Friends of Stoke Gabriel School

2026/27 Fundraising & Expenditure Plan

Friends of Stoke Gabriel School (FOSS) works alongside Stoke Gabriel Primary School to help provide additional opportunities, experiences and resources for the children that would otherwise be difficult to fund from the school budget alone.

During the 2026/27 academic year, we are planning to support a range of activities across the school while continuing to bring together parents, children and the wider Stoke Gabriel community through a varied programme of fundraising events and initiatives.

A major investment – our new front playground

One of the biggest projects FOSS will support this year is the **replacement of the school's front playground equipment and surfacing**.

Since May 2026, **more than £22,400 has been raised towards the project**, representing an enormous fundraising effort by parents, children, local organisations, local foundations, businesses and the wider Stoke Gabriel community.

The new playground and surface will provide an improved, safe and engaging space for children to play and enjoy during the school day, representing a significant long-term investment in the school.

Installation is underway and the new playground will be in use very soon.

Reaching this point has only been possible because of the extraordinary support shown by the community. FOSS would like to thank everyone who has donated, attended events, volunteered, helped organise fundraising activities or supported the project in any other way.

What else we are planning to fund

Alongside this major capital project, and subject to funds raised and the needs of the school throughout the year, FOSS plans to support:

- **Sides for The Hive** – helping make this outdoor space suitable for learning during the autumn and winter months.
- **School Pantomime Trip** – contributing towards a festive experience for the children.
- **School Discos** – supporting opportunities for the children to enjoy social events together.
- **Stay & Play Rental** – helping provide additional activities and experiences for younger children and families.
- **School Trip Coaches** – highly subsidising the coach cost for one trip for each class during the academic year.
- **Year 6 Hoodies and Books** – helping mark the final year of primary school for our Year 6 pupils.
- **Year 5/6 Residential Coach Trip** – contributing towards transport for the Years 5 and 6 residential trip.
- **Ad-hoc School Requests** – retaining some flexibility to respond to additional requests from the school during the year where funding can make a meaningful difference.

Our aim is to make sure that the money raised by families and the wider community is used to benefit children across the school and to help provide experiences and opportunities beyond those available through the school's core budget.

How we plan to raise the money

To make this possible, FOSS will be organising and supporting a wide range of fundraising activities throughout the year.

These are expected to include:

- Wassail
- Christmas Cards and Tea Towels
- Sports Day Refreshments
- Mill Pool Challenge
- Stokefest BBQ
- Christmas Raffle
- Children's Fundraising Initiatives
- Fireworks BBQ
- Orchard Drinks Apple Picking
- Your School Lottery

Some of these are established FOSS fundraisers, while others provide an opportunity to work alongside local organisations, businesses and the wider village community.

A community effort

The success of FOSS depends on the support of parents, carers, school staff and the wider Stoke Gabriel community.

That support can take many forms – attending an event, buying a raffle ticket, volunteering for an hour, supporting one of our fundraising schemes, donating prizes or simply helping us spread the word.

Every contribution helps us provide more for the children.

The incredible response to the playground fundraising demonstrates what can be achieved when the school and community work together, and we hope to build on that enthusiasm throughout the 2026/27 academic year.

Thank you for continuing to support Friends of Stoke Gabriel School.