

Treasurers Report for Friends 2025/26 Year

I'm pleased to report on another busy and successful year of fundraising for the Friends. During the 2025–26 school year, the Friends received £5,270 of income and spent £7,320, giving an overall net position of -£2,050 for the year. However it's important to note two things. Firstly, £1,400 of the spending this year was for a one-off trip to Pensthorpe to allow KS1 children to access more nature, for which the full funding was received as a grant in the previous year – so the deficit is effectively reduced to £650. Secondly, choosing to spend money for the benefit of the children is exactly what the Friends exists to do. Our fundraising from 'regular' activities generated £4,311 this year, compared with £4,633 in 2024–25 so the underlying fundraising position shows a healthy amount of support. The closing bank balance at the end of the year was £7,846 – putting us in a great position for the next years' worth of activities ahead (as we usually close the year with enough balance to fund the following year.

Total income for the year was £5,270 and as per previous years, we are very grateful for having received some ad-hoc donations and for the ongoing generosity of all our supporters at the events throughout the year.

Our biggest fundraiser was the sponsored walk, which brought in over £1,500. The Christmas events and Yard sale were also very popular events, bringing profits of £604 and £433 respectively. And the Denver Funday tombola raised £257. The remainder of income was from the other regular events such as Bags 4 schools, disco, crazy hair day, selling school photos and preloved uniform to name a few.

One of the largest areas of expenditure was funding school trips, with £3,396 spent on class trips and educationally enriching activities. This included the trips to the Pantomime, Bewilderwood, Snettisham Farm, Cambridge Mosque and Norwich Synagogue.

We also contributed towards a number of other projects and activities during the year, including £676 on equipment including storage and instruments. £200 on the RE enrichment day, and £519 was spent on the 150th anniversary of the school celebrations, including supplies for the living wall tree made of children's clay leaves.

Other expenditure included regular events like the Christmas parties, easter egg hunts and supplies for reception children and year 6 leavers. And one-off veterinary costs for the guinea pigs, and ice lollies when the temperature went off the charts.

Our priority going forward will continue to be maintaining a healthy level of funds while ensuring that money raised by parents and the wider community is put to good use and has a tangible benefit for the school.

We have continued to receive great feedback that the funds we raise have been enjoyed by the children in a variety of occasions, so I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends this year — whether by attending an event, buying something, donating, or volunteering behind the scenes. These figures show that this support makes a real difference to what we are able to provide for the children.