

FOSS Newsletter

23rd October 2025



Friends of Swaythling School

New FOSS Committee

Thanks to everyone who came to the FOSS AGM after school on Monday. The Annual Report is attached to the end of this newsletter. Your new committee is:

- Chair: Ceri Cox
- Secretary: Giorgio Lowe
- Treasurer: Isobel Stark
- Committee Members: Matthew Chalk, Erica Deakin, Mollie Richards, Pruann Murray-Lao

We will have more information about all our committee members in our next newsletter.

We can co-opt up to 3 more people onto the committee this year, and we always need more micro-volunteers to do small or specific jobs to join our team of volunteers, Emma, Maryan, Chennai, Charlotte and Vikki. If you are interested, feel free to speak to one of the current committee or email foss@swaythlingprimary.org.



Examples of the fancy decorated doughnuts available!

Half-term Treats Tomorrow!

As a half-term treat, we will be selling a variety of doughnuts and seasonal treats this Friday after school in the main playground.

- Marshmallow ghosts – 20p
- Iced ring doughnuts – 50p
- Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts - £1.50
- Fancy Decorated doughnuts - £2.50

Raise extra money for free in October

The easiest way to support FOSS is to sign up to easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding!

[Get the app now and choose to support FOSS](#)

Don't forget to tell your friends and family as well – every penny counts 😊

Upcoming Dates

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| 1-31 Oct: | Easyfundraising £2 sign-up bonus |
| 24 Oct: | Doughnut sale |
| TBC Nov: | Non-uniform day for rainbow raffle |
| 1 Dec: | Christmas Fair & Lights Switch On |
| 16 Dec: | Draw for Rainbow Raffle |



Re-love your Christmas stuff!

We will have a festive clothes stall at the Christmas Fair. Please donate your unwanted seasonal clothes, Santa hats, reindeer boppers, etc. If it sparkles, let us have it! All ages and sizes welcome. Bring them in to us, and let's see if they can find a new loving home!

Please leave all donations in the boxes at the School Office after half-term. It's a great way to declutter, fundraise for the school and support the environment by reusing and recycling.

FOSS Facebook

FOSS has its own Facebook page to make it easier to find what FOSS is up to. To join the group go to: www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofswaythingschool/

Don't forget the school also has its own Facebook page which has lots of useful info and announcements: www.facebook.com/groups/568748569917125



Having a half-term clear out? Think of FOSS!

We are looking to collect little toys that we can use in the lucky dip at the Christmas Fair. We all have various things around the house like party bag fillers, McDonalds toys, bubbles etc.

So if you are planning to have a clear out over half-term please bag things up for FOSS and put them in the amnesty box in Reception.

Every little helps the planet by recycling toys and helps FOSS save money on running events so we can spend more on the kids.

Contact us



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Friends of Swaythling School

Annual Report 20th October 2025



Chair's Report

Thank you everyone for attending this year's Annual General Meeting.

This past school year we were able to raise £6890 before expenses from a variety of events, donations and contributions FOSS receives as being a registered charity. We hope that the pupils enjoyed attending and taking part in the variety of events we held.

Last year we were a slightly smaller committee than the previous year however over the school year we did gain other members of the committee and without all of these members who give up their time to help it would be impossible to plan and run these events so a massive thank you to all of you.

Friends of Swaythling School (FOSS) is a charity that exists to support the school in order to provide resources and experiences for the children. As a committee, FOSS remains dedicated to creating exciting opportunities for the children and to foster a community between parents and carers of the children whilst they are at Swaythling Primary.

Over the last school year we were able to provide the children with experiences such as school theatre performances, Christmas books for all the children, year R chicks hatching, Leaver's T-shirts for all year 6s, contribution towards travel for school trips, playground games and sensory room. Alongside these events FOSS also held a variety of events for the children to attend such as the Christmas fair, Glow Disco, Summer fair and we continued the successful Great Swaythling Bake Off and Swonka Bars which we ran alongside Swaythling Book Day.

In the coming term we are looking forward to making sure the Christmas fair is children orientated with more games and challenges for them to do and plan our Glow Disco which we will now aim to run in the new year to avoid clashing with Christmas fun. We are also running our 'end of half term doughnuts' this week with some special doughnuts donated by one of our FOSS members. Over the rest of the year we will plan Mother's Day and Father's Day shops which were successful last year and Frozen Friday Lollies. We are also planning to do our School Tea Towels.

As part of the AGM today, we will vote in the FOSS committee for the school year 2025/2026, with roles covering the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and general committee members. There is also the opportunity to sign up for a volunteering role which helps to support the committee planning and hosting events throughout the year.

It is so important to have people to run the committee and the more people we have the more the workload is shared between us all. It would not be possible to plan and run these events without the generosity of your time which ultimately benefits all our children as pupils of Swaythling Primary. If you are thinking about putting yourself forward, for any of our roles please don't be shy! Also if you are having doubts about the time involved our motto is 'give what time you can', it all helps and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for attending and if there are any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you

Ceri Cox
Chair, October 2025

Treasurer's Report

Below are the accounts for the 2024/2025 academic year. Income was approximately £6.8k. Once again we funded two theatre company visits to the school, a book for every child at Christmas, the hatching eggs in Year R and the year 6 leavers t-shirts and ice-creams. This year we also were able to buy new games for the playground, materials for the sensory room and give the school a £2k grant towards the transport costs for school trips.

Every Little Helps

In the last academic year you raised almost £162 at no cost to yourselves while online shopping, so I would urge everyone to sign up for the service. There is an app you can download onto your phone or a widget for your computer which will

pop up every time you visit on a website which is eligible for a donation:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/swaythlingprimaryschool/>

I'd also like to thank all parents who shopped at ASDA during their Cashpot for schools campaign which raised £184.

Donations

This year we were very lucky to get £720 in donations from parents giving small amounts monthly to parents' employers giving large one-off donations. We are very grateful for any and all donations received and want to say a huge thank-you to all parents who gave either directly or via their employer. For personal donations, we can also claim back Gift Aid from the government, adding another 20% to all the donations received. You can find the information on how to make a regular or one-off donation and sign up for gift aid on our donation page: <https://forms.gle/7ZSRtnmaVmfdQFCA9>

Isobel Stark, Honorary Treasurer

October 2025

Accounts for the Academic Year 1/9/2024-31/8/2025

Monies Bfwd from 2023/24

Bank	£6,415.76
Cash	£21.81
Total	£6,437.57

Monies in year 2024/25

Income in year (Banked)	£6,661.17
Income in year (cash)	£129.24
Expenses in year	-£7,138.01
In year balance	-£347.60

Monies CFwd to 2025/26

Bank	£5,938.92
Cash (inc floats)	£151.05
Total	£6,089.97

Detailed breakdown

Item	Incoming	Outgoing
Admin		
Lotteries licence		£20.00
Parentkind membership		£162.00
Equipment & stationery		£307.95
Donations & schemes		
Donations	£720.00	
Easyfundraising	£ 161.82	
ASDA Cashpot	£184.34	
Events		
Bake-off	£ 148.60	£8.90
Culture Week Raffle	£ 65.43	£ -
Discos	£293.50	£54.72
Doughnuts	£ 486.47	£129.90
Christmas Fair	£1,293.81	£267.03
FabBricks	£ 149.50	£103.50
Father's Day	£ 155.47	£136.59
House T-shirts	£132.50	£127.47
Lollies & summer refreshments	£888.63	£216.54
Mother's Day	£497.64	£85.61
Summer Fair	£968.98	£187.15
Swonka Bars	£464.61	£272.00
Pre-loved uniforms & books	£49.87	£0.00
Items for school		
Christmas Books		£269.04
Hatching Eggs		£285.00
Theatre visits		£1,549.00
Yr6 Leavers T-Shirts & trip		£210.00
Playground Games		£109.98
Sensory Room		£135.72
Travel Grant for Trips		£2,000.00
Moonshot		£500.00
Totals	£6,661.17	£7,138.10