



An introduction to Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)

We are fortunate at our school to have a **Friends of Society** that's an integral part of the school community. Over the last few years we have raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities. Our main aim over the past academic year was to assist in creating a library space for our children to use & support the implementation of a new reading scheme.

Our association is about much more than simply fundraising. **FOSM** exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It's fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of FOSM when their child joins our school.

The Committee

Our current Committee consists of **Chair (Jennifer Doswell)**, **Treasurer (Louise Rance)**, **Secretary (Jessica Simmonds)** and **2 Ordinary Committee Members (Katherine Daly & Rebekah Jasnikowski)**

The Committee meet on a regular basis with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events.

The Committee also hold open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

How we raise & spend funds

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are:

Termly Discos, Easter, Summer & Winter Fairs, Secret Santa Shopping Day

The committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually the School Leadership Team make a request for something that the school would like us to consider funding.

Some of the items we have funded are listed below

Reading schemes & books, Refurbishment of the Library, annual Pantomime production

Upcoming Dates

- **Monday 25th September – Committee Meeting – 3.30-4.30pm – School**
- **Friday 13th October – Bingo & AGM – 8-10pm – School Hall**
- **Thursday 19th October – Bags to school collection – school drop off**
- **Friday 10th November – School Disco – 4.30-6pm infants, 6.15-7.45pm juniors**
- **Saturday 25th November – Winter Fair – Time tbc – School**
- **Monday 4th December – Secret Santa shopping day – school event - children only**

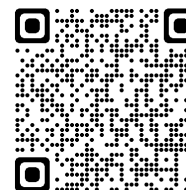
Our Ongoing Fundraisers

Did you know you can support FOSM without even coming to an event...here's how...



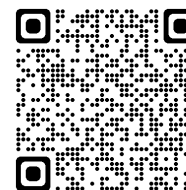
Your School Lottery
(www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-catholic-primary-school-maidenhead)

Sign up to your school lottery to support FOSM, pay for a line (or more) to be entered into the weekly draw and you could be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000 and other monthly prizes. For every line that is purchased in support of FOSM, we receive a % of the sales. Tickets cost £1 per week.



Give as You Live
www.giveasyoulive.com

Register FOSM as your preferred charity on Give as You Live. Whenever you need to complete an online purchase, if you first locate the retailer via the Give as You Live App, any purchase you make on that visit will be tracked and the retailer will donate a % to FOSM!

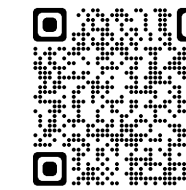


Stikins labels
www.stikins.co.uk

We all learn the importance of labelling everything when our children start school (and I mean EVERYTHING!!!) Stikins labels are great – you can have the name printed in a variety of ways, first name & surname, initial & surname etc so choose what works best for you & your family. They can be used on clothing, bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, they're waterproof – they simply stick on and stay on! Visit www.stikins.co.uk and use our fundraiser code **20943** when you order.

Keep in touch & up to date

PTA Events Webpage



We use our PTA events page to recruit volunteers and we hope to move forward with online sales for ticketed events and sending newsletters this year.

Our Facebook page is used by us to advertise our events and send reminders as well as by other parents/community members for a range of notices.

Facebook

