



**Friends of The
Winchcombe
School**

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Here we are at Easter already! Here's a little roundup of what we've been up to this half term, what's to come next term, and how you can support FOWS:

Bag2School: Thank you for your clothing donations, our collection on 24th February raised a very respectable £189.00.

Easter Disco: We had a great time at the Disco on Friday, we hope the children did too! We had around 330 children attend over 3 discos and raised over £1,000 - all profits from the disco will be going towards replacing the school minibus - see further details below.

School Uniform: Don't forget you can browse our pre-loved uniform in Reception any time. If you would like to leave a donation and can afford to do so please leave it in the honesty box, otherwise please take what you need. We have a lot of uniform and we restock as it goes so if we don't have what you're looking for, check back later.

School Lottery: Why not join our lottery? Draws take place weekly, you can take part any time and for as long as you like. Click [here](#) to register, choose your lucky numbers and decide whether to play weekly by direct debit or choose 'one off payment' for a block of 1, 3, 6 or 12 months. There is at least 1 winner per school per week, plus the chance of winning the £25,000 jackpot. It's open to all so please share with family and friends to maximise sales - it's a great way to support FoWS and you could be a winner!

Easy Fundraising: If you shop online this is the easiest thing you can do to raise money for FoWS. It is free to join, just click [here](#) and raise money while you shop online at no extra cost - including your weekly grocery shop. Refer a friend and earn £5 bonus donations.

CALLING ALL VODAFONE EMPLOYEES - We need Match Funders!

We have had 3 successful Vodafone Match Funding applications approved so far this year, totalling £1,700 which will make a huge difference to our fund-raising efforts - thank you to everyone who has applied on our behalf so far. Details of their match funding scheme can be found [here](#). If you work for Vodafone, Bayer, Micro Focus or any company who offers a Match Funding scheme or something similar, please get in touch. If you're not sure if your employer runs a scheme - please ask! Applying is easy, but can gain us up to £1,000 per person so please get in touch and we can help you with your application.

Match funding our events means we can keep them as cheap as possible for parents and carers whilst still raising money for the school.

Upcoming Events:

Coronation Tea Towels: The children have been doing self portraits at school which we will be putting onto commemorative Coronation Tea Towels that will be available to buy. Further details to follow.

Wear the Rainbow Day: 16th June Non-Uniform day - children are invited to wear as many colours as they like for a donation to FOWS.

Summer BBQ: 7th July we will be holding a Summer BBQ after school, with refreshments, games and hopefully a bit of sunshine! Tickets will go on sale next term,

We are in need of a large gas BBQ for the day, if anyone can loan us one please get in touch. We will also need volunteers to help plan the event and cover stalls, if you can spare a few hours before the event or on the day please let us know how and when you can help.

WHERE WILL YOUR DONATIONS GO...?

We were thrilled to fund our first big project since our committee was set up in early 2022. The new playground markings were entirely funded by FOWS at a cost of £4,500 and we are really pleased with the results! We are so grateful to everyone who has donated or volunteered to make this project happen.

We have committed to raising £10,000 this year to replace the school minibus which is shared with 2 other schools.

We have raised around £2,300 so far with the disco, match funding and other donations, we expect to have raised £4,000 - £5,000 by the end of the summer term and we already have some fun ideas for the Autumn Term.

We can't raise the amount needed through events alone and have submitted grant applications to help fund the rest but match funding is key to meeting our target. If you can help with grant applications or are able to Match Fund, please get in touch.

DID YOU KNOW...?

... We have a [page on the school website](#) - find us under the 'Parents' tab

... Email us on winchcombefriends@gmail.com

... You can follow us on

www.facebook.com/FriendsofWinchcombe

or join our group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofthewinchcombeschool>

... We welcome all suggestions for fundraising and other activities.

Have a lovely Easter Break, see you in the Summer Term!