

**Hello, and welcome back to another school year!** For those who are new to Woodlea, (and as a reminder for those who are not) this newsletter gives a brief introduction to FOWS, and what we do. It also shares lots of ways that you can help to make a difference. These range from quick and easy actions that will cost you nothing, like helping us receive donations from online shopping by signing up to [EasyFundraising](#), to becoming a more active member of our team. With Mrs Oliver at the helm and the Academy conversion imminent, this going to be a big year for Woodlea, with lots of exciting changes that will positively impact our children's primary school years. As a parent, you can be part of the journey, and share the experience with your child too.

## Who/What is FOWS

- The Friends Of Woodlea School (FOWS) are a group of dedicated parents, carers, and staff, working together to support our children and their school.
- We all volunteer our time to organise events, raise funds, and create experiences that benefit our children and their education.
- As a "friends of" association, all parents & carers of Woodlea pupils and members of school staff are automatically considered "associate members", but you choose how much or how little you want/are able to contribute.

## Why get involved?

- To enhance your child's school experience: Contribute to events and activities and form "core memories" for your child.
- To benefit your child's education: Raise funds for resources and improvements that the DfE budget will not stretch to.
- To build Connections: Get to know other parents and staff, creating a supportive & engaged school community.

## To find out more & stay up today with what's going on...

- Attend our **AGM on 27th September**. (See below)
- Follow our social media: [@fowswoodlea](#) and/or check out our website: [www.fows.uk](http://www.fows.uk)
- Email or DM: Our contact details are at the bottom of the first page of every newsletter.



**Annual General Meeting:** Please come along to our AGM on Friday 27th September, at 7:00pm. The AGM is a great opportunity for you to find out about what we achieved last year, and how the funds have been spent.

As a registered charity, holding an AGM is a legal requirement. The main purpose is to vote in the new committee. Each year the existing members step down and a new team is elected, with some returning people, and some brand new ones! **If you would like to find out what's involved, please get in touch.** We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming our new Secretary, as well as anyone considering becoming an "ordinary" member, or another "officer" role.

We need to achieve a **quorate** (more voters than committee nominees) to make everything official, so PLEASE pop in. (It's only 30 minutes.)

**If there's not enough people, we can't continue the things we do for the children and the school. No discos. No events. No extra funding.**



## NOTICE OF AGM

*FOWS would like to invite you to attend our annual AGM. All welcome!*

*Date: Friday 27th September*

*Time: 7:00pm til 7:30pm*

*Place: Woodlea School*

*N.B. Attending the AGM does NOT sign you up to the committee. (Unless you want to!).*



## Contact FOWS...

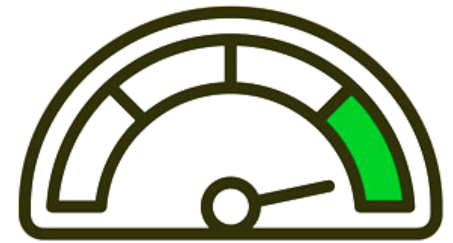
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**Our BIG fundraising target!!** Having been allowed a little sneaky-peak at the new library, we are starting the year with renewed enthusiasm and sense of purpose. As a parent/carer community, we/you are amazing at rallying behind whatever activity we've got planned, from discos & magic shows, mothers/fathers day shops, or the big events like the summer fair. It is because of that incredible support that we have been able to fund the fixtures & fittings in Woodlea's new library. It's an expensive project but one that will make a HUGE difference to Woodlea's pupils now, and in the future too.

**BUT, we still haven't paid for it!** We have got until the end of this half term and we're not quite there yet! Below, there are several ways that you can help us to raise some bonus funds, and they won't cost you a single penny!

**If we ALL do the little things, it will make a BIG difference!**



**SO CLOSE!**

Fundraising levels today are **ALMOST THERE!**

**Raise donations while you shop!** As well as using **Easyfundraising** to raise a donation whenever you shop online (see next page) you can also support us whenever you shop with **ASDA** (online or in store, and includes George) or at our local **Tesco**.

### ASDA Cashpot for Schools:

We will get **£1**, for everyone who signs up, even if you don't buy anything! Just download the app, & choose Woodlea!

### Tesco Stronger Starts Grant (aka, Blue Tokens)

As of October 2024, you can vote for us in the Bordon, Four Marks and Anstey Lane (Alton) stores. Any grant money won will be used to enhance the KS2 playground with outdoor musical instruments.



**Shop with Asda?**

Raise £1 plus 0.5% of every shop for Woodlea! FREE!  
This won't effect your normal ASDA Rewards. You will still receive your own CashPot bonus's and vouchers)

**Easy as 1, 2, 3...**

- 1 Open your Asda rewards app
- 2 Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- 3 Select 'Woodlea Primary School'  
Make sure it's us - Check the post code!

**CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

**ASDA**  
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT



support us at your **next Tesco shop** with your blue token

**Raise donations when you Recycle!** We have several recycling initiatives on the school site, available all year round.



**Astra Clothes Bank:** For all those outgrown clothes, shoes, coats, accessories & soft toys. FOWS receive a payment for every kg.

**Preloved Uniform bin:** Pop any logo-ed, good condition school uniform in the black so we can find it a new home . If you need uniform just ping us a message.



**Ink Cartridge Recycling:** Please recycle your ink cartridges by popping them in a bag and putting it in the little cardboard bin in the front office. (We have spare bags in the letter rack.)

If you work in an office why not ask for theirs as well! (They can take [these photocopier toners](#) too.)



## Support your child's future

Sign up to online cashback site, easyfundraising, and select your child's school as your chosen good cause.

Then, when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers, the retailer will give the school a free donation as a thank you for shopping with them.

It's as simple as that. No matter what you buy, from food shops to holidays and everything in between - it's a free and easy way to support your school.



## How to get started

Head to [easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause) and search for your child's school, or scan the QR code.

Registration is free and will take you less than two minutes to sign up!



17,000 schools and PTAs have raised over £12.5 million using easyfundraising.

**Sign up and support your child's future today.**