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FOWO Annual General Meeting (23/09/26)-Minutes

FOWO Attendees: Caroline Smart (CS) Chair – Elizabeth Mullen (EM) – Treasurer, Tilly O'Neill (TO) – Secretary, Toni Lockhart (TL)- Comms/Social, Trustee, Rochelle Wright (RW) - Trustee, Rachael Huang (RH) , Laura Treacy (LT), Katie Kumar (KK), Ceri Orrell (CO), Rebecca Lunn (RL), Jo Blythe (JB), Ily Williams (IW), Sarah Shotton (SS)
Staff Attendees: Sian McCarthy (SMc)
Apologies: Ashley Boyce (AB), Eleanor Baugh (EB), Mallory Trout-Reynolds (MTR) Alina Samnani-Kabani (ASK), Karine Harvey (KH)

Agenda Items:

1. Review of 2025-2026:
   - Activities – FOWO Chair update
   - Financial report – FOWO Treasurer update
2. Voting in of new committee (minimum 5 for 5 trustees): CS Chair, EM Treasurer, TO Secretary, TL Comms/Social, Trustee, RW Trustee
3. Parent survey – do we want one?
   Action: Create a QR for anon. Input to be displayed on the notice board so feedback can be received all year round.
4. Fundraising goals for 2026/2027
   Action: Put together information for Tesco/Waitrose for an outdoor classroom/Sensory area/Furnish pond area. Add a fundraising "thermometer" to the notice board to show how close we are as an incentive.
5. Repeat funding requests
   - Christmas books- Action: JB & LT to organise purchasing christmas books.
   - Reception new parent gift bags
   - Year 2 ties
   - Year 6 post SATs ice cream/leavers celebration
   - Celebrating us - clarification needed: Decision was to put a small paragraph at the sign up letter that states we can cover costs up to £20 to cover costs of materials/food purchased.
   - Action: Allocate some funds to be divided between the year groups that are not already receiving something from FOWO. (Example: Year 5 possible silent disco?)
6. Determine Autumn term fundraising plans/event schedule (see below)
7. Other potential events):
   - Wellness Evening - Holistic Beauty Fairy
     Action: Hall to be booked via the Office to check the calendar against after school clubs. 1st wellness evening for FOWO members and 2nd for fundraising for the school.
   - Discussion of ideas:

1. Action: Benedicts Law *(UK legal framework and statutory guidance in England (effective September 2026) that makes allergy safety standards mandatory for schools)* needs to be printed on a large board to be used for cake sale, fairs and other school related events.

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2. LT to continue class rep communication
3. SMc confirmed the Walton oak school Facebook/Instagram to be coming soon and can be connected to our FOWO for TL to liaise.

2025/2026 Event Schedule:

Autumn Term

- FOWO AGM/Autumn Term Meeting
- Christmas Cards
- Break the Ghouls Day
- Esher Rugby Club Fireworks (Affiliate promotion) - Paid?
- Christmas Fair & Non Uniform Day for Tombola Donations

Spring Term

- Spring Term Meeting
- Y1&2 cake sale
- Happy School Bags Collection
- Quiz Night
- Y5&6 cake sale

Summer Term

- Summer Term Meeting
- Y3&4 cake sale
- Summer Fair and mufti for tombola donations
- Summer Discos
- Happy School Bags Collection
- Nursery & Reception Cake Sale

Proposed schedule 2026-27

September

- 4th New parent picnic
- 9th New parent coffee morning- 3 parents attended and lots of fowo members.
- 18th Christmas cards return cut off: made in for the 30% deadline, Highest we have earned from the cards.- Action: 10 day window to open soon, must be purchased with code.
- 21st Prospective parents open evening
- 23rd AGM

October

- Date TBC FOWO wellness evening- Jan 2027 liaise with school office for dates. Max 17-20 ppl.
- 22nd Break the Ghouls day- Action: Revert back to “break the rules” for this year. Change to 14th Oct- Full Mufti

November

- 1st Begin ordering Christmas Book: Action: JB to buy, roughly £1.50 per book.
- 6th Esher Fireworks - kick back code- Still promote even though waiting on payment from previous

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- 18th Mufti for tombola donations- Nursery 17th
- 20th Christmas Fair: seymours will sponsor christmas need board sign up
  Action: RL to collect 30 names in google doc. TL to post link and help create the sign up link.

December

- 15th Distribute Christmas books:Action: a team of FOWO volunteers to help sort and distribute.

January

- Spring term FOWO meeting (date TBC)
- Date TBC Wellness Evening - school community
- 12th (evening) Happy Bags
- 13th (Drop off) Happy Bags
- 29th Year 1&2 cake sale

February

- 5th Quiz Night - or similar parent only event: Adding some LIVE video or pictionary like sections.
- 12th Year 5&6 cake sale

March

- Set up Christmas cards pack for September
- 19th Year 3&4 cake sale

April

- Summer term FOWO meeting (date TBC)
- Contact Lazer Lions for leavers celebration
- 7th N&R cake sale

May

- Vouchers for Celebrating Us
- 21st SAT's ice cream van
- 22ndMufti for tombola donations
- MAY FAIR 22nd.

June

- Book next year Happy Bags dates
- Year 2 ties for move up day
- *11th Mufti for tombola donations*
- *12th Summer Fair* Action: Change to MAY 22nd!

July

- Prepare new reception starters gift bags
- 2nd Discos
- 7th (evening) Happy Bags
- 8th (drop off) Happy Bags
- 10th New parent picnic