



FoBS Forum



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Friends of Brentwood School (FoBS) is an association of parent and teacher volunteers who help to organise social and fundraising events throughout all parts of Brentwood School.

We provide a friendly, social point for parents beyond the School gates, whilst raising funds for those extra little touches that make being a part of Brentwood School really special for both pupils and parents.

Please take a look and register your interest in receiving information about the various events and volunteering opportunities that are available - we'd love to have you on board!

This year we have focused our efforts on raising £20,000 for a 50 person, wooden sports shelter, to be built next to the Prep School Astro. This installation is to be built in memory of Aaron Ball who sadly died last year. It is a fitting tribute to him as he loved football and it will overlook the pitch where his friends remember him scoring a hat trick.

FoBS raises funds for all sorts of things for pupils at the School; from Senior and Prep School House flags and Prep sports day medals, to portable floodlights, benches, 'moving up' pencil cases for Year 2, Year 6 Yearbooks and disco decorations, Upper Sixth Leavers' reception, as well as funding towards the table tennis tables, The Duke Of Edinburgh's Awards kit, outdoor trikes and teddy bears for Reception, the Trim Trail and much more.



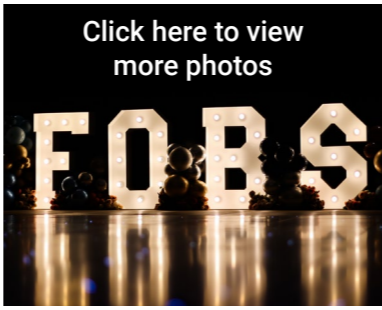
Activities review

FoBS Ball

FoBS hosted a Winter Ball at the Senior School on Saturday 8th October and it was both a wonderful spectacle and a huge success!

We truly appreciate everyone who helps & supports our social and fundraising efforts and are delighted to have raised around £4,000 from this event.

A special thank you to Victoria and Charlotte, our parent volunteers, who organised the event and put together an incredible auction. The ladies were ably supported by Bruno, of our wonderful school caterers Holyrood Howe and his brilliant team. A big thank you to both the Prep and Senior School operation staff who worked with us on designing communications, printing, logistics & more.



Entertainment during the evening was provided by the unbelievably brilliant Brentwood Student Jazz Band, who blew everyone away with their talent and professionalism. We also had a DJ, casino entertainment and a fabulous, LED light-up dance floor, which was packed all evening.

Massive thanks to Dynamix Designs whose balloon decorations, photo backdrops, seating plan and table decorations elevated the dining hall beyond our highest hopes.

We have a date secured for this year – Saturday 7th October – so please look out for ticket details on our social media.

Bicester Village shopping trip

After a break of a few years, we welcomed the return of the annual social shopping trip to Bicester Village.

A really fun day of socialising, shopping and getting into the Christmas spirit! We met the coach at 9.30am at Hough roundabout and finished the day at the same location around 9.30pm, with snacks and drinks purchased en route, lunch enjoyed at Bicester and plenty of shopping completed.

Big thanks to Ashley for organising everything! We will be running this trip again at the end of this year, so please keep an eye out for details.



FoBS Christmas Lunch

This was a really well-attended and enjoyable event at The Plough, Mountnessing on Friday 2nd December, which raised over £1,000.

A lovely opportunity to meet and socialise with other parents over a 3-course Christmas lunch; attendees were greeted on arrival with a welcome drink, followed by a delicious 3-course

Christmas lunch, as well as a raffle with some super prizes.

Please keep an eye on our social media to book your place for the next Christmas lunch on Friday 1st December.



Pre-loved uniform sales

Senior and Prep School pre-loved uniform sales take place on set dates each term, in a dedicated room in the Garden Building, at the Prep School. With blazers available for £20, sports kit, winter and summer uniform for both the Prep and Senior

Schools all on sale, this initiative has been gratefully received by parents stocking up on extra uniform and has raised coming on for £7,000 so far.

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the annual FoBS Christmas Fayre at the Prep School on 26th November 2022. It was a wonderful morning of fun, games, shopping, cakes, toys, food and of course, Father Christmas!

This event couldn't run without our generous School community; thank you to the toy stall sellers and craft table volunteers, brilliant bakers, refreshment providers, the elf helpers, the parents and students who manned the games all morning and even made some of them for the occasion, the Prep Porters and Operation team who helped everything run smoothly and the Junior Choir, who entertained us beautifully.



Bruno and the Holroyd Howe team made a delicious contribution, which was a huge success. And finally, thank you to the wonderful local businesses who ran stalls in the shopping area and who also generously donated raffle prizes to the Fayre (and our Christmas lunch).

This event raised a fantastic £2,800.

Dare to be Different

On Friday 10th February the Prep School children thoroughly enjoyed coming into School looking a little different ... We had wonderful hair-styles and accessories, crazy socks, nail varnish, bags, hats and the children enjoyed wearing trainers all day too!

We raised around £1,200 and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Mothering Sunday Sale

On Thursday 16th March we hosted our Mothering Sunday sale for the Prep School. There was a selection of lovely gifts for the children to choose from candles, flower pots, teddies, diffusers, handcream and more, including gifts suitable for everyone and not all gifts were emblazoned with the word 'mum' or 'mother'. We raised over £2,000 from this event.



House Cross Country Medals

All Prep pupils were awarded a bespoke House Cross Country medal for crossing the finishing line on Wednesday 22nd March. FoBS donate these medals every year and are proud to support the pupils with their resilience and determination.



Dates for your diary

**27th
Apr 23**

Pre Loved Uniform Sale*

Please note, we currently take cash only.

**18th
Jun 23**

Father's Day activity TBC

**21st
Jun 23**

Sports Day Refreshments

We will be back at the Prep School Sports Day on 21st June with our refreshments tent, selling a range of beverages. Please bring cash!

**23rd
Jun 23**

Year 6 Yearbook & Celebration of Achievement Disco

We will again help celebrate our Year 6 pupils' final days at Brentwood Preparatory School by producing a stunning Yearbook featuring a fun page for each pupil, motivational teacher messages and memorable photos, which will be presented to each child at the celebratory assembly.

The Celebration of Achievement Disco will follow, taking place in the grounds of the School, where FoBS will decorate the marquee to help make the evening really special and memorable.

**30th
Aug 23**

Pre Loved Uniform Sale*

Please note, we currently take cash only.

**7th
Oct 23**

FoBS Ball

Volunteers needed! Ball organisation will be split into small groups of volunteers each taking on the different elements necessary to make the event happen.

If you would like to help, please email fobs.forum@gmail.com and if you have any particular skills or interests (budgeting, decoration, music, entertainment, auction, food, wine etc) please let us know, or equally if you just want to be involved in some way, that's great too!

**Nov
23**

Bicester Shopping trip

exact date tbc

**25th
Nov 23**

Christmas Fayre

**1st
Dec 23**

Christmas Lunch

Please keep an eye out for booking on our social media.

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Parking is in the Higgs Prep School car park – the entrance off Shenfield Road, shared with the Nuffield Hospital) and head to the black gates (to the right of Taskers House), where the sale will be signposted.

If you have Prep uniform to donate to FoBS, please put it in the boxes, which will be left outside the Prep School gates, the week of to the sale. Any Senior School donations should be left in labelled bags outside the Porter's office.

Please ensure items are clean and pockets are empty.

Want to help?

Please get in touch with us on fobs.forum@gmail.com if you would like to help out with FoBS activities. There are options to join our committee or just help out at the odd event, as well as to become a class rep, who passes FoBS news on to other parents at the School. You can be involved as little or as much as you want. You can be added to a WhatsApp group where information about what's forthcoming and requests for event volunteers is shared, but no particular commitment is required!

If you are interested in helping FoBS, in any capacity, please [visit our page on the Brentwood School website](#) and fill in the questionnaire so we know how to contact you.

You can sign up to help FoBS in various different ways – any input is very much appreciated!

Keep in touch



Friends of Brentwood School is a registered charity that helps to raise funds for those extra little touches that make being a part of the Brentwood School community really special.

Registered charity number: 1095486