

FOFSA

Friends of Fressingfield School Association

Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December 2025

The FOFSA Christmas Fair will take place at the end of the school day on Friday 5th December. Please save the date. As part of our preparations, we are inviting the children to come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 28th November in exchange for a kind donation of a sweetie prize for the children's tombola.

Santa has said that the children were all so well behaved last year, that he would like to come again. He will be in his magical winter wonderland in the reflection shed, supported by his happy, helpful elves. If your child would like to visit Santa, please send back the flyer that will be coming home shortly. The cost will be £2.50 per child. Once we know numbers, his elves



will provide you with a time slot to minimise the waiting time as much as we can. A festive post box will be available for you and your children to post their replies to Santa in the foyer.

FOFSA AGM

Thursday 11th December 2.45pm

FOFSA are always looking for willing helpers to come and join our team, and this is the perfect moment to get involved. The AGM will set the direction for the year ahead. As you can see from this newsletter, FOFSA raises thousands of pounds every year to support the school and provide extra opportunities and experiences for our children.

Each year, as children leave the school in Year 6, some of our most experienced members also move on, so we need new volunteers from the younger year groups to keep up this important work.

You don't need any particular skills—the most important thing is a willingness to get stuck in, work with the team and help put on the different events (see all that we do overleaf). However, if you do have any skills—in particular in finance or administration, we would really like your help as we look towards registering officially as a charity.

If you are interested, please join us on the 11th, or speak to Charlotte Pipe (Chair) or Tehina Goodwin (Vice Chair). If you can't make it, but might still be able to help, please let Mrs Drax know and she can pass on your details to the team. Thank you.

FOFSA Events & Fundraising 2024—2025

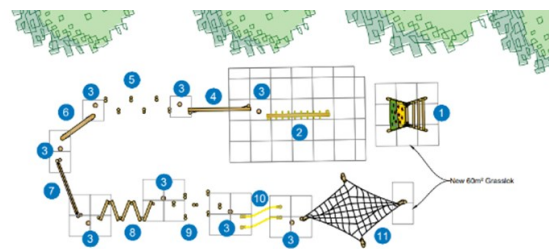
The last year has been as busy as ever, as we worked to raise money for the School Grounds Project. Here are some of the ways we raised money over the last year.

- October 2024 - Disco raising: £151
 - October 2024 - Apple day: £ 51
 - December 2024 - Christmas fair: £790.
 - December 2024 - Cauliflower Cards: £146
 - December 2024: Bags2School: £36
 - February 2025 - Film night: £108
 - April 2025 - Cake sale: £78
 - April 2025 - Quiz night: £636
 - April - May half term: £155
 - June 2025- film night raising £55
 - July 2025: Summer fair: £1200
 - July 2025: KS2 Performance: £181
- Further donations and fundraising has come from:
- Dexter Goodwin £730
 - Fressingfield Parish Council: £1662
 - Ice Cream Sales: £500+
 - Peter Davidson: £1000

Phase 1

SCHOOL GROUNDS PROJECT

The fundraising push for 2025 has been in aid of the School Grounds Project and we are delighted with the progress that has been made. The project has three components—we were determined to: resurface the school playground and lay new playground markings; build an outside classroom towards the top of the field; and build a new trim trail for the children to play on. These are clearly big, expensive projects. We have worked closely with Playdale and Wicksteed to design a trim trail and plan how to position this on the field. They also quoted for the outside classroom and the playground resurfacing. Their initial quotes were in the region of £50,000. Incredibly, RoadTechs, a company owned by one of the families at school, generously offered to fix our playground, refresh it and install playground markings chosen by the children. This work was completed at no cost to either the school or FOFSA over the summer holidays and the space was officially opened by RoadTechs on 7th November. This means that the money we had initially allocated to the playground project can now be used for the Outside Classroom, and we are very close to achieving our target. With a little more effort through the rest of this year and into 2026, we hope to see this being installed ready for the children to use. Part three of the project—raising money for the Trim Trail—can then commence.



WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

There is always so much that we want to support and raise funds for. The immediate future will focus on trying to finish the School Grounds Project and installing an outside classroom and new trim trail. Beyond that, we are looking at trying to develop a kitchen the children can use for cookery lessons. We would also like to achieve charitable status, as this would mean we could apply for funding from different organisations. We hope you can be a part of our plans.

LIBRARY PROJECT 2024

We were really delighted to support the official opening of the new school library by paying towards the cost of inviting Guy Bass to the school. FOFSA were closely involved in the project to renew the library, which will culminate at the end of this month when the Norfolk Children's Book Centre arrive with nearly £5000 worth of new books for the children. The FOFSA team helped raise £7000 towards the project, including funding from the Walk on the Wild Side sponsored walk, and donations from local businesses and charities. Our members also came in to repaint the space over the Easter holidays.