were expressed to everyone who contributed to the fundraising during the year.

#### **Election of committee members**

Natasha Baxter, Karen Pointer and Jen Stanhope are stepping down as Trustees.

Judith Strange is also stepping down as the school representative.

Sarah Gosden and Marta Ward are also stepping down from their positions as Digital Communications Lead and Design Expert.

Unfortunately there were no new nominations for the Trustee roles for the 26/27 academic year.

Edit Pozzoni expressed that she would consider putting herself forward for the Secretary position in future if she felt the Trustee team around her would work well together.

It was therefore agreed by all members in attendance that Natasha Baxter and Jen Stanhope would remain as 'silent' Trustees until 31st December 2026 when the FoWS would be dissolved if no new volunteers came forwards.

Trustee positions therefore stand as follows:

Chair - Natasha Baxter (silent Trustee until 31st December 2026)

Co-chair - vacant.

Secretary - Jen Stanhope (silent Trustee until 31st December 2026)

Treasurer - Kirsten Heffer (Until 31st December 2026).

Other positions:

Design Expert - Rachel Pengelly

Digital Communications Lead - Iren Puj

Second Hand Uniform Co-ordinators - Lauren Shelton & Tina

Teacher representative - Judith Strange (Until 31st December 2026)

### **Special business**

There was no special business to discuss at this year's AGM.

### **Any other business**

Kirsten Heffer thanked the current Trustees and Judith Strange for their hard work and achievements over the past few years.

Natasha Baxter also thanked Kirsten Heffer for all her hard work and success in the role.

### **Close of business**