



Well, that's another year done! And what a year it's been!

Woodlea has certainly had a few blows over the last few months and experienced considerable turbulence. Despite (or maybe even because of) this, the school community has really pulled together in support of one another and the school, and those of us on the FOWS committee have been so proud to be part of the Woodlea family.

As a separate entity to the school, our role is to support Woodlea with whatever they need in order to do their best for our children. All funds raised by our events serve this purpose. THANK YOU to everyone who has taken part in any of our activities this year. Whether you've paid for your child to attend a disco, bought gifts in our Mother's/Father's Day Shops, came to enjoy the Summer Fayre or bought books, every single contribution has made a difference. As we come to the end of the year, we are celebrating everything that has been achieved, and are looking forward to the exciting changes in store for our school.

Summer Fayre Success!!

It was so fantastic to see so many of you at our Summer Fayre last month. The day was a lovely example of parents, grandparents, pupils and staff all coming together to celebrate all things Woodlea and embrace the schools special woodland setting. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day, but the **HUGEST THANK YOU** must go out to the volunteers that stood in the sun to run the games and activities, and our food and drink stations. The FOWS committee (also all volunteers) cannot pull off events of this scale without a massive group of helpers and friends to back us up.

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Fayre raised an incredible profit of £2129!!

We will be working with Woodlea's staff and IEB to help them spend these funds on the resources and experiences that will really benefit our children. Keep an eye on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with the latest news about what will be funded next.



FREE MONEY!!

Please [register with easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org). This is a very easy way for you to raise a donation for Woodlea whenever you shop online, without it costing you anything!

We had a look through our annual statement and were surprised to find that although we have 77 registered supporters, only 5 of us are using it! These 5 people raised £288 for Woodlea this year. That's about £57 each... If all 77 supporters remembered we could raise £4.5k! If every parent, grandparent & staff member used it.... WOW!!!

To help you remember, please [install the Donation Reminder](#) to your web browser on your laptops and/or desktop computer. If you download the free Easy Fundraising app to your iPhone or iPad you can enable the reminder in Safari on those devices too.



*** Books! * Books! * Books! ***

Thank you to everyone who has supported our [Whole School Literacy Project](#) this year. Between us we have already provided over 300 books! These have made a big difference to the pupils and staff: Mrs Davidson (Yr 4) has told us that the books have been very popular with her class, many of whom are now choosing to read their key texts during their quiet reading time too.

The new books have even been used to help attract a new Headteacher, with the following statement being included in the recruitment pack: ***"The school is using high quality text drivers in its English units and a substantial investment in new books for the school in currently underway."*** (That's us! And you! We're doing that!!)

**"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss**

The project continues and FOWS will buy at least 5 copies of every text studied by each class next term. If you are able to support by purchasing a book from our Amazon wish list please do*. The lists have been updated to show which books are needed next. (N.B. Lists for Yr 1-3 are currently closed pending review.) Those marked as *highest priority* are being studied when the children return in September. You can have the books delivered to the gift registry address or you can have them delivered to your home and then put in the box in the school reception. **Thank you.**

*There is no obligation to buy a book. Please only do so if you are financially able. A Woodlea Book Donation can also be purchased using your BetterPoints.

Preloved Uniform

If you've managed to make it to the end of the year without any stains and holes in their school jumpers, cardigans or PE tops... We salute you! Please pop any outgrown items in our uniform donation bin so that we can find them a new home. The bin will be out by the noticeboard every day during the last week of term.

CHALLENGE THIRTY

We have loved seeing and hearing about all the amazing activities the children have been doing as part of our Challenge: Thirty fundraiser. And now it's the really exciting bit... Watching the sponsorship roll in! So far we've received £880 and it's still rising!

You can give your child's fundraising money in either of the two ways below. As a registered charity, FOWS has now applied to claim Gift Aid on sponsorship and donations. This will boost the sum your child raised by an additional 25%!

1. Bopp: Click [this link](#). If you are eligible for Gift Aid please tick the appropriate box and then give the information requested.
2. Cash: Please put in the FOWS post box in a sealed envelope. For security the post box will be checked and emptied daily. If you are eligible for Gift aid please also include [this form](#). (Paper copies available in the office.)

We will announce the total sum raised in September. Thank you!

Rock and Roll Bingo/AGM 2023

We plan to start the year with a bang, by having another Rock and Roll Bingo evening! This event is just for us grown-ups and will double as our AGM. (Don't worry it only takes 10-15 minutes to rattle through the essentials, and attending will not automatically sign you up to the pta!)



This year we're going all out, with BIG speakers (if you were there last year, you'll know!) and disco lights too! Because why not?!

The fun will be taking place on **Friday 22nd September**. Further details to follow but for now, **save the date!**

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