

Newsletter

March 2026



Happy spring and welcome to the latest edition of the FHS newsletter. As a committee, we meet regularly to plan events, raise funds, and work closely with the school to support priority projects. We couldn't do it without our fantastic school community, so a huge thank you to everyone who contributes. We know how busy life can be, and all support - big or small - is truly appreciated.

Events Round Up

It's been busy since our last newsletter!

Here's what we've raised together:

Harvest Festival - £135
Monsters Ball - £633
Christmas fundraising - £594
Lego club - £145
Ceilidh - £1,020
Musical Soirée - £147
= £2,674

Grant Funding

We've also been applying for grants from local and national organisations, with some successes:

A big thank you to Steve Robinson, Nailsworth MP, for supporting us with a £1,000 council grant. This will go towards playground equipment!

We're also very grateful to the Ernest Cook Trust for awarding £500 for Forest School equipment!

Projects

You may have heard about the exciting library renovation. Over the next few weeks, it will be transformed using designs voted for by the children and brought to life by Firdeye. We're supporting this with adonation of £3,300.

We're also donating £1,000 towards the school's Arts Week in the summer term, with more details to follow from the staff team soon.

The school is continuing to work on a plan for the playground and we're supporting them where we can. It's a complex project being developed in stages, and we'll continue to explore additional funding from other sources such as local businesses and grant givers. In the meantime, we're also looking to donate £2,000 to replace the 'Narnia Café' (Wendy house).

Payroll Giving

We're delighted that someone has chosen to support FHS through Payroll Giving - thank you! Not heard of it? Payroll Giving is a simple way to donate directly from your salary before tax, meaning your contribution goes even further. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch.

The Ceilidh was a great success raising £1020



Corporate Volunteers

If you work for a company that offers volunteering days or matched funding, we'd love to hear from you. This kind of support can make a huge difference to a variety of projects around the school.



The Children doing a fantastic job at the Musical Soirée they raised £147

Christmas Fundraising, £594!

Dates for your Diary

- **Wine Tasting - 18th April:** Back by popular demand - we'd love to see you there! Sign up here: bit.ly/HorsleyWine
- **Easter Passion - Friday 27th March:** Refreshments will be available.
- **Duck Race - Friday 27th March:** The legendary Washpool duck race is back to finish the term in style. Watch class What's App groups for further comms.
- **Summer Party - Saturday 4th July (approx. 12-9pm):** A fun-filled family day with bands, bar, dancing, face painting and crafts. More details coming soon!
- **End of Year Water Fight:** We'll be there with refreshments as usual.

Helpers Group Sign Up



If you'd like to help out—even just occasionally—you can speak to a committee member or join our helpers' WhatsApp group via the QR code.

We share simple, one-off opportunities (e.g. helping on the bar for an hour or two), and there's absolutely no pressure to volunteer. Messages are kept to a minimum!

Join the helpers whatsapp group here!

Thank you for your support!

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