

Welcome to FOSM



Hello to all the new parents who have started St Mary's this year, and also hello again to all returning parents. We are Friends of St Mary's and are a registered charity which raises money for the school.

Last year we raised over £5,500 by doing discos, the summer fun day, supper with Santa, our Christmas raffle, wreath making and non-uniform days to name a few! We also take part in community events such as the Christmas lights switch on and Southam Family Fun Day. The money we raise buys new equipment and resources and funds school trips and treats for the children.



First meeting of the year

We will be holding our **Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3rd October 7-9pm @ school**. A chance for old and new faces to get together, enjoy an evening of wine and nibbles and chat about what you would like to see from FOSM.

We are also currently a very small team of three, so welcome anyone who would like to get involved! At the AGM we re-elect committee roles (currently have secretary and trustee roles available), discuss what events to hold this year, what we could fund and most importantly we love to hear any new ideas! Whether you would like to take on a role, help at an event, have skills we could benefit from, new ideas, or just want to see what goes on, join us!

No commitments, no obligations, just a chance to come together as a school community to pool ideas for raising more money in 24/25! At the very least you'll be able to get out of doing the bedtime routine and enjoy some wine!! Bring a friend, grandparent or spouse, all are welcome. We hope to see you there!

FOSM AGM & WELCOME MEETING

Thursday 3rd October 7-9pm
In the school staff room

Come for wine and nibbles
share you thoughts and ideas and hear what we get up to

WhatsApp groups

Each class has a WhatsApp group you can join. Your class rep will forward any important messages to the class groups and along with other parents in the class, can help answer any questions. We currently don't have a class rep for **Reception/nursery**. If you would like to be the class rep or want to know a bit more. Please speak to Mrs Worrall or email friendsofstmaryssoutham@gmail.com.

Support us

Even if you're not involved in FOSM directly, there are still ways you can support us!



With **Easy fundraising** you can raise free donations for school every time you shop online. Just sign up and visit the app or website before you purchase online (or get the helpful reminder pop-up to opt in when you visit a participating website) <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Until 30th November **Asda** are donating 0.5% of everything you spend in store or online to our school. So if you shop in Asda, download the rewards app, and sign up to cash pots for schools <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



50p Friday is now back! This is our weekly tuckshop run by FOSM located in the playground (through the front blue gate, then turn left through the brown gate) at pick up time. We sell a selection of crisps, snacks, chocolate, sweets and drinks – all money raised goes towards our school. We can only run 50p Friday with volunteers, if you would like to volunteer or find out more about what you have to do, visit our sign-up page <https://signup.com/go/jzDLdoo>

Facebook

Give our FOSM facebook page a follow to keep up to date with all our exciting events <https://www.facebook.com/FOSMSoutham>

We also have a pre-loved uniform group <https://www.facebook.com/FOSMSoutham>

If you would like to get involved but cannot make the meeting, please let your class rep know or email us anytime.

We hope to see you soon!
FOSM team.