



2025–2026: CELEBRATING ANOTHER INCREDIBLE SCHOOL YEAR

Thanks to the generosity, time and energy of our parents, grandparents, staff, families, friends and wider community, we delivered a packed calendar of events in the 2025/26 school year and raised an impressive **£9,211.63** for our children and school.

Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar was a great success, raising an amazing **£2,440**. With the weather on our side, spreading the activities across the playground again added festive cheer. New games and a modest price increase further enhanced our fundraising while the whole school community enjoyed celebrating together.

June Fayre

Despite the heatwave, the June Fayre was a huge success, raising **£2,765**. Although we offered fewer activities than last year because of the heat, the teacher-led water fight, ice cream van and wood-fired pizza station kept the atmosphere buzzing.

Disco fever

DJ Connor continued his generous support as our resident DJ this year. The children enjoyed his music at two discos, as well as a free karaoke stall at the June Fayre. By donating his time and expertise, Connor helps keep our event costs low, ensuring that all proceeds from our music events benefit the children. Across both disco events this year we made a total of **£899**. Thank you so much Connor!

More ways we have raised funds

Alongside our bigger events, the 100 Club, Christmas Cards, Salisbury Lottery, and refreshments at the Nativity Play and Sports Day continued to supply a steady stream of funds. This year, we also added a Fab Bricks fundraiser, Bake Sale and Tuck Shop. Tom secured several grants, arranged our participation in Waitrose's green token scheme and even obtained a free shed from Wickes!

How funds have supported our school

Thanks to the support of our school community, the funds raised by FOSS throughout the 2025–26 school year have helped provide a range of experiences, resources and celebrations for our children. Here's a breakdown of how the money raised has been spent:

- **Christmas dinner crackers:** £52.35
- **Contribution towards school trips:** £3,668.00
- **OPAL sheds:** £699.99
- **End-of-term and end-of-year book prizes:** £321.12
- **Year 6 leavers' celebration:** £95.58

Total spent: £4,837.04

Outside of our fundraising activity we were able to purchase several scanning pens with a donation received last year from a family whose children previously attended Stratford. This donation was generously match-funded by the parents' employer, and was specifically earmarked for the purchase of resources to support children with dyslexia. Mrs Watkins has reported the scanning pens have been a brilliant addition and school are looking to purchase more in the future.

Match funding can be a fantastic way to increase the impact of the money we raise and help us provide even more resources, equipment and opportunities for the children at Stratford. If you or your employer offer a match-funding scheme, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with FOSS to find out how we can make the most of this opportunity.

The power of our school community

Every contribution, whether through attending events, volunteering or donating, helps us make a difference to the children's school experience. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported FOSS this year, your generosity and enthusiasm helps make these opportunities possible!

Committee News: Treasurer Update

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, we have not yet been able to recruit a new Treasurer to join the team. Thankfully, our wonderful Becky has very kindly agreed to continue in the role for the time being, and we are incredibly grateful for her ongoing support and dedication.

We will continue our search for someone to take on this important position and enable Becky to step down when the time is right. If you know someone who is organised, reliable, and looking for a rewarding way to support our school community, please get in touch!

2026-27 Committee Announcement

Following nominations and voting, here's your new committee team for 2026-27:

- **Co-Chair:** Claire Swaffield (continuing in role)
- **Co-Chair:** Tom Elkins (continuing in role)
- **Treasurer:** Becky Ewing (continuing in role)
- **Secretary:** Stevie Langan

And of course, our brilliant Class Reps, keeping the link between FOSS and every class:

- **Butterfly Class:** Kayleigh Hunt-Snook
- **Hedgehog Class:** Jennie Tyrer
- **Robin Class:** Emma Cash
- **Woodpecker Class:** Vacancy – please drop us a line if you think you can help!
- **Fox Class:** Susie Cooke

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Stevie, Kayleigh, Jennie, Emma, Susie, Louise, Katherine, Ilse, Candice and Vaida for volunteering to be a part of the FOSS team this year. And to our faithful supporters, of which there are too many to name, we see you putting yourselves forward time and time again and we thank you! We're so lucky to have a lovely group of regular volunteers, we really do appreciate every one of you.

Our first meeting of the year will be all about planning the 2026 Christmas Bazaar. Whether you're a regular volunteer or brand new to FOSS, we'd love you to join us and help us create another fantastic event for our school community.

Come along and be part of the fun on **Wednesday 4th November, 7pm.**