The Friends of St Paul's School

Registered charity number 311003

Dear Parents

We are now halfway through the school year, which also means we are halfway through our fundraising efforts. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your generosity, support, and time so far. We understand we are often asking for your time or money and we truly appreciate everything you are able to give!

As we enter this second half of the year, we want to acknowledge that, so far, we have not raised as much as we had at this point last year. With this in mind, we kindly ask for your continued support in helping us raise as much as possible over the next few months. Towards the end of the year, The Friends will be meeting with the school to discuss what we would be able to provide next year. We are already aware that there are some significant items the school will be requesting funding for, and at this moment, we are uncertain whether we will have the necessary funds to contribute to cover all requests.

Every penny raised goes directly back into enhancing our children's education. With school budgets being increasingly stretched, the funds we raise are more important than ever. To give you an idea of the impact of your donations, we have shared over leaf details of what has been funded so far this year and how your contributions are making a difference.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. This term, our Bingo Night will be taking the place of one of the school discos, following requests from children and parents. We ask for your support in making this a great success. We also have our "For Someone Special" Mother's Day Sale approaching, and planning is already underway for our Big Summer Event. Over the past couple of years, this event alone has raised over £3,000 for the school, and we hope to achieve this again.

Your help, in any capacity, makes a huge difference, and we are so grateful for everything you do. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to make the remainder of this school year as successful as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Lou Ellis

Chair of The Friends of St Paul's

2024/2025 agreed spent

- **Theme Day - School Workshop –** Author visit
- **Year 6 Leavers contribution**
- **Gardening club / outdoor gardening club** Wellbeing - Planting around the school year-round of seeds, bulbs, etc – Gardening Club
- **Now Press Play –**Subscription
- **Books –** Reading books + Yoto Mini, Card Case + stories
- **LoTC Resources** - Forest School explorer collection, Archaeology digging kit
- **Art & DT resources** - Specialist resources for art
- **SEN – Sensory equipment -** Visual aids: water with bubbles, fish etc
- **Teaching & Learning Coaching Books** – Pie Corbet
- **Class Trips -** Contribution to each class towards trips
- **Foundation Stage -** work benches and tool kits
- **5x Promethean 65" Boards -** (interactive white boards for each classroom)

2025/2026 - spend agreed so far.

- **iPad's - Rolling programme -** purchase new set of Ipads, cases & slimline trolley
- **Sports Day Rosettes –** 200 every 2 years
- **Now Press Play -** FInal year of subscription