



Friends of Thorndon School (FOTS)

Charity Number: 1084826

Who are we?

As a parent, carer or relative of a child at Thorndon CE Primary School
YOU are automatically a member of FOTS!

We all have a role to play in supporting our school and together we can create an active, inclusive community in which our children can learn and thrive.

FOTS is a registered Charity (1084826) with a committee of parent volunteers. Three roles must be elected every year (Chair, Treasurer & Secretary) but everyone is invited to committee meetings to help decide on how to fundraise and how to spend funds!

Current (2024/2025) committee

Chairperson

Tanya Hutson
(Thomas Year 6 -
Willow)



Treasurer

Laura Chapman
(Fenn Year 4 - Oak)



Secretary

Suzie Edwards
(Alice Year 3 - Oak)



What do we do?



Event Organisation – We strive to celebrate and strengthen Thorndon’s vibrant community by hosting fun, engaging events that create lasting memories for the children and bring everyone together. These include Christmas and Summer Fayres, discos, and after-school treats.



Fundraising for school initiatives – We organise events and collect donations to support school trips, leavers’ hoodies, and improvement projects. Most recently, FOTS contributed £10,000 towards the development of the new school playground..




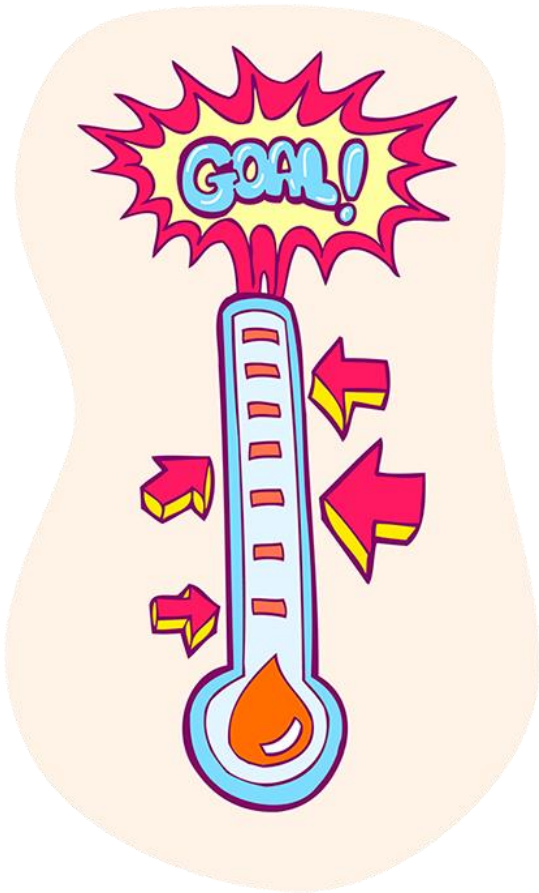
Community Events Beyond School – We also organise activities outside of the school to involve the wider community, encouraging engagement, support, and collaboration. Examples include a wreath-making workshop and an upcoming Chocolate Bingo night.

How can you get involved in the Friends of Thorndon School?

Time commitment	
Committee Member (Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary)	Max 4 days per month
Attendance at our committee meetings	One meeting per half term (only 6 meetings a year) – Meetings are straight after school for 1 hour and childcare is provided
Be part of the ‘Helping Hands FOTS’ WhatsApp group	Flexible – as much or as little as you want!
Help out at events e.g. Fayres, Discos, Mothers Day/Fathers Day shop, Weekly sweets treats.	Flexible – as much or as little as you want!
Stay informed: Be part of the Friends of Thorndon School Private Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/1068025933222175/	Flexible – as much or as little as you want!

How can you raise funds?

- You can generate donations from your favourite retailers through  **easyfundraising** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofthorndonschool/> this generates commission for FOTS whilst you do your everyday shopping online at no extra cost to you!
- Does your business or employer offer sponsorship? Or would they match fund an event?
- Prize donations are always welcome for raffles. We also collect Pre-loved toys and books before our Christmas and Summer Fayres.



Next Steps - get involved

Come along	Join	Join
<p>Our next Committee meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September straight after school at 15:30 - 16:30 and childcare is provided.</p>	<p>Helping hands WhatsApp group</p>  <p>The image shows a QR code for a WhatsApp group. Above the QR code is a logo of two hands holding a heart, with the text "Helping hands FOTS" and "WhatsApp group" below it.</p>	<p>Friends of Thorndon School Facebook group</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1068025933222175/</p>  <p>The image shows a QR code for a Facebook group.</p>