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Last year was a busy year as always even with the added 150th Anniversary celebrations. I have great faith in the team that will continue this coming school year, whether they replace me or work as a collective. The addition at the start of last year of Louise. H has really cemented that as she has been amazing in her first year as secretary and has shown initiative and massive potential.

As the outgoing chair, it has been an honour and a privilege to be 'in charge' of such a fantastic group of people. I shall miss you all. Thank you to all members of Denver School, whether you are staff, student, volunteer, governor or parent, it has been an amazing experience, one which I shall not soon forget.

A lot of this is pulled from last year's report as I feel it rings true every year. I would like to say a huge thank you to Denver pupils, parents, carers, families and the community for their fantastic support with all the fundraising events this year. From school discos to the sponsored walk, tombola prizes to the Denver yard sale, we wouldn't be able to fund all the fantastic extra-curricular events for the children without them. I would also like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of the Friends committee members, regular helpers, and ad-hoc volunteers. ALL of you play a valuable part in supporting the initiatives of the Friends. Last year's classes have enjoyed school trips, a visit to the pantomime and Christmas parties – all paid for by the funds raised from events and activities organised by the Friends. THANK YOU. As we begin the new academic year, it feels like a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the values of Denver Primary School, which are based on Christian principles of having an ethos of hard work and mutual respect.

The school aim is: To develop the whole school community, promoting the academic, social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and aesthetic aspects of the individual. Our role as the Friends of Denver is to work hard in the best interests of the school to raise funds to support this, always keeping the individual – the child(ren) - in our minds! Good luck on another productive, fun-filled, fundraising year ahead!

Ben Groom, Chair 3rd September 2026
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