

FOGS Newsletter

June 2025

FOGS | News, Call Outs and Events

Let's Celebrate | The Colour Run

Wow! For our first Colour Run, we're delighted by its success. We had tremendous support from a wonderful team of organisers and volunteers, and an incredible turn out with hundreds taking part in the run. The sun was shining, the BBQ was sizzling, the bar was flowing and, as a result, the event raised an incredible £3,560! A huge thank you to everyone that took part in some way. We have a feeling it's going to be back next year...!

FOGS | Call Out For Help

Event Co-Ordinators and Helpers...

With the next big event on the horizon, we're looking for a dedicated team to help plan and organise the visit from Happy's Circus in September. Text YES to 07584 551688 if you'd like to help in some way.

FOGS Events | Still to Come | June to September 2025

What's on?

End of Term Foam Disco

When?

Thursday 3 July (EYFS & KS1 | 5.15-6.15 pm. KS2 | 6.30 – 7.30pm)

Where?

School playground

Tell me more

The return of our much-loved disco with a twist to celebrate the end of term. Think bubbles, foam, and fun! There will be two start times - 5.15pm for EYFS & KS1 - and 6.30pm for KS2. Children will get a little wet, so we'd recommend you bring a towel when you pick them up! Tickets are priced at £5 and include a drink and a snack. Tickets available now at www.peoplesfundraising.com/shop/fogs-foam-disco

What's on?

Happy's Circus comes to Gilmorton

When?

Saturday 27 September | Midday – 5pm

Where?

The Pavilion, Gilmorton

Tell me more

TICKETS ON SALE NOW.... DON'T MISS OUT...!

Join us for a spectacular afternoon of international circus acts, delicious food, drink and fun games. Free to enter between midday and 1.30pm for all for the pre-show BBQ, fully-stocked bar, and fun games for the children. The spectacular 600-seater big top tent opens its doors at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Tickets are £10 per person. Buy your tickets at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus>. The events is open to our Trust's children, their friends & family, and the rest of the community.

Upcoming FOGS Meetings

When and where?

Wednesday 18 June at 7.30pm | Gilmorton School

Tell me more

It's open to all parents, guardians and carers so please come and join in! The meeting agenda will be circulated a week before - please keep a look out for this. All meetings are informal, and the agenda is varied, focusing on upcoming events, funding requests and fundraising.

Your FOGS – Your Charity...

At the heart of every successful school community is a team of people working together to make great things happen – and that includes you. Whilst the core PTA committee helps keep things organised behind the scenes (see below), every parent, carer, guardian or grandparent at Gilmorton School is automatically a 'Friend of the PTA' – a FOG!

Whether you attend events, buy raffle tickets, donate, bake a cake or give an hour or two as a helper when our Class Representatives call – we see you - and we're incredibly grateful. Every little bit of support adds up and makes a huge difference to what we can offer the school.

With the continued success, FOGS was given charity status, and it's not surprising when you look back at the money raised under the guise of a new committee over the past few years...

2021 – 2022: £15,337

2022 – 2023: £21,000

2023 – 2024: £31,852

And thanks for your generosity and involvement this year, so far, we've raised a fantastic sum of £11,360.

Over just three years, a phenomenal £68,189 has been invested directly into enriching our children's school experience. Thanks to this, we've funded:

- A new library space with thousands of books
- Year 6 SATs Breakfast
- A dedicated ELSA room
- New keyboards and Chromebooks for music and learning
- School choir launch
- Contribution to Year 6 leavers hoodies
- EYFS small world equipment
- Purpose-built storage for Year 1 phonics materials
- New play areas and the introduction of the OPAL play curriculum
- Gardening space
- Interactive experiences like a planetarium visit, POP day, author events and circus skills
- Residential trip support and pantos for EYFS & KS1
- And finally bookmarks for all our children to celebrate the school's 250th anniversary!

Together, we've made a real impact – and you can help us do even more to help our children thrive. Read on to find out more about the FOGS committee roles and what they entail should you be interested in getting more involved...

FOGS Committee Roles

Role	Overview	Key responsibilities
The Chair	Leads the committee, ensuring effective meetings, inclusive discussions, and the smooth implementation of decisions. They liaise with the school, manage overall finances and ensure the charity complies with legislations and operate within the constitution of the PTA, whilst being dedicated and fair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitating meetings ▪ Leadership ▪ Liaising with school ▪ Financial oversight ▪ Compliance oversight ▪ Communications oversight ▪ Delegation and follow up
The Secretary	A key role, ensuring smooth communication and organisation within the PTA and school. Handles correspondence, prepares meeting agendas and takes minutes. They work collaboratively to ensure the PTA runs smoothly with their organisational, communication, meeting management and computer literacy skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting management ▪ Record keeping ▪ Event management ▪ AGM oversight ▪ Communications
The Vice Chair	Supports the Chair, deputising in their absence, ensuring smooth meetings, assists with various tasks to facilitate PTA activities, including grant applications, builds communication links, encourages volunteer participation and helps to organise events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deputise for Chair ▪ Leading meetings ▪ Event organisation ▪ Volunteer Engagement ▪ Compliance ▪ Record keeping ▪ Communications ▪ Support Chair
The Treasurer	Responsible for managing financial activity within the PTA, including recording, reporting and managing funds. They maintain records, present reports, bank funds, arrange cash floats for events and ensure the PTA complies with relevant laws and legislations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Records / reporting ▪ Financial updates ▪ Bank Account management ▪ All fund handling ▪ Compliance ▪ Auditing ▪ Expenses
The Committee Member	Other key members include <u>Event Co-Ordinators</u> who take a greater role in planning and organising events as part of a project team, and <u>Class Representatives</u> who are integral in galvanising volunteer support within each class and help to share key messages and communications.	

- Every event takes a team of people to make it a success, no matter how big or small the role may be, and new members are always welcome and gratefully appreciated.
- If you have the time to be a helper in the future - please text HELPER 07584 551688.



FOGS MEETING

You're invited to join the next meeting
at Gilmorton Chandler Primary School.

Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm.

Come along for a drink and a chat, get
to know other FOGS members and find
out more about all the exciting events
coming up!

We look forward to seeing you there.

FOGS FOAM DISCO

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

EYFS/KS1 - 5.15PM-6.15PM

KS2 - 6.30PM-7.30PM

TICKET PRICE
£5

PRICE INCLUDES
A DRINK AND A
SNACK



TICKET SALES ON WWW.PEOPLESFUNDRAISING.COM/SHOP/FOGS-FOAM-DISCO
OR SCAN THE CODE!!