



Alverstone Church of England Junior School

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Friends of Alverstone Junior School Fundraising FAQ

Why fundraise when the school has a budget?

The school budget covers the 'essentials' for learning – staffing, resources, buildings maintenance etc. The greatest proportion (over 80%) is spent on staffing. By fundraising through the Friends of Alverstone Junior, the school is able to offer resources and experiences beyond those covered by the allocated (and increasingly limited) budget.

How does the money raised get spent?

Money can be spent in two ways:

1. Staff and pupil 'wish lists' - these are items which complement the curriculum and are usually direct classroom resources e.g. the Crumble Boards for computing or wet play toys and activities.
2. Whole school project - the PA system or the pool.

Who decides on the whole school projects?

A big fundraising project goes through a consultation with the school governing body, leadership team, staff and pupils. It is then discussed with parents that attend the Friends of Alverstone Junior School meetings, where an action plan is put in place and fundraising begins.

Where are we with the School Pool Project?

Our target is £40,000 and we have so far raised over £35,000 in funds and pledged funds:

Friends of AJS fundraising	£12,000
School's own budget	£10,000
Tesco Bags of Help	£10,000
Thorngate Trust	£2,500
Local Councillor's pledge	£1,500
HMS Sultan	£750
Text to donate	£130
Breeze FM	£300
Christmas Cards	£400

When will this project end?

We hope that work on the pool renovation will begin early in 2017.

Can I come and have a say on fundraising and future projects?

Yes, absolutely. Attending a Friends of Alverstone Junior meeting does not mean that you have to volunteer for any event. We welcome all ideas and suggestions. We also understand that you may only be able to attend once in a while or on certain days.

When is the next project being discussed?

In January 2017 further details will follow.

I can't come to meetings but still want to help?

We have many events that require little to no planning but do need chaperones like our discos and movie nights. These usually only require being there to hand out drinks and snacks. Upcoming events are always listed on the FOAJ newsletter and we ask for help with these via school newsletters, PTA social, and social media.

We would like to thank all those parents that have given us leads on grants and trusts that we can approach for fundraising as you can see some of these have been very successful in making our target achievable.

We will try to alternate our meetings between mornings and evenings and, where possible, meet on different days of the week. Please contact us direct for any further information on events, projects, meetings or just to pass on information.

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Many Thanks

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