

Friends of St Joseph's School (PTA)

Welcome Pack for new parents

June 2023

Friends of St Joseph's School (FOSJS)

Who is FOSJS? The Friends of St Joseph's School (FOSJS) are all the parents that volunteer to help raise money for our school. FOSJS organise many events to raise funds - Cake Sales, Ice Cream Sales, The Christmas Bazaar, Camp Nights, The Summer Ball, Children's Disco's, Gift Sales and much more! We raise money to improve the school while having fun and socialising.

How is FOSJS organised? The Friends are organised into a co-ordination committee, class parents and event helpers. The co-ordination committee has an overall view of what is going on. Each year group is allocated a number of fundraising events a year to organise. The class parents for each year group organise and carry out those events with the help of the parents in their year group.

How can I help? To get involved, volunteer by filling in the form below to be a committee member, a class parent or to sponsor an event through a company you work for, or your own. You could also simply offer your skills and time to assist us in any of our events as off when you are free.

How do I find out what is going on? We ask all new parents to join the St Joseph's Catholic School Classlist Group. Go to www.classlist.com and select the option to Find Your School – type in St Joseph's Catholic Primary School SL9 8SB and follow the instructions to join the group. You can also download the Classlist App to receive messages to your mobile phone.

FOSJS sends out notices by Classlist and through the weekly school newsletter. The newsletter is emailed out to all parents every Friday afternoon by the school. For day to day communication FOSJS uses WhatsApp year groups where event posters and reminders are shared.

FOSJS accepts cash and cards at every event. We also run an online shop where tickets for events can be purchased: <https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

FOSJS Information Form

The only way our fundraising efforts can be successful is if we use the skills, time and contacts the parents have at our school. If you feel you have a specific skill set that may help use please fill in this form in order to let us know. Please return this slip to the school office marked **FOSJS Information**.

Parent Name:				
Email:				
Mobile:				
Childs Name & Class:				
Happy to volunteer ? Please tick your area of interest	I would like to be a Class Parent	I would like to join the FOSJS Coordination Committee	My company can sponsor a FOSJS fundraising event	I am happy to help at FOSJS events when I have some free time

Do you have any of the following skills or contacts within (please tick the box)

Carpentry	Gardening	General Building	Printing	Marketing
Event Managment	Music	Catering	Sport	Arts
Man with a Van	Entertainment	Equipment Hire	Retail	Drinks/Food

Other relevant information –

FOSJS communication channels:

**Weekly newsletter sent by school every Friday
(upcoming events)**

WhatsApp year groups - ad hoc (please join)

NB: this communication tool is not related to the school.

The school DOES NOT use Whats App

Classlist (please sign up and load app to your phone)

Notice board by Terrapin Building

Posters around school and playgrounds (upcoming events)

Word of mouth

All events are promoted in advance.

Payment methods available: card or cash.

**FOSJS runs online shop to facilitate
purchasing of tickets for FOSJS run events:**

<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

Key contacts:

Victoria Christian - fosjs.chair@gmail.com

Andrea Houston - fosjs.cochair@gmail.com

Joanna Pilsniak- fosjs.treasurer@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Priory Road
Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross
SL9 8SB

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What is FOSJS?

FOSJS, Friends of St Joseph's School, is a registered charity - our school's PTA whose sole goal is to enrich our children's lives. We fulfill our mission through organising a broad range of fun fundraising events which further strengthen the sense of community built around the school including parents, carers, wider families, and the children. All profits are invested directly back into selected school projects - most recently the KS1 climbing equipment, subscriptions to Accelerate Reader and PiXL.

FOSJS is run by a group of school parents who dedicate their personal time to this invaluable work.

What is the Building Fund?

The Building Fund is a separate pot of money, administered by the school and allocated towards school capital projects which include maintenance, improvement, and emergency repair to the school buildings and grounds. The school is in constant need of refurbishment and maintenance works that need to be funded.

Building Fund and GiftAid

Because FOSJS is a registered charity, for any £1 which you donate to the Building Fund, the school can claim additional 25p Gift Aid, that's 25% additional funds! The Building Fund contributions are being paid into FOSJS' bank account (both through standing orders and ParentPay) and then used by the school for the required capital expenditure.

How can I donate?

1. **Monthly standing order** (preferred option). You need to set it up yourself to:

Account Name: The Friends of St Joseph's School Chalfont St Peter

Account Number: 83768084

Sort Code: 60-08-34 (Natwest)

Payment reference: BFSO Surname

2. Payment through **ParentPay** platform - this can be done as a one-off annual payment or a monthly contribution, which you will need to remember to make regularly.

Each family is encouraged to contribute £10/month. The donation from parents is entirely voluntary and the school is very grateful to receive all donations, however large or small.

There are around 400 families forming our school community. If each contributed £10/ month each year the school would have a fund of £60,000 (including GiftAid). If we all supported the school by paying £5/month we would collect £30,000.

Together we can make a big difference to the environment in which our children learn every day.

Please set up your regular donations, however large or small.

Thank you,
Your FOSJS - Friends of St Joseph's School Fundraising Committee

Matched Giving (Also known as Corporate Matching)

We need a few minutes of your time to read this document explaining a scheme called Matched Giving that could greatly benefit the fundraising efforts for our school.

What is Matched Giving?

Matched Giving is when a company matches the amount of fundraising an employee does for another organisation (normally a charity).

Here is a fictitious example of how Matched Giving would work –

Mrs Brown works for WHSMITH and is a parent at St Joseph's School. WHSMITH operate a matched giving scheme where they match an employee's fundraising efforts up to £1000 each calendar year.

Mrs Brown helps run the cake sale at St Joseph's School, the cake sale raises £300. Mrs Brown works with the WHSMITH HR Department to fill in the relevant forms to request a Matched Giving Donation. Mrs Brown also gets support from the Friends of St Joseph's Team to fill in the form.

WHSMITH approve her request and match her fundraising efforts by giving £300 to St Joseph's School to match the amount raised through the cake sale she helped with.

Using the example above if Mrs Brown does not use any of her £1000 annual allowance that money simply goes back to WHSMITH and does not benefit any charity. Imagine if we could double the money we raise at any given event through Matched Giving, it would really boost our fundraising efforts!

Which Companies Operate a Matched Giving Scheme?

This is a difficult question to answer as the list changes all the time. The larger organisations always have a scheme, although small and medium businesses are also developing schemes for their employees so please check with your employer. Here are some companies we know operate Matched Giving:

Abbey National	Experian	Rolls Royce
Arcadia Group	Ford	Royal & Sun Alliance
American Express	Gap	Scottish & Southern Electric
ASDA	General Electric	Seaboard
BAA	GlaxoSmithKline Plc	Shell Siemens
Barclays	IBM	SmithKline Beecham
BP	Invensys	SunLife of Canada
British Gas	Littlewoods	Swiss Bank Corp
Centrica	Marks & Spencer	Tesco
Citigroup	National Power	Texaco
Diageo	Norwich Union	Thames Water
Dixons	Proctor & Gamble	WHSMITH
DHL	PWC	United Airlines

What do I need to do to help?

Firstly find out if the company you, your spouse or a member of your family works for a company that operates a Matched Giving Scheme. You can usually find out by logging onto your company website and searching for the term Matched Giving or Charitable Donations. Alternatively you can find this out by contacting your HR Department and asking for someone who deals with employee benefits or charity allowances for employees.

If there is a scheme at your place of work (this is great news!) please inform Joanna Pilsniak fosjs.treasurer@gmail.com, who is the contact at our school for Matched Giving. Joanna can help you fill out forms and work out the best way of making a claim.

Are you not yet registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk?

Are you new to our school?

Then we need to tell you how you can raise money for St Joseph's School without it costing you any money!!

Easyfundraising is an internet based scheme that allows you to get a £££ donation for our school every time you shop online with certain retailers through the easyfundraising web site. 1000s of schools and charities raise money this way. We raised £850 for our school last year through this scheme.

What do you need to do?

Register your details on the Easyfundraising Website to begin receiving donations for our school of up to 15% of the value of your purchase – **it costs you nothing**, the retailers make the donation. Retailers include Argos, John Lewis, Ebay, Boots, GAP, Debenhams, The National Lottery, Tesco Direct and many more....



Once you have an account with Easyfundraising, the system will log how much you have raised and donated to the school so you can see the contribution you have made.

How to Get Started -

- It's **really easy** to get started go to the Easyfundraising Web Site by clicking on the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>
- Click on **Support a good cause** and in the box marked Name of Good Cause type in Friends of St Joseph's School Chalfont St Peter or our postcode SL9 8SB and click **Go**.
- Our School name will appear below click **Support this cause**
- Fill out the quick form to register your personal details and create an account.
- The web site will then ask you if you would like to install a Toolbar within your Internet Browser in order to make shopping using the site easier for you, follow the instructions to do this. The Toolbar will prompt donating options as you browse internet and access your chosen retailers
- You can also install EasyFundraising App on your phone and follow the same steps as above to ensure you also have access to donations when shopping online via your phone.
- Any questions - please ask Victoria, the Chair of FOSJS

Current offer available to everyone!



Special Offer - Legoland Windsor tickets – Just **£22!**

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Legoland Windsor so you, and any of your friends and family can have a fun day out whilst supporting our school!

This offer only applies to our upcoming Inset Days:

- **Friday 21st July 2023** ...Buy before **Fri 7th July**
- **Friday 1st September 2023** ...Buy before **Fri 18th August**

Buy Now! Don't leave it too late!

Go to our Online Shop FOSJS.SumUpStore.com to order Today!





FUNDRAISING NEWSLETTER

Example FOSJS newsletter

Welcome back, we are the Friends of St Joseph's
your dedicated fundraising team

OUR MISSION

To raise funds to improve our school's facilities and build community spirit, to enrich our children's lives.

We wanted to start the year off by letting everyone know how successful last year was, making you aware of all the dates for your diary, not just those for the children but those for the parents as well.



Thank you for supporting all our events last year, we raised an incredible £20,000 throughout the year.



Some of our standout events included:

- Parents Summer Ball, Auctions & Raffle £13,000
- KS2 Disco & KS1 Party £1,070
- Father's & Mother's Day gift sales £1,020



where does this money go?

It is already being reinvested into the school, into projects that include Phase 2 of the Castle Climbing Frame, new smart whiteboards and computers to all class rooms and reception & preschool new play equipment to name a few.



dates for your diary

Saturday 17th September

Join St Joseph's Football Club for the day 10-1. Meet the coaches, play a game, shoot-out, and hopefully get your little team - teas, coffees, and bacon sandwiches.

**Example FOSJS
newsletter**

Monday 19th September

Last day to order your sapling trees to honor Her Majesty The Queen. [Click to buy](#)

Friday 23rd September - PARENTS SOCIAL EVENT

A chance to meet and chat with other parents (child-free!) over wine and cheese! [Click for tickets](#)

Wednesday 5th October - Bags2School

Drop off all your unwanted good quality clothing, shoes, accessories by 9am - bags and flyers to be distributed in the coming weeks

Saturday 15th October

Family Night Bingo Night

Saturday 26th November

Christmas Bazaar 2-6pm

Tea in The Pot @ Church Hall 8.30-9.30 Every Friday

Come and meet other parents and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, biscuits, and a legendary bacon sandwich!

get involved

If you would like more information or be involved with fundraising please speak to your class parent or contact Andrea 07582 424 105 or Victoria 07894 225 178 - fosjs.chair@gmail.com

The Friends of St Joseph's School Fundraising Team asks parents from all year groups to please join us for:

Example events organised by FOSJS last year

UPDATE



Parents social wine & cheese evening

Friday 23rd September
7:30pm - 10:30pm
St Joseph's Church Hall

£5/person
welcome drink +
cheese and snacks included

wine, beer and soft drinks bar
card or cash payments accepted

tickets must be booked
by 20th September via
<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

[CLICK HERE](#)

The Friends of St Joseph's invite you to **CAMP NIGHT ON THE FIELD**

Saturday 1st July 2023

4pm tent pitching | 11pm finish for non campers | 11am finish for campers

Camping

£10 per adult, £7.50 per child, under 2s free

No camping

£8 per adult, £5.50 per child, under 2s free



Ticket includes:

Camp Fire and Marshmallows for
Toasting ♦ Bouncy castle
♦ Inflatable Obstacle course
♦ Games ♦ Forest School
activities ♦ LED Silent Disco
♦ Camp fire songs ♦ Morning
Fun Fitness Class for all campers

Optional Extras

BBQ and Vegetarian BBQ from
7pm ♦ Bottle Bar: alcohol and
soft drinks ♦ Donuts and
Brownies ♦ Face-painting ♦
Glitter Tattoos ♦ Glow Shop and
Chinese Lanterns ♦ Hot
Breakfasts from The Hut

Please also feel free to BYO picnic and drinks

Please book your tickets by **June 23rd** via
<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

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FOSJS MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE



£4/GIFT

NAMED ENVELOPE TO
THE TEACHER ON DAYS
INDICATED BELOW

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO BRING £4 AND TO PURCHASE
A GIFT FOR THEIR MUM, AUNT, GRAN TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY.

THERE WILL BE A SELECTION OF LOVELY GIFTS TO CHOOSE FROM.
THIS IS A VERY POPULAR EVENT RUN BY FOSJS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
CHILDREN REALLY ENJOY BUYING GIFTS AND CAN PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE.

UPDATED DATES MONDAY 13TH MARCH: KS1 + PRESCHOOL
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH: KS2 + PRESCHOOL
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH: EVERYONE WHO FORGOT + PRESCHOOL

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B FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY
15TH OCTOBER

School - KS1 Hall

4:30pm - 6:30pm

GREAT PRIZES!

HOT DOGS, SANDWICHES, SNACKS,
SOFT DRINKS AND ALCOHOL AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE DURING THE EVENT

Buy tickets by Thursday 13th October

[HTTPS://FOSJS.SUMUPSTORE.COM/](https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/)

ENTRY
£3 ADULT
£2 CHILD

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EARTH DAY COLLECTION

FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS & REUSABLE BOTTLES

WHEN: Friday 21st April - drop off and pick up

WHERE: Terapin building

WHAT: Drop off all unwanted & clean reusable plastic water bottles and caps + food containers and lids (only hard walled!)

All gathered plastic will be sent to Terracycle for specialist recycling. FOSJS will be paid per KG.



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Example events organised by FOSJS last year

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GIFT SALE
£4/GIFT

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

NAMED ENVELOPE TO
THE TEACHER ON DAYS
INDICATED BELOW

All children are invited to bring £4 and to purchase a gift for their dad, uncle, granddad to celebrate Father's Day.

There will be a selection of lovely gifts to choose from. This is a very popular event run by FOSJS during school hours. Children really enjoy buying gifts and can purchase more than one.

Wed 14th June: KS2 + Preschool

Thu 15th June: KS1 + Preschool

Fri 16th June: Everyone who forgot + Preschool

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

EASTER EGG HUNT

week starting
27th March
during school hours

- each class/year runs own hunt
- chocolate egg for every child
- great prizes to be won!

£2
per child

pay online by Friday 24th March
<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

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Meet The Reindeers

"On Thursday 24th November
St Joseph's will welcome
two Reindeers to our school!"

Each class will have a 20 minute Reindeer
encounter so please wear your best
Christmas Jumper and join in the fun!"

£4 per child

+£1 for a digital photograph
of your child with the reindeer

To be sent after the event, by purchasing this you
give consent for your child's photograph to be taken

Tickets available until 22nd November on:
<https://FOSJS.sumupstore.com>

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FOSJS runs a Uniform Shop in the Terrapin Building.

One of the mums from school keeps it open at pick up time
around 3pm, last year every Thursday.

The shop will be open just before the school year starts in
September to allow parents to purchase the needed
uniform elements.

We stock new and nearly new items.
Shop at school and support FOSJS!



FOSJS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SCHOOL FOSJS FUNDED PROJECTS TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

includes pre-school

TERM OPENING TIMES:

AVAILABLE ITEMS: VERY GOOD USED CONDITION SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORM ITEMS INCLUDING BACKPACKS AND BOOKBAGS; + SOME NEW ACCESSORIES INCLUDING TIES, CAPS, BEANIES, HAIR CLIPS ETC. COME AND HAVE A LOOK, AND SAVE MONEY ON THE UNIFORM OR POSTAGE FEES. CARD OR CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED.

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE: ONLY VERY GOOD CONDITION UNIFORM ITEMS INCLUDING BACKPACKS AND BOOKBAGS, NO SOILED OR DAMAGED ITEMS, ONLY 'LIKE NEW' SHOES

Example event
organised by FOSJS
last year

LESS IS MORE



donate clothes

Good for the world and the
wardrobe!

Please bring in as many clothes, shoes &
accessories by the end of May.

We do not have Bags2School this school
year and really want to use the Green
Clothing Bins to raise as much as we can

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24% off each order goes back to FOSJS



NO MORE LOST ITEMS!

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!



STAYS ON CLOTHES & SHOES



QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER



5 STAR RATING FROM 35K+ REVIEWS



UK MARKET LEADER FOR 15+ YEARS



School ID: 36567

Ask your school for the School ID to link your order to its PTA fundraising account.

Order now on www.mynametags.com



YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY

**FOSJS
runs weekly
lotteries**

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

**Buy your tickets now to
help our fundraising**

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!
- Drawn every Saturday at 8pm

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: **St Joseph's Chalfont**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

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YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY

**SUPPORT
OUR LOTTERY
TODAY**

**£1 per
week**

**Weekly
cash prizes**

**£25,000
jackpot**



Splitting the £1.00

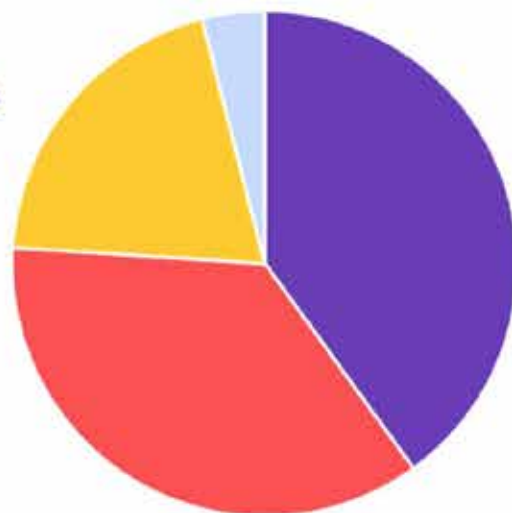
How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Chalfont St Peter

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Chalfont St Peter



-  **40p** goes to our school
-  **36p** goes to cash prizes
-  **20p** goes to admin costs
-  **4p** goes to VAT

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means

= £30 weekly cash prize

= £2,080 a year for our school



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and search for: **St Joseph's Chalfont**

Organised every year!

**Example event
organised by FOSJS
last year**



Lapland at St Joseph's School Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY
26th
NOVEMBER
2PM-6PM

Priory Road, Chalfont
St. Peter, SL9 8SB

- Santa's Grotto
- Mrs Claus' Reading Room
- Christmas Food
- Family Photobooth
- Christmas Cake Stall
- Winter Wonderland Hair Salon
- Discounted Premium Nordman Fir Christmas Trees for sale
- Craft Stalls
- Reindeer Bucking Bronco
- Tombola's
- Shopping Village
- Mulled Wine
- Elves Gingerbread Workshop
- Arthur Grace Games Village
- World Cup Screening Room
- Christmas Puddings and Decorations

**£2 Adults, £1 Children,
Under 3s and Elves are free**

Tickets can be bought at the door or online via:

<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

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Organised every 2 years!

**Friends of St Joseph's School
Circus Summer Ball
2nd July 2022**

**Example event
organised by FOSJS
last year**

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