



Chair's Report – Friends and Family of Highfields (FFH)

2025–2026 Academic Year

It's been another busy and successful year for FFH, with a fantastic programme of fundraising, events and activities bringing our school community together.

Once again, the support from our families, staff, volunteers and local businesses has enabled us not only to raise valuable funds, but also to continue supporting experiences and enrichment opportunities for children across Highfields.

Who We Are and What We Do

Friends and Family of Highfields (FFH) exists to support our school by raising funds, building community and enhancing the school experience for every child. Throughout the year, we organise a mixture of regular fundraising activities, larger community events and smaller initiatives, working closely with the school to ensure the money raised is used where it can make a meaningful difference.

This Year's Highlights

It has been another packed year for FFH. Our regular Bacon Roll Fridays, held on the first and last Friday of each half term, have continued to be a popular part of the school calendar, bringing families together at the start of the school day while raising funds for FFH.

Throughout the year we have also organised film nights, non-uniform days and other fundraising activities, giving children and families lots of different ways to get involved.

Our larger events have once again been a huge part of the year. HighFest 2026 was a brilliant day for the school community and raised an incredible £5,100. With live music, entertainment, inflatables, activities, food and drink, a World Cup-themed football tournament and camping, it was a real community event and a fantastic way to finish the school year.

The success of events such as HighFest is only possible because of the enormous amount of work that happens behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteered, helped with preparations, donated prizes or supported us on the day.

Supporting Highfields

One of the most important parts of FFH is ensuring that the money raised directly benefits the children at Highfields.

During the 2025–26 academic year, FFH has continued to provide financial support towards a range of activities and enrichment opportunities across the school. This has included a £1,000 donation each term to support activities and initiatives within school, as well as additional funding for specific enrichment experiences, including support for the school's Spanish-themed day.

These contributions allow the school to provide additional experiences and opportunities that might otherwise not be possible and ensure that the money raised by our school community is returned directly to the children.



Fundraising

The accounts record £53,102.27 in total income for the year. After the direct costs of running fundraising events and activities, these sources generated £42,633.48 before donations to the school and general FFH running costs.

Source	Amount
Donations received	£30,2
HighFest	£5,1
Easyfundraising	£2,0
HighFire	£1,2
Bacon rolls and hot chocolate	£1,0
Film nights	£8
Non-uniform days	£9
Other events and activities	£1,6
Interest received	£
Total funds generated	£42,6

Figures show the net contribution after direct costs where costs were recorded. 'Other events and activities' includes Christmas events and wreath making, Freeze Pop Fridays, Sports Day, the summer prize draw and the uniform shop.

Every bacon roll bought, event ticket purchased, tombola prize donated, non-uniform day supported and volunteer hour given contributes towards what we are able to provide for the school.

The FFH Team

FFH continues to be run by a relatively small group of volunteers, supported by many other parents, families and members of the school community throughout the year.

Organising our programme of events involves a huge amount of work behind the scenes – from planning and administration to sourcing suppliers and prizes, arranging sponsorship, setting up events and clearing everything away afterwards.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has given their time this year. Whether someone has helped regularly or simply volunteered for an hour at one event, every contribution has made a difference.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the 2026–27 academic year, our aim remains the same: to raise funds that make a genuine difference to the children while also creating events and activities that strengthen the Highfields community.

We will continue to work closely with the school to identify where FFH funding can have the greatest impact, while being mindful of affordability for families.

Looking further ahead, Joanne, Olivia and Laura plan to step down from FFH at the end of the 2026–27 school year. The school is therefore actively seeking more people who would be interested in getting involved over the coming year and helping to shape what comes next.



There is absolutely no expectation that a future team needs to continue everything in exactly the same way. We would really like the next group of parents and supporters to make FFH their own – whether that means continuing some of the events that have become Highfields traditions, adapting them, or introducing completely new ideas and events.

Getting involved during the coming year will also give new volunteers the opportunity to work alongside the existing team before the transition. FFH has always been about bringing people together to support the children and the school, and we hope a new group will be able to take that forward in their own way.

Thank You

Finally, a huge thank you to every family, member of staff, volunteer, local business and supporter who has contributed to FFH this year.

Whether you have attended an event, bought a bacon roll, donated a prize, sponsored an activity, volunteered your time or simply supported one of our fundraisers, you have helped us continue to make a difference at Highfields.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Warm regards,

Joanne Legdon, Olivia South & Laura Fletcher

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