



## **Welcome**

Good afternoon everyone! Thank you for joining us at this year's AGM.

Chair - Jennie

Treasurer - Victoria

## **Apologies for Absence**

Before we begin, let's acknowledge any members who couldn't be here today. We've received apologies from Sian from the PTA.

## **Matters Arising & Previous minutes**

As this is the first AGM for the Friends of Abbey Farm ET we currently have no outstanding matters or previous minutes to review.

## **Chair's Report**

Let's start at the very humble beginning we had. Our PTA started with less than 100 children spread across three classes in our beloved school. From those modest beginnings, we've grown into a vibrant community that supports our students, teachers, and parents alike.

## **Highlights and Accomplishments**

### **1. Spooktacular Halloween Disco**

An adventure into the unknown! Picture this: lights precariously perched on boxes, spotify threw a tantrum and a dance floor buzzing with excitement, and a team of enthusiastic yet apprehensive organizers navigating uncharted disco waters. Despite our lack of disco-hosting experience, the magic happened. Smiles lit up the room, and now the burning question keeps being asked: "Will it return?"

### **2. Bag2School Collection: Beyond Expectations**

Our bag2school collection left us speechless. The mountain of bags filled with clothes and textiles was beyond anything we'd imagined. Your generosity truly knows no bounds!

### **3. Glow Disco: Dancing Under Neon Lights**

Our first-ever glow disco was an absolute blast. Neon face paint, glow sticks, and dance moves that defied gravity—it was a night of pure joy. Let's keep the neon vibes alive!

### **4. Mosaic Workshop: Creativity Unleashed**

Our adult mosaic workshop was a delightful evening of laughter, creativity, and camaraderie. Who knew smashing tiles could be so therapeutic? A huge shout-out to our talented mosaic-makers!



## **5. End-of-Term Treats: Glamorose and SugarShack**

From cakes to ice cream, our end-of-term treats brought smiles to both kids and adults.

## **6. Epic Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas fair was a monumental undertaking. From the decorations and sourcing 5+ christmas trees for free, the stalls organisation, a grotto for Santa and the sheer excitement/overwhelming feel we all experienced, was worth all the effort and late nights. The support and donations from our school community and our neighbors was heartwarming and as always, hugely appreciated.

## **7. Challenges Faced**

While we've celebrated many victories, we've also encountered challenges. Our family quiz night and the big summer event (including the color run) had to be canceled due to limited manpower. But hey, we're resilient, and we'll learn from this. Next year, we'll rally more troops!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed—whether through time, effort, or fundraising initiatives. Easy fundraising, Tesco tokens, and the recent Asda cashpot—all played a vital role. From our half-filled school and our dedicated PTA team, we've achieved greatness.

## **Upcoming Events**

- As we look ahead, our spotlight is firmly on the upcoming Halloween disco. Brace yourselves—the details and ticket information will be unleashed very soon! We've enlisted some external help to help us conjure up an event even more magical than last year's! We would love to host this without parental chaperones however currently due to our PTA size, it is not possible as everyone's safety is our top priority.
- Our second Bags2School collection is just around the corner—in November. So, here's your friendly reminder: as you declutter those wardrobes, keep an eye out for anything that could join our collection. Every item counts!
- Our first PTA meeting date of the new term will be announced after our AGM.
- And finally, Next month, we'll reveal the magical total raised from our stronger starts Tesco tokens. Fingers crossed, we will also be putting on our Santa hats, sprinkle some tinsel, and spread that heartwarming PTA Christmas cheer. Let's end 2024 on a high note!



## Treasurer's Report

As my first year as treasurer comes to a close, I want to express how much of a pleasure it has been to be involved with the PTA, meet so many wonderful people, and contribute to our school community. It's been a rewarding experience, and I'm grateful for the opportunity.

This year, we've been incredibly fortunate to receive generous donations, which have helped keep our costs relatively low. We received donations for raffle prizes, tombola items, wine, Christmas and disco decorations, and even equipment for the disco. However, it's important to note that this level of donation support may not be sustainable in the long term. Looking ahead, we'll need to plan and allocate budgets for each event more carefully to ensure their success.

Now, let's dive into the numbers.

Below is the Profit and Loss statement, showing a breakdown by each event we've held this year.

**Profit and Loss**  
**Friends of Abbey Farm**  
**For the year ended 31st August 2024**

Account	Donations	Bags 2 School	100 Square Raffle	Halloween Disco (Oct 23)	Christmas Cards (2023)	Christmas Fayre	Glow Disco (Feb 24)	Craft Night (Feb 24)	Summer Events (May-Jul)	Total
<b>Turnover</b>										
Income from PTA Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	304.00	587.50	1,491.75	411.34	300.00	251.30	3,345.89
Donations	493.28	278.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	896.28
Raffles & Lotteries	0.00	0.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.00
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>493.28</b>	<b>278.00</b>	<b>475.00</b>	<b>304.00</b>	<b>587.50</b>	<b>1,551.75</b>	<b>476.34</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>251.30</b>	<b>4,717.17</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>										
Raffle/Lottery - Winnings	0.00	0.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	285.00
Event Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	492.06	0.00	60.80	210.00	0.00	762.86
Licence Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.00	40.00	61.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>225.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>492.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>60.80</b>	<b>231.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,108.86</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>493.28</b>	<b>278.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>304.00</b>	<b>95.44</b>	<b>1,551.75</b>	<b>415.54</b>	<b>69.00</b>	<b>151.30</b>	<b>3,608.31</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>493.28</b>	<b>278.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>304.00</b>	<b>95.44</b>	<b>1,551.75</b>	<b>415.54</b>	<b>69.00</b>	<b>151.30</b>	<b>3,608.31</b>

- **Donations:** These came from sources such as Easy Fundraiser, as well as raffle winnings that were generously donated back.
- **Christmas Fayre:** This was our standout event of the year. I remember leaving with the cash tin and card reader, while the WhatsApp group buzzed with excitement, eagerly awaiting the final count. The event raised an impressive £1,552.



- **Halloween and Glow Disco:** Both were fantastic fundraisers, with minimal costs. We spent a small amount on a tuck shop, which also provided supplies for our summer events.
- **Summer Events:** These were smaller fundraisers, including a Euro sweepstake, a sunflower competition, and a cake sale—all fuelled by donations. Despite their modest size, they still brought in £150 for just two 30-minute after-school events.

It's been a successful year, and I'm optimistic about what's ahead. With careful planning and continued support, we can keep building on this momentum

Looking ahead to our expected income over the next couple of months:

- **Halloween Disco:** This time, we've invested in entertainment, but we still anticipate making around £300 in profit.
- **Stronger Starts:** We're excited about this upcoming opportunity, with prizes of £1,500 for 1st place, £1,000 for 2nd place, and £500 for 3rd place (Tesco stores).
- **Easy Fundraising:** We expect an additional £100 donation in November from Easy Fundraising. It's a simple way to support us by clicking the link when shopping online.
- **Asda Cash Pot:** Currently, we have £120 in the fund, with 2.5 months left to accumulate more.
- **Bags2School Collection:** Lets hope we can beat our last collection of £278

These contributions could be over £2000 and will provide a solid foundation for our upcoming activities!

This past year, we began the process of registering as a charity but had to pause due to the requirement of having a minimum of three trustees. There are numerous benefits to becoming a registered charity, with one of the most significant being access to additional grants and funding opportunities. Once the new committee is elected, it would be beneficial to resume the registration process.

### **Committee Elections**

It's time to elect our new committee members. If you're interested in joining the committee, please let us know. We welcome fresh ideas and enthusiasm!

### **Closing Remarks**

Thank you all for your commitment to our school community. Let's continue working together to make a positive impact on our children's education.