

**Friends of Clive School**  
**CHAIR'S REPORT**  
**Annual General Meeting January 2026**

Good afternoon everyone, and thank you for coming along today. I would like to begin by welcoming all parents, carers, staff, and by thanking you for your continued support of our PTA, Friends of Clive School (FOCS) over the past year. This report covers the year's activities since the previous AGM in January 2025.

As a small rural primary school, our strength really does lie in our sense of community, and this year has shown just how much can be achieved when we work together. Although our core committee is small in number, the commitment and goodwill shown by each committee member and wider group of parents, carers and families has made a real difference to the children in our school.

Over the past year, FOCS has organised a number of events, including the Mothering Sunday gift sale, Easter trail and raffle, community garden swap events, Frozen Fridays, and Christmas events. December was a busy month with the village Christmas fair, wreath making workshop, Santa letters and Santa Comes to Clive. FOCS has provided refreshments at school events: the small schools cross country in March and sports day in July. For the first time this year we have collaborated with another PTA to jointly host a family circus event, which was a great success. Finally, the biggest FOCS event of the year was our school fete in June. This seems to get bigger and better every year with lots of positive feedback, fun had by all and a fantastic profit. These events not only helped to raise much-needed funds but also provided valuable opportunities for our school and wider community to come together. Thank you to everyone who helped with organising, setting up, clearing away, donating items, or simply turning up to support us — every contribution has been greatly appreciated.

It is worth noting that there was one event that had to be postponed: Heroes of the Hill. This was organised and scheduled for September but unfortunately, as there was little take up at the time, it was not viable to go ahead. This running event is due to be rescheduled, but it may be sensible to avoid September as this is now the second September event to be cancelled in two years.

As well as events, there are other fundraising avenues that FOCS has running in the background. We continue to use EasyFundraising, a free online platform that donates to FOCS when users simply shop online. We are also signed up to the Parent's Lottery run through ParentKind.

This year we have been lucky to receive a match funding donation from a company that a parent works for, so thank you to Matthew Evans for not only donating the profits of your pizza sales from the summer fete, but also arranging for National Grid to match fund this too.

Further appreciations extend to individuals and companies who have financially donated to Friends of Clive School: donations from parents, vouchers and items for raffles, and sponsorship of events all from a number of local businesses. We are very grateful for your support.

Thanks to all the money raised, Friends of Clive School has been able to support the school by contributing 50% of all coach costs for educational visits, purchasing brand new books for the school library (much to Miss Butler's delight), funding PE and outdoor equipment and contributing towards the Year 6 residential. We are proud to be able to enhance the

children's learning experiences and support the school in ways that might not otherwise be possible.

I would also like to thank Miss Brayford, Headteacher, Mrs Watts, Assistant Headteacher, Mr Watts, Administrator and all staff for their ongoing support and encouragement. The close working relationship between the school and Friends of Clive School is important and we value the open communication and shared commitment to doing the best for our children.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the core committee and all volunteers for giving their time so generously. In a small school, it is often the same people who step forward again and again, and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Finally, I would like to encourage anyone who might be able to help — even occasionally or in a small way — to consider getting involved with FOCS. Fresh ideas and extra hands are always welcome, and your support helps ensure that FOCS can continue to thrive.

Thank you all once again for your support over the past year. I hope that we can continue to support our school and its pupils in a similar way this coming year.

Thank you.

Catherine Jones  
Chair, Friends of Clive School

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