



FOW AGM 2025

Minutes

14th November 2025

Present: Natalie McConnon (Chair), Jemma Watts (Treasurer), Mark Kirkman, Ally Chadwick (Headteacher), Katie Pierre, Katie Moffatt, Claire Mayes, Caroline Kumar

Apologies: Lindsay Day, Rachel Cowley, Kate McLeod, Jodie McGelliott

Item	Discussed	Actions
1. Approve AGM minutes from last year	Briefly discussed last year's minutes. Minutes approved.	INFO
2. Chair's annual report	<p>Overview of successes from 2024-25 academic year's fundraising was shared by Chair, Natalie McConnon.</p> <p>Successes – regular discos each term are proving popular raising over £400 each time.</p> <p>Outside of discos the most popular events were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Autumn – Christmas Fair (£328) - Spring – Clothing collection (£120) - Summer – Rainbow Run (£440) and Rainbow Raffle (£341) <p>Introduced new events and brought back past events; Rainbow Run (NEW), Rainbow Raffle.</p> <p>Plus additional fundraising opportunities; Asda Cashpot, BucksFest, Todd in the Hole ticket auction</p>	<p>INFO</p> <p>Full Chair's Report available on the FOW page on www.wymondley.herts.sch.uk</p>
2. Treasurer's Report	<p>Overview of income from fundraising with margins against each activity was shared by Treasurer, Jemma Watts.</p> <p>A total of has been raised this year with an overall profit of £5068.</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>Total expenditure this year was £2429 and includes the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contribution towards the cost of the panto travel and interval ice creams £700 ➤ Kapla session (2025-26 - paid for in 2024-25) ➤ Leavers Hoodies & Reception bookbags ➤ Circus Skills workshop (Summer Term) ➤ Coaches for Royal Albert Hall choir trip (bi-annual) ➤ Forest School equipment ➤ Library display shelves <p>Regular funding for annual inclusion in budgeting process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaches and funding towards Pantomime trip - £700 - Leavers hoodies and Reception starters bookbags - £500 - Class Trips or Treats budget - £400 - Insurance - £115 	<p>INFO</p> <p>Treasurer's finance report and overview of income available on FOW page on www.wymondley.herts.sch.uk</p> <p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas treat - £100 - Minimum budget needed for 2023-24 = £1815 	
3. Charity Status	<p>With the total fundraising now exceeding £5,000, we must explore the next steps of registering the Friends of Wymondley as an official charity. Once new Committee is in place we will explore the documentation and information required to make this transition.</p> <p>This will present opportunities for additional fundraising through parent work schemes (employer match funding), grants and other benefits only offered to registered charities (as opposed to non-profit).</p>	ACTION: Committee ALL
4. Election of formal Committee positions	<p>Current Chair – Natalie McConnon Current Treasurer – Jemma Watts</p> <p>Treasurer stepping down with proposed Treasurer, Mark Kirkman</p> <p>Current vacancy for Secretary. Position proposed to be shared between Katie Moffatt and Isabelle Reed.</p> <p>ALL positions elected for the next year.</p> <p>Claire Mayes (present) also outlined her finance and accountancy experience (in charity sector), and offered help and assistance with Charity application and governance if needed.</p>	<p>INFO</p> <p>INFO</p>
5. Agreement on funding for 2025-26	<p>Ally Chadwick outlined requirement for funding towards electronic whiteboard replacement in Peacocks classroom. To confirm costs. In principle agreed as essential.</p> <p>Other items to be explored for funding: Library bookcases, outdoor enrichment (creative & active).</p> <p>Additional enrichment activity discussed. Claire Mayes outlined the opportunity to host the classes at her studio in Little Wymondley for an acro/ circus silks workshop. To be costed and planned for Spring/ Summer 2025-26.</p> <p>Confirmation on ongoing annual items to fund (pantomime, leaver’s hoodies and reception bookbags as well as class budgets of £100 per class to be used at teacher’s discretion). To ensure this is promoted to all teachers for 2025-26 as most of this was unspent in 2024-25</p>	<p>ACTION: A Chadwick</p> <p>ACTION: A Chadwick</p> <p>ACTION: C Mayes to confirm costs for confirmation/ agreement with school</p> <p>ACTION: A Chadwick All teachers to be briefed on Trips or Treats budget for 2025-26</p>
6. Plans for Autumn Term	<p>Plans scheduled in for Autumn Term 2025-26:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome Back Bake Sale (already taken place in Sept 2025) - Clothing Recycling (Oct 2025) - Sip & Paint (2025) - Glow Disco (Nov 2025) - Fireworks partnership (Nov 2025) - Christmas Art (Oct, Nov-Dec 2025) - Christmas Fair (Dec 2025) - Secret Santa (Dec 2025) 	
7. Passive/ simple fundraising	<p>Continue to promote Easyfundraising, Stikins, Stampstastic and MyNameTags as easy ways to raise funds.</p> <p>Continue to look for other schemes we can sign up to in order to raise funds.</p>	INFO
8. Volunteering approach for	<p>Friends of Wymondley Lite</p> <p>Continue to promote the FOW WhatsApp group - we now have 28</p>	ACTION - NMC to share

2025	members who help at various events throughout the year. Continue to share this with new parents and joiners.	WhatsApp QR link for new members
9. 75th Anniversary	<p>Start to plan for the School's 75th Anniversary celebration. NMC has had a logo created to start to use on materials from 2026.</p> <p>Official celebrations to kick off in Sept 2026 to mark the 75th anniversary of the school's opening.</p> <p>Activities to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gallery/ timeline of pictures - gathered from community - Events to celebrate - street party, 50s themed Summer Fair, commemorative tea towel, afternoon tea <p>Investigate commemorative items as a gift to all children and possibly to sell at events.</p> <p>NMC to draft a press release to put a local shout out for archives and pictures.</p> <p>Create a planning group to meet in early 2026, to confirm all plans to be shared by the end of Spring term 2026.</p>	<p>ACTION: Committee ALL</p> <p>NMC</p> <p>NMC/ Committee ALL</p>