



Friends of Eardisley School

End of Year Letter 2025–26

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Well... what a year!

As we come to the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to every single person who has supported FOES since September last year. Whether you've bought raffle tickets, donated prizes, volunteered at an event, helped in the Community Shop, baked cakes, sold lollies, turned up to meetings or simply cheered us on from the sidelines — every little bit has helped make this an incredible year for our school.

When you look back at everything we've achieved together, it's pretty amazing.

Some of this year's highlights...

Our School Crossing Patrol has been secured for another year!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community — particularly Bizzie Lizzie's Nursery, Eardisley Parish Council and a £2,500 grant from the E.F. Bulmer Trust — we are delighted the lollipop funding can continue for another year.

Gift Aid Success!

After what felt like endless forms and paperwork, we were thrilled to receive £2,500 in Gift Aid. Every minute spent battling the paperwork suddenly felt worthwhile!

Community Shop Week

Our week running the Community Shop was a huge success, raising an incredible £1,761. Combined with our Halloween Disco and second-hand uniform sale, October became one of our biggest fundraising months.

Christmas Photos

A massive thank you to our wonderful Treasurer, Lucy, who organised our Christmas photo sessions, raising over £1,000 for the school.

Summer Fête

Wow! Everyone pulled together brilliantly — what I thought might be the most stressful event of the year turned into one of the most enjoyable! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, baked, ran stalls and mucked in. Together we raised just shy of £1,000 on the day.

Summer Raffle

Another incredible success, raising £1,064! Huge thanks to every local business that donated prizes, and to every family who sold raffle tickets — you absolutely knocked it out of the park!

Where your fundraising money has gone

Every pound raised goes straight back into making school life better for our children.

This year we've helped fund:

- Halloween Party
- School Crossing Patrol
- Santa's gifts
- Roaming Reptiles visit
- Contribution towards Oak Class Residential
- Contributions towards swimming lessons
- Contributions towards school trips (the above three totalled £2,000)
- More than £2,300 worth of new books for KS2
- "Everyone's Welcome Here" books for every class
- Contributions towards Leavers' Hoodies
- Easter Eggs
- Ice pops for everyone at the Summer Fête

And we're not stopping there...

We've already booked a travelling theatre company for a Christmas pantomime, and we've started looking at exciting new playground equipment for the school field.

None of this happens by accident...

FOES is only successful because of the amazing people behind it. I'd like to personally say a few thank yous...

Lucy Jenkins — thank you for being the most incredible Treasurer. Your enthusiasm, organisation and "we'll make it happen" attitude have been invaluable. We genuinely couldn't have achieved everything we have without you. Thank you so much ❤️

Shelly Edwards — thank you for allowing yourself to be gently (or perhaps not so gently!) persuaded into becoming Secretary. You've absolutely smashed it. Your ideas, support and input have been brilliant and you've saved the day on more than one occasion. Thank you! 🥳

To **Chloe, Annie, Hannah, Emma, Elly, India, Leanne, Vanessa, Liv, Kelly, Charlotte, Rachel, Hayley and Emma** — thank you for giving up your time so willingly, bringing fantastic ideas and being there to help. FOES simply wouldn't exist without volunteers like you.

And finally, thank you to every parent, grandparent, carer, member of staff and member of our wider community who has supported us this year. Whether you've done a shift in the Community Shop, donated prizes, attended events or simply encouraged us along the way — we are incredibly grateful. Together we've achieved far more than I ever imagined.

All of FOES wish the Year 6 leavers all the very best of luck at senior school!

I've genuinely loved my year as Chair and can't wait to see what we achieve together next year. Have a fantastic summer — make lots of wonderful memories, and we'll see you in September.

Best wishes,

Kelly Munford

Chair, Friends of Eardisley School