Friends of Stoke Gabriel School (FOSS)

Treasurer's Report – Financial Year Ended 31 March 2025

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the Friends of Stoke Gabriel School (FOSS) for the financial year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

I took over the role of Treasurer from Susanna Housden following the end of the financial year in January 2026, and therefore did not hold the position during the period covered by these accounts. I am submitting this report in my capacity as the new Treasurer and would like to thank Susanna for her work as Treasurer and for supporting the handover of the charity's finances.

Fundraising during the year

FOSS continued to benefit from the considerable support of parents, volunteers and the wider Stoke Gabriel community throughout the year. Fundraising activities generated a total of £6,988.94.

The largest individual fundraiser was the Wassail, which generated £3,077.68. Other significant income included a £1,000 donation from the Village Carnival & Panto, £795.91 from the Fireworks BBQ, £603.46 from the Stokefest BBQ, and £427.50 from Your School Lottery. Further funds were raised through the Mill Pool Challenge, Christmas cards, Christmas bags and tea towels, Parentkind Cashpot and bank interest.

These activities demonstrate the important contribution made by the school community and FOSS volunteers, whose time and support enable the charity to continue raising funds for the benefit of pupils at Stoke Gabriel Primary School.

Supporting the school

During the year, FOSS provided £8,608.92 of financial support towards activities, equipment and experiences for children at the school.

The largest item of expenditure was £4,023.93 towards playground equipment for Key Stages 1 and 2. FOSS also funded a range of educational and enrichment activities, including school and reception coach trips, the Year 6 Forest School day, the Spiders residential, school pantomime tickets and transport, Christmas entertainment and Year 6 leavers' hoodies. Funding was also provided for a new Reception rug, Early Years equipment and school banners.

This expenditure reflects FOSS's purpose of supporting the school and enriching the educational experience of its children, both through improvements to the school environment and through activities and experiences beyond the classroom.

Ring-fenced pre-school funds

FOSS also holds funds which are specifically ring-fenced for the benefit of the pre-school.

At the beginning of the financial year, the ring-fenced pre-school balance stood at £18,618.84. During the year, expenditure was made from these funds towards playground and classroom equipment for the pre-school.

As a result, the ring-fenced balance at the end of the financial year was £16,659.23, a net reduction of £1,959.61 during the year. These remaining funds continue to be held separately for the benefit of the pre-school and will be used for appropriate future expenditure in accordance with their designated purpose.

Treasurer's summary

Overall, the year saw another strong contribution from FOSS to Stoke Gabriel Primary School. While expenditure during the year exceeded fundraising income, this reflects the charity putting previously raised funds to use for the benefit of the children, including significant investment in playground equipment and a broad range of educational activities and experiences.

At the end of the financial year, FOSS held total funds of £25,498.59, comprising £8,839.36 in the main charity account and £16,659.23 in ring-fenced pre-school funds.

I would like to record my thanks to Susanna Housden, the FOSS committee, volunteers, parents, local organisations and the wider Stoke Gabriel community for their fundraising efforts and continued support of the school.

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