

What is FOWR?

FOWR stands for “Friends of Western Road”. FOWR is a registered charity which is run jointly by parents, carers and staff at the school.

What does FOWR do?

Our main aim is to raise funds for the school. Our fundraising provides an additional source of funds to pay for resources that the school’s budget would not be able to cover and over the years, we’ve raised thousands of pounds to enhance the children’s education and time at school.

Our key fundraising events are the **Summer Fair in June** and the **Artists & Makers Fair and Christmas Fair, both in December**. We also organise other fundraising events from time to time - discos, secondhand sales, cake sales etc.

By working closely with the school, **we make sure that the funds raised are spent where they are most needed** and to support the school’s aims. In recent years, we have funded:

- The playground equipment, viking ship and table-tennis tables
- Materials for Art Week
- Updates to the library, including soft furnishings and books
- Subsidies for school trips
- PE equipment, including kits for football and netball
- Workshops and teaching equipment to support curriculum topics

Who runs FOWR?

FOWR is run by a committee of parents and staff:

Chair: Laura Keer (James, Year 4)

Treasurer: Ali Harris (Sam, Year 3)

Secretaries: Sarah Hamblin (Orson, Year 2) and Charlie Hasan (Olivia, Year 2)

Committee Members: Jacindy Cartland (Elieh, Year 3), Anna Leatherdale (Finn, Year 4, Oscar, Year 1), Matthew Montebello, Cris Winter

We do all the admin (keep accounts, minutes of meeting etc and make sure that we comply with our legal responsibilities) as well as organising and overseeing events. We meet regularly to discuss upcoming events and to decide how to spend the funds we raise.

How can I get involved?

We’d love you to get involved! All parents, carers and staff are automatically members of FOWR and can get involved in our activities. We always need lots of volunteers to help at events to help set up, run stalls, make things, bake things and clear away afterwards. If you think you may be interested in joining the committee to help run FOWR, then please get in touch. It can be hard work, but very rewarding!

How can I contact FOWR?

The best way to contact us is to **stop one of us in the playground for a chat**. You can also email us at fowr.school@gmail.com or leave a message at the school office.