



FRIENDS OF
SHERFIELD

Newsletter

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Hello from Friends of Sherfield

Friends of Sherfield (FOS) is a registered charity that is run by its committee of volunteer parents and staff. FOS supports the enrichment and educational advancement of the children, provides support to parents and strengthens relations with local community organisations through a variety of initiatives.

The FOS uniform shop offers Sherfield families a full range of 'pre-loved' uniform at a fraction of the 'new' price and sells Sherfield School merchandise including water bottles, coffee cups, umbrellas and more. FOS also offers support through non-essential (but desirable) activities such as decorating the school at Christmas.

We're always keen to hear from Sherfield families that are interested in getting involved. For more information about Friends of Sherfield please click [here](https://www.friendsofsherfield.org) and you can contact FOS via info@friendsofsherfield.org.

Fundraising Achievements

Through the efforts of our many volunteers we have raised significant funds for the benefit of Sherfield children or designated external charities. These include:

- School gym – replaced old gear with new, commercial standard gym equipment, which has directly benefited our boarding students, GCSE PE pupils, and sports scholars.



- Wellbeing room – located in The Cottage, this newly decorated and furnished space provides a dedicated area for calm reflection and a quiet place to talk and share thoughts.



- Proms on the Lawn – the Summer concert raised vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and included performances from Deane Sinfonia and Sherfield singers and musicians.



- Class-leading 3D printers – Sherfield's DT department received two 3D printers to support STEM learning for pupils of all ages.



- DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal – coffee and cake morning donation fundraiser.



Events

FOS is delighted to welcome you to the numerous events that are planned for the forthcoming academic year. Additional events may be added, but the key dates for your diaries are:

- Bag2School Collection - Thursday 3rd November
- Fireworks Spectacular - Friday 4th November
- Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December
- Breakfast with Santa (pre-Reception to Year 4) – 15/16th December
- Battle of the Bands – Friday 19th May
- Family Fun Day – Saturday 20th May
- Parent and Teacher Summer Ball – Saturday 24th June
- Year 11/ Sixth Form Prom – Tuesday 27th June

We are additionally pleased to introduce our first Christmas Jumper exchange! FOS is accepting donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers that will be offered for sale via the FOS shop – more news to follow!

- Outdoor classroom – situated in the ancient woods within our school grounds, the shelter enables learning to continue outdoors, no matter the weather. Installation is underway and scheduled for completion ahead of the second half of the Autumn term.



Match Funding

Does your employer offer 'match funding'? You will have read in this newsletter some examples of what Friends of Sherfield has achieved through fundraising events recently. In addition to this, FOS can also receive match funding donations from parents and helpers whose employers allocate money to charities via this initiative. For more information, please contact FOS via info@friendsofsherfield.org.