



Friends of Callands School (FOCS)

Charity Number: 1121925



September 2023





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Who are FOCS?

Friends of Callands School (FOCS) are committed to raising money for Callands Community Primary School. Money raised goes towards buying educational tools and enrichment activities, selected in collaboration with Mrs Bentley and the teachers, to engage the children at this fantastic school.

Whilst we are similar to a PTA, FOCS is a registered charity governed by the charity commission and is made up solely of parent volunteers. We have our own charity constitution that we must follow.

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Meet the team

Charity Co-Chairs:

Hannah Swindells & Rebecca Wright have volunteered for FOCS for 4 years and took over as co-chairs in 2022. Rebecca has a son in year 6. Hannah has a daughter in year 4 and a son in EYFS. We love coming up with exciting and fun new ways of raising money for school, love to see all the kids having fun and enjoy a good laugh with all of the volunteers.



Lesley-Ann Mairs has been our treasurer for the last 3 years. She has a son in year 4.

Andrea Grosart has volunteered for FOCS for the last 2 years and this year is going to be assistant treasurer.

Secretary:

Rebecca Oxtoby is a brand new FOCS volunteer and has taken on this role this year. She has a daughter in EYFS and can't wait to get involved in all of the fun activities that we have planned.

Volunteers:

There are currently 39 parents/carers who volunteer their time to help out at FOCS events. We are a friendly, fun and hard working bunch who all come together to create enjoyable experiences for the children and wider community whilst raising money for school.













Essential Sites



https://www.facebook.com/groups/ friendsofcallands ptgevents

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofcallands

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Our School Lottery

Welcome to the Friends of Callands School lottery. This lottery has been set up by FOCS, and is not run by school. It is part of our fundraising and is used specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. For every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school and prizes PLUS Match all 6 numbers and you win the national JACKPOT!

How does it work?

Lottery tickets are just £1 per week. Each week someone in our school will win a cash prize PLUS everyone who enters also goes into the national draw too.





"I have volunteered for FOCS for the past 8 years. Helping out with cake sales, summer fayres, discos, bingo and Santa visits. It's a fantastic team of people who are supportive, creative and friendly. It's nice to know that you are having fun and creating fun times for the kids whilst raising funds for school"

Sam, FOCS volunteer



Why volunteer for FOCS?

- Make a positive difference to your child's school experience and the wider community.
- Build new friendships with other parents and be part of a team.
- Be involved in special events in school and see just how happy these events make the children.
- Excellent opportunities to take on key roles within the charity.
- Great addition to your CV.
- Training opportunities such as becoming a First Aider.
- All volunteers go through DBS process.

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Christmas Bingo



Callands Community Fun
Day 2023



Someone Special Pop Up Shop.

FOCS Events September 2022 – August 2023





























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Money raised last year.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, in addition to the support of the school staff, families and wider community, FOCS were able to raise

£13, 256.89



Where does the money raised go?



Virtual reality system for classroom learning



Ottoman and reading books for the reading hut



Shakespeare theatre workshop for all classes



Contributed towards
Strictly Dance Class
with Robin Windsor

How to get in touch with FOCS



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Facebook:

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WhatsApp Group for Volunteers

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