

# Fitzjohn's School Association



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## The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

FSA is our volunteer parents school association, working to fundraise for the school and organise events for the school community.

The FSA is a voluntary registered charity set up to support Fitzjohn's Primary School. It is run by the parents at Fitzjohn's with the support of the Head of School, Rob Earrey. **You don't need to be invited, registered or voted in – all parents of the school are automatically FSA members!**

We are so lucky to have a wonderful, engaged and committed community of families in our school. That means we have a good starting point to work from. Last year we raised a record £100,000 for the second year in a row.

**This year, with costs going up and the impact of government budgeting, we aim to reach £100,000 once again.**

The FSA co-chairs for the year are Miri (mum of Mikey Y4 and Nathaniel Y2) and Tali (mum of Noam Y2). Our treasurer is Nitzan (dad of Roni Y5). We also have an **FSA Committee** of parents who wish to be more involved – Megan (Y1/Y3/Y4), Lee (Nursery/Y2), Tara (Y1), Laura (Y2/Y4), Lola (Y5) and Anna (Y1) – together with our fabulous class reps.

If you would like to join do find us on the playground or by email:

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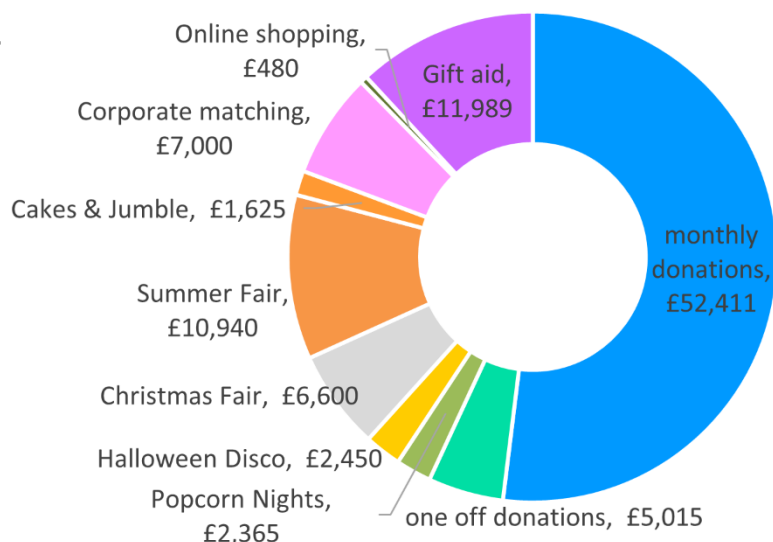
## Fundraising for the School

Our main focus and the best way to support the school is through monthly donations. Having a steady and predictable source of funding that the school can rely on, means we can safely plan ahead.

**Monthly donations accounted for over half our income last year** and we now have over 80% of families in the school giving through standing order.

**Our aim is that ALL families who are able to will participate as they can. [Sign-up here](#) or complete the enclosed form and return to the office.**

The other big revenue source (and much more fun) is our events! Our Christmas and Summer Fairs, the Halloween Disco and our popcorn nights are run successfully with support of all our families. It's also a great way to spend time together with friends and create a strong sense of community for our children (and grown-ups) at Fitzjohn's.



## How will your donations be used in 2023/2024?

**Our goal for the year is to raise £100,000 towards music, art, sport, IT, books and more.** When we fund these expenses, that means that the school is able to use its running budget to the fullest on valuable staff and teaching assistants that are a crucial part of our children's learning.

✓ **Every year the FSA funds the cost of our gym, PE, music, African drumming and art instructors** that are not part of the school staff. These activities enrich the curriculum and enable specially trained instructors to teach these subjects. This amounts to **£42,000**.

✓ **IT and Digital Skills – £15,000** provide computing resources, new/refurbished iPads as well as an annual membership at the CLC (Camden Learning Centre) where the kids go for robotics and coding enrichment activities.

✓ **Playground equipment** – Good quality equipment has a real impact on physical and mental wellbeing - **£4,000**.

✓ **Learning resources** – musical instruments, science and geography resources - **£20,000**.

✓ **Transport for trips** – The FSA funds the coaches and transport costs at **£6,000**

✓ **Free clubs for children on Free School Meals** – as a community we fund one after-school club per term for every child on FSM, at a total cost of **£6,000**.

✓ **Communications and Events** – **£7,000**.

## Top five ways you can help make Fitzjohn's even better

1 **Set-up a standing order:** a monthly donation is the most significant contribution you can make and has an incredible impact on the running of our school. We ask that all families who are in the position to do so, donate as much as they can according to their means. Sign-up on this [quick link](#).

2 **Sign up to Gift Aid:** for every £1 you give, we can get an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue. This is FREE money from the government for just filling-out a form and make your donation go so much further. **We aim for ALL contributions to include Gift Aid.**

If you already contribute, please just fill-up the Gift Aid declaration at the bottom of the enclosed form or [here](#). That will allow us to also claim back up to four years on past donations.

3 **Corporate match giving:** many companies where our parents work will offer match-funding on employees' donations. If you donate through your employer please consider our school. The FSA is a registered UK charity.

4 **Shop on Easyfundraising:** Shop on your desktop or mobile through the [Easyfundraising app](#) with all the big brands (John Lewis, M&S, Boots, H&M and many more). This has no cost to you and raises FREE money for the school.

5 **School events** are run and supported by parents and carers and we always need people to volunteer on the day. Reach out to your class rep to get involved with upcoming events.

Find out more on how the school is funded and how you can get involved at the

**Annual FSA Meeting**  
**Thursday 28th September 8:45 -9:15**

Thanks for being part of the Fitzjohn's community!

Join us on  [Fitzjohn's Families](#)