The Friends of Bawburgh School AGM: Chairs report

16.10.25

It's been a busy year as our new committee has taken shape after new co-chairs and a secretary were elected.

We would like to thank all members of the Friends for their ongoing support and enthusiasm. Our school community is lucky to have you driving fundraising efforts, creating fun events and building relationships.

We would also like to thank the previous chairs Kate Smallwood and Rachel Scott for their guidance. In addition, our thanks go to local businesses for their support and donations of prizes which enhance our fundraising activities. Finally, our thanks to the school team for all their support, especially reception staff who provide admin support, coordinating messages and of course Ayesha in the school kitchen for helping prepare snacks for events.

Over the last year our main support has been towards bus transport costs for school trips, which helps keep prices as affordable as possible for parents. We have also provided additional treats - every child received an Easter egg again this year, and we provided ice pops to all participants after sports day.

Highlights of 2024-2025

- The ever-popular discos, a firm favourite with the children.
- Our Christmas raffle and after school crafts.
- We held our first bingo night, a ticketed event aimed at adults, with a bar.
- Valentine's Day sweet treats, utilising the Krispy Kreme charity boxes.
- Easter egg raffle.
- Our first bake sale which made 100% profit.
- Refreshments at Sports Day.
- The Bawburgh duck race.

The year ahead

The Co-Chairs have been meeting more regularly with the school senior leadership team and are excited to announce that they've asked for funds for a new forest school area. This will include an essentials list and a wish list of equipment and we are looking at a temporary structure such as summer house, so that children can access the facilities in all weathers.

We are finalising our application for charitable status and this will hopefully allow us to apply for charitable grants to help with this cause.

This year we are also looking to promote Easyfunding and the parents lottery more as these have not been widely used by the school community. This will help increase our fundraising efforts.

We have committed to allocating £200 per year group to cover the cost of travel for school trips during the 2025-2026 academic year.

As always, we are continuing to look for more volunteers to help with events throughout the year. There's no commitment to join the committee, any help would be gratefully received! Please email us at freindsofbawburghschool@gmail.com if you would like an informal discussion.

With thanks and best wishes,

Susie Hawes and Rachana Raina, Co-Chairs of The Friends of Bawburgh School.