

Hello and warm welcome to the first FoTIS newsletter of 2023-24. In September 2023, FoTIS had its first meeting, and those in attendance voted in the new FoTIS committee. Firstly, and most importantly, HUGE thanks to ALL the committee members of 2022-23 and everyone who worked tirelessly and supported FoTIS this past year. FoTIS 2022-23 had a fantastic year and exceeded their target of £10K by raising **£12,103.25!** through FoTIS events. None of this would be possible without every single one of you who donated/planned/assisted in FoTIS activities in one way or another.

Who is the new FoTIS Core Committee?



Kim Hayward – Co-Chair

This is my 2nd year as the FoTIS Chair. I have three boys who have all been to TIS and my youngest is in Year 2.



Becky Louise – Co-Chair

I've been involved in FoTIS for a couple of years, this being my first year as Co-Chair. I have 2 children in the junior school, and my youngest is in Year 1. Grab me on the playground if you have any questions!



Laura Gunter - Vice - Chair

I have been supporting TIS for over 19 years and have been Vice Chairman since 2021. I am excited to continue this journey with you all, now that my youngest has completed YR2.



Rebecca Adamson-Henley- Treasurer

This my first year as a FoTIS member and treasurer. My little boy has just started in Reception. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting involved in some great events.



Amna Khalid - Secretary

I joined the TIS family when my Y1 and Y3 girls started nursery. I've volunteered with FoTIS over the years. This year, I am excited to be FoTIS's Secretary and to meet you all.

What does FoTIS do?

Every year, FoTIS sets fundraising targets to support the school. Funds raised contribute to various activities such as filming Christmas plays, coach trips, Y2 leaver days, school trips and IT equipment for all year groups.



Over the summer holidays, TIS undertook refurbishment of the Reception and Nursery play area. The Reception area now has a new climbing frame, while the Nursery children have a brand-new outdoor learning space. These are fantastic spaces for learning and play, and it is an understatement to say that the children are thoroughly enjoying them.

What you may not know is that all of this was made possible by FoTIS fundraising.

The PTA isn't just about fun events for kids; the money you donate truly makes a difference to the environment and learning resources available for our children. We can only continue to provide such facilities with your help. Everyone is welcome to get involved for as much or as little as they like.

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, then please email contactfotis@gmail.com or join the

Facebook Page of FoTIS

[Friends of Turnfurlong Infant School](#)

We can't do this without you

This year, we would like to focus our fundraising efforts on the school's improvement plan. The school is working with OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) to improve the quality of lunchtime experiences with children. If we are able to reach our £10,000 target, this will allow us to buy resources for high-quality playtime for children.

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[FoTIS Volunteers WhatsApp Group](#)



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[FoTIS Facebook Page](#)



Upcoming Events



Bake Sale

As baking fever starts to sweep the nation, we will be hosting a bake sale on **Friday 17th November**.

Fancy donating?

If you have a passion for baking fantastic cakes, pies, or bread and would like to make a donation, you can bring it to the drop off area between 8:30 and 08:45 am or to the Breakfast Club on Friday, November 17th.

For any bakes that are not shop-bought, please can we ask that all ingredients be emailed to us in advance of the event so that any potential allergens are highlighted. contactfotis@gmail.com

NO NUTS PLEASE



24th November
15th December
26th January
23rd February
22nd March
26th April
17th May
28th June
19th July



On the last Friday of the month, we will be hosting a tuck shop in the school playground. There will be a variety of foods to pick from, and we will try and ensure that we have something for all individual needs with something new to try each time.



Having a pre-Christmas clear out? Just a reminder that we are holding a Bag 2 School collection on **Monday 20th November**. The collection bags will be placed in pupil book bags. There is a list of what they collect on the label but it's mainly old clothing (no uniform) and paired shoes.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



Did you know that you can support the school by signing up for the Vale Lottery?

It costs £1 a week to be in with a chance of winning £25k and raises money for both the school and local good causes

<https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-turnfurlong-infant-school>



Christmas JUMPER DAY



Friday 8th December

All donation will go to "Save the Children"

With a suggested donation of £1



Winter sparkle

Teachers and children to wear something sparkly!!
 1ST December will host a winter sparkle day.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

A suggestion donation of £1 for non-uniform day.

There will be a FoTIS Winter Bazaar on

01-Dec-2023 from 2.45-5.30 p.m.

More details about event details are to follow.

As parents leave we need new volunteers to keep the committee going

There is no easy way of saying this, but without you, all of this will not be possible. We have unfortunately had to cancel some of our planned events because we haven't had enough volunteers in the lead-up or on the day.

Volunteering at all events can be organised in shifts and not necessarily for the duration of the whole event.

A little really does go a long way, and no experience is necessary.

Please reach out to any of us at FoTIS via WhatsApp/Facebook Page or even in person in school.

Can you help with any of the following?

- **Tuck Shops**
- **Parents Involvement Morning – Teas and Coffees**
- **Donations Collection** - We need a couple of volunteers to hold buckets at the gates
 - Bake Sale
- **Winter Sparkle Day – setup/coordination of Winter Bazaar activities.**

Here is a clip of some of the things you can help be a part of should you wish to join FoTIS.

We'd particularly like to hear from any parents who have children currently in Reception and new parents joining the school in September, as it's important that each year group is representative on the committee.

Click here.

[Your PTA needs you \(extended edition\) – YouTube](#)

Save the date

FoTIS Save the dates

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| Friday 17th November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake Sale – Bring in cake donations to drop off or breakfast club on the day. NO NUTS PLEASE |
| Monday 20th November | Bag2School |
| Friday 24th November | Tuck Shop – In the playground after school. |
| Friday 1st December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Sparkle Day – A Non-Uniform Day – Suggested £1 Donation – Teachers and children to wear something sparkly! • Winter Bazaar – in the afternoon – from 2:45pm-5:30 pm. |
| Friday 8th December | Christmas Jumper Day – suggested £1 Donation – all proceedings go to “Save the Children Charity.” |
| Friday 15th December | Tuck Shop – In the playground after school. |

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