

Fitzjohn's School Association



Community School. Community Spirit.

The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

FSA is our volunteer parents school association, a registered charity working to fundraise for the school and organise events for the school community. It is run by the parents at Fitzjohn's with the support of the Head of School, Rob.

You don't need to be invited, registered or voted in – all parents of the school are automatically FSA members!

We are so lucky to have a wonderful, engaged and committed community of families. **This sense of shared enthusiasm and active involvement is what makes our school special, and also enables us to raise much needed funds of £100,000 a year.**

The candidates for **FSA co-chairs** for the year are Vanessa (mum of Jack Y3 and Ellie Nursery) and Elia (mum of Eva Y3 and Alex Y1). The candidate for **Treasurer** is Lee (dad of Oscar Y3 and Rae Rec). We also have an **FSA Committee** of our fabulous class reps together with parents who wish to be more involved in organising fun events throughout the year.

If you would like to join or help, even if just with a specific event, do find us on the playground or by email:

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Fundraising for the School

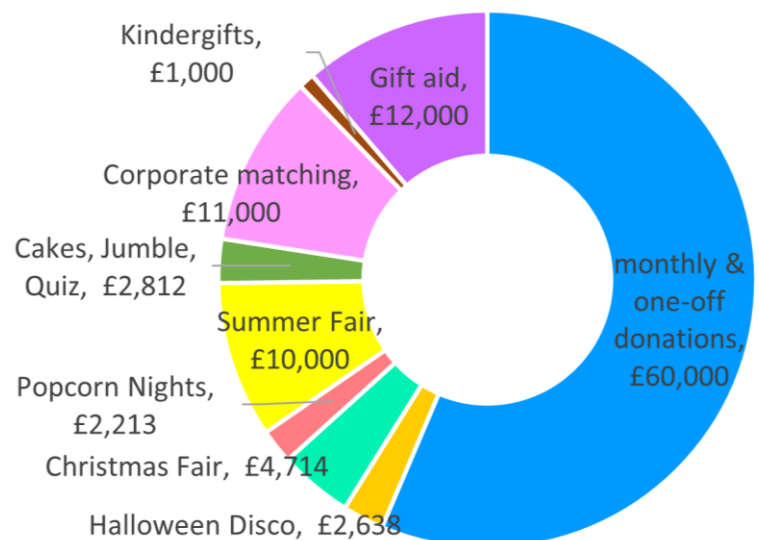
Our main focus and the best way to support the school is through monthly donations. Having a steady and predictable source of funding that the school can rely on, means we can safely plan ahead.

Monthly donations accounted for over half our income last year and we now have 80% of families in the school giving through standing order.



Our aim is that ALL families who are able to will as they can. [Sign-up here](#) or scan the QR code.

The other big revenue source (and much more fun) is our events! Our Christmas and Summer Fairs, the Halloween Disco and our popcorn nights are run successfully with support of all our families. It's also a great way to spend time together with friends and create a strong sense of community for our children (and grown-ups) at Fitzjohn's.



How will your donations be used in 2024/2025?

Our goal for the year is to raise £100,000 towards music, art, sport, IT, books and more. When we fund these expenses, that means the school is able to use its running budget to the fullest on valuable staff and teaching assistants that are a crucial part of our children's learning.

✓ **Every year the FSA funds the cost of our gymnastics, PE, music, African drumming and art teachers** that are not part of the school staff. These activities enrich the curriculum and enable specially trained instructors to teach these subjects. This amounts to **£42,000**.

✓ **IT and Digital Skills – £20,000** provide computing resources, new/refurbished iPads as well as an annual membership at the CLC (Camden Learning Centre) where the kids go for robotics and coding enrichment activities.

✓ **Playground equipment** – Good quality equipment has a real impact on physical and mental wellbeing - **£4,000**.

✓ **Learning resources** – science, RE, Geography resources and musical instruments - **£15,000**.

✓ **Transport for trips** – The FSA funds the coaches and transport costs at **£6,000**

✓ **Free clubs for children on Free School Meals** – as a community we fund one after-school club per term for every child on free school meals, at a total cost of **£6,000**.

✓ **Communications and Events** – **£7,000**.



Top five ways YOU can help

1 **Set-up a standing order:** a monthly donation is the most significant contribution you can make and has an incredible impact on the running of our school. We ask that all families who are in the position to do so, donate as much as they can according to their means. Sign-up on this [quick link](#).

2 **Sign up to Gift Aid:** for every £1 you give, we can get an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue. This is FREE money from the government for just filling-out a form and make your donation go so much further. We aim for ALL contributions to include Gift Aid.

If you already donate monthly, please just fill-up the Gift Aid declaration at the bottom of the enclosed form or [here](#). That will allow us to also claim back up to four years on past donations.

3 **Corporate match giving:** many companies where our parents work will offer match-funding on employees' donations. If you donate through your employer please consider our school. The FSA is a registered UK charity.

4 **NEW! Collect birthday gifts on Kindergifts:** This year on your child's birthday, why not pool funds for a dream gift and donate a % to the school? Last year several school families gave it a go and loved it! [See here how it works](#).

5 **School events** are run and organised by parents and carers and we always need people to volunteer before and during events. Please sign-up to help in due course. We can't make it happen without your help!

Find out more on how the school is funded and how you can get involved at the

Annual FSA Meeting
Tuesday 1st October 8:45 -9:15

Thanks for being part of the Fitzjohn's community!

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