

Friends' Newsletter

October 2023



The children had a lot of fun showing off their crazy hair styles on Thursday – we raised just over £350 for our schools too! A huge thank you to everyone and we'll be in touch after half term to let you know how this money will be spent! If you'd still like to donate you can do so using this link: <https://the-friends-of-st-peters-and-st-gildas.sumupstore.com>

Hello from the New Committee

Jo and I were elected at the AGM last week as co-chairs of the Friends Group. We're really looking forward to working with the school, parents and carers to continue to build relationships within our school community, organise fun activities for the children and raise funds to help enrich the children's education.

The Friends wouldn't exist without your support so thank you to everyone who gives their time and donates money at our events. Last year the money raised by the Friends funded many activities including LFA sports days for years 1-6, ducklings in reception, circus skills workshops, iPads for use in classrooms, books for the new phonics scheme and basketball hoops.

We are joined on the committee by Michelle Connor, Lisa Murphy, Lisa Cooney and Louise Ritchie. We are currently planning events for the rest of the academic year and we'll be in touch after half term with more details!

In the meantime, please do speak to one of us if you have any questions about the work the Friends does or have any ideas for events that you would like to share!

Best wishes,
Laura and Jo



Laura O'Brien, Co-Chair

I am mum to three children at St Peter's and St Gildas' - Cillian (Year 5), Edith (Year 2) and Sebastian (Reception). I have been involved with the Friends as a class rep since Cillian started school and am looking forward to the next year as Co-Chair. Before becoming a mum I worked in employment law and now when I have spare time I enjoy cooking and stitching!

Jo Wohlwender, Co-Chair

I am a busy mum of three boys who are making the St Peter's and St Gildas' school journey. I am an accomplished homemaker with a history in pub management and catering. My passion lies in cake decorating and spending quality time with my loved ones.



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Lisa Cooney, Secretary

I am mum to Alannah in Year 2 and will have another child starting in September 2024. I have been involved in the Friends since Alannah started. I am looking forward to organising and helping at a number of events throughout the year. I especially love the discos!!

Lisa Murphy, Vice Chair

I am mum to Rionagh (Year 3), Roisin (Year 2) and Joseph (who is due to start in September 2025). I have been involved in the Friends since Rionagh joined in Reception. I thoroughly enjoy organising events and raising money for the school. I work as a Primary School Teacher so am very passionate about the children having the best experience at school.



Louise Ritchie, Co-Treasurer

I'm Louise, mum of Christian (Year 5). My two older children also attended St Peter's and St Gildas'. I'm a teacher and know how desperately schools need funds at the moment. I hope we can help our schools improve the playgrounds and enrich the curriculum this year. Let's do it!

Michelle Connor, Co-Treasurer

I'm Michelle, mum to Oliver in Year 6 and Elizabeth in Year 1. I have been involved with the Friends for several years now. I look forward to supporting the Friends with future events so that we can raise much needed funds for our schools!



Have a great half term!