



Friends of St. Helen's Catholic Primary School

FOSH Meeting

Friday 4th July 2025

Time: 9 am - 11 am

Present

Eilis Clark – Abdullah (Chair), Dominic Clark – Abdullah (Treasurer), Renata Gawlik (Secretary), Ruby Smyth (Communications Officer), Natasha Brodigan, Blanca Gjeci, Irene Solis–Martin, Alison Greenwood–Kyndt, Jo Barnettson, Liz Keeble

Absent

Ailis Farrell (Vice–Chair),

Welcome

Eilis Clark–Abdullah welcomed everyone and explained that this meeting is dedicated strictly to Summer Fayre.

Summary of Summer Disco

FOSH organised a Family Summer Disco on 20th June, successfully raising £822.85. As our first event of this kind, it offered an enjoyable evening where families could come together to share music, refreshments, and plenty of fun. Looking ahead, we plan to explore more affordable ticketing platforms—perhaps returning to School Gateway—to help reduce costs for future events.

11th July 2025 Summer Fayre

Games and Activities

Inflatables - On Friday, 11th July, every pupil will have the chance to enjoy a break from their class and bounce on inflatables. This is our way of saying a heartfelt thank you to all the

families who have supported us throughout the year. We are incredibly proud to be able to offer this activity free of charge for every child in the school.

To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time, pupils will take part in their year groups at the following times, as agreed with Miss Keeble:

- **Reception:** 10:00 – 10:30am
- **Year 1:** 10:30 – 11:00am
- **Year 2:** 11:00 – 11:30am
- **Year 3:** 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **Year 4:** 1:30 – 2:00 pm
- **Year 5:** 2:00 – 2:30 pm
- **Year 6:** 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Inflatables will stay at the Summer Fayre. We will sell wristbands for £4.

Pony Rides - we set up our price for £4 per ride.

Climbing Wall – a link with the contest form will be sent to parents with the newsletter on Monday. Price set up for £4.,

Face painting – we set up a price of £3.

Ice cream Van – only cash or card payments will be accepted.

Raffle Tickets – will be on sale Tuesday–Friday, £2 per strip. Each morning from 8.30 am, FOSH representatives will be set up outside the school office. Each afternoon from 2.50 pm, FOSH will be by the green entrance gate. Cash and card payments will be accepted. We will also sell Summer Party Pounds (pre-paid cards) at this time, plus wristbands for the inflatables. Raffle sales close on Friday at 4.45 pm. Purchasers must write their own name and phone number on each raffle ticket. Tickets will be drawn on the Fayre for each pre-selected prize. Winners will have one week to claim their prize (by Friday, 18th July), otherwise a new winner will be chosen from existing tickets.

S'mores – price £1. We need to buy some marshmallows and sticks.

Hanging Challenge – price £1 with £10 as a prize.

Sweet Tombola – price 50p.

Bottle Tombola – price £1.

Hook the Duck – price 50 p. There will be three different colours under the duck. Each colour will have a different prize to win.

Splash the Teacher – price £1 for 3 chances. We need more teachers to step out. We will provide: a shower cap, goggles.

Marbles in the Jar – price 50 p. Prize: water gun or paddling pool.

Name the Teddy – price 50 p. The Winner is taking Teddy.

Balloon popping game – price 50 p. Prizes – 3 different colours of confetti or glitter will be in each balloon. Each colour will have a different prize. The three main prizes are 3 x £5.

50 p for £50 – price 50 p – guess the last 4 digits of a £50 note.

2nd Hand Book Shop – all books just for 50p.

Pocket Money Stall with a variety of toys, necklaces, bracelets, and stickers.

A tuck shop with a variety of sweets.

Choir – KS1 choir will sing for us at 3.30 pm and KS2 choir will do their performance at 4.30 pm.

Signer – special guest to entertain all families.

Stalls from outside – AVON, Mandy Moo Crafts.

We also went through the layout of all activities – a plan will be created and printed by Renia to help with set up.

Renia will create a shopping list of missing supplies with Eilis and all signs for each activity and game.

Ruby will send a Newsletter with all the information needed to be passed on to parents.

Eilis will purchase items for the big BBQ hamper.

Refreshments

We will offer Hot food, which will be in the school hall. There will be pizza and fries. FOSH is thinking about buying a gift for our Kitchen Staff as a thank you for their ongoing support.

We will also have cake and sweets available to buy in the hall, and soft drinks in the Y1 area, as well as alcoholic drinks will be sold next to the summer house.

Shopping list to be created by Eilis and Renia.

Volunteers

As in events like this, we need plenty of hands on board, so we reach out for some support from school teachers. Liz was happy to help us with that. Renia has a clear list of volunteers. Will message

Monopoly

Liz asked for our thoughts on featuring on the Monopoly game board. After discussing the costs involved, we decided not to pursue this opportunity, as it requires a long-term commitment and is quite expensive. Our main priority remains enhancing the school experience through exciting programmes and opportunities that extend beyond the regular school budget.

Any Other Business

During the meeting, FOSH agreed to purchase three additional Sum-up machines to enhance payment options at future events. To improve coordination among volunteers, we will also invest in walkie-talkies with headsets. Recognising the importance of safety, it was decided to secure upgraded First Aid supplies specifically for FOSH events, along with extra ice packs to be readily available when needed. These measures will help ensure that our events run smoothly, safely, and efficiently for everyone involved.

Next meeting:

FOSH members scheduled their next meeting for Friday, 5 September 2025, at 9 am, and the AGM for 25 September 2025, at 6 pm.

We look forward to these upcoming gatherings and hope for enthusiastic participation from our community. Please mark your calendars for both meetings, as your input and support are vital to the continued success of our events and initiatives. Further details and reminders will be shared closer to the dates. Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to making these occasions memorable for everyone involved.