

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful October half term. Time really does fly when things are busy—we haven't managed to get a FOBPS newsletter out until now, but we're excited to share all the latest updates with you!

First, a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community. We hope you're settling in well and looking forward to the exciting weeks ahead as we count down to Christmas (yes, we said the C word—expect plenty of festive cheer in this edition!).

For those who may not know, the Friends of Bridport Primary School (FOBPS) is our school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We're a group of parents and teachers working together to make your child's school experience as enriched and rewarding as possible. Our aim is to build a strong community that organises events and raises funds for valuable activities and resources—things that the school budget cannot cover and that aren't funded elsewhere.

We're always looking for new Friends to join us; if you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Coming up this term

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM TOMBOLA DAY: FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER



To make the BPS Christmas event the biggest and most festive one yet, we are asking for **donations of tombola prizes!** Children are invited to **come to school in non-uniform on Fri 28th Nov** in exchange for a donation of a tombola prize; simply wear your own clothes and bring your items with you into school.

To keep a varied selection of donations, we would like to request Reception – Year 3 children please bring items for the children's tombola, e.g. toys, sweets, games etc; and children from Year 4-6 please bring items for the adult tombola e.g. bottles, gift sets etc. Whatever you can donate will be gratefully received.

BPS CHRISTMAS MARKET: Friday 5th December 2025, 6pm – 8pm

Our biggest event of the year promises to be fun for all the family, with a special performance from the School Choir at 6:15pm, visits to see Father Christmas, a BBQ / Bar, private traders selling cocktails, gifts, jewellery and cosmetic products, with the added excitement of Crafts, Lucky Dip, Christmas Games, Face Painting, Tombola, Cakes and much more! Everyone is welcome!

We need around **30 volunteers** for the Christmas event as it is our biggest of the school calendar; if you can help with the Christmas market, please contact the Friends email bridportpsfriends@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Just an hour of your time would be an enormous help, Thank you.



BPS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have 20 awesome raffle prizes and counting; full list of prizes and tickets can be purchased online from Friday 14th Nov: <https://fobps.charityhive.co.uk/>. Paper tickets will be sold at the Market on 5th Dec from 6pm until the draw is made shortly after 7:40pm.

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Step into the Magic of Christmas! Visit Father Christmas at the BPS Christmas Market.

Every child will enjoy around **15 minutes of enchanting fun inside Father Christmas' Grotto**, where they will receive a short story, a chat, and a special **age-appropriate gift** from Father Christmas himself.

But the magic doesn't end there! As you leave the Grotto, discover a **wintery surprise** waiting in the Reception playground — a perfect way to keep the festive spirit alive!

Visits can be booked online in advance: <https://fobps.charityhive.co.uk/>, with some slots available on arrival at the market.

NEW TO YOU UNIFORM SALE: CHRISTMAS EDITION



Join us at the **FOBPS Shed** (next to the main school car park) on **Tuesday, 4th December from 3:00 PM** for a festive greeting! We will have:

- ✦ A great selection of preloved uniform: £1 - £2 per item
- 🎵 Christmas tunes to get you in the spirit
- 🍫 A tin of Christmas chocolates to share
- ❄️ A sneak peek of our brand-new winter surprise for the Christmas Market!

Don't miss out—come along, grab a bargain, and enjoy the festive cheer!



FOBPS funding this term

- Funding for Years 3-6 transport to BLC for swimming lessons this year
- SAT's Revision Books for Year 6 
- Spot trays and Aprons for EYFS, along with sand for their new sand pit
- Full funding for Egyptian Day Activities for Years 3-5
- Christmas Tree lights and baubles for front of school
- Play tent and an easel for EYFS 
- Supplies for the school choir
- Christmas Crackers for every child in the school on Christmas lunch day
- Purchase of the BPS Christmas Tree for the United Church Christmas Tree Festival
- Helping Father Christmas give a gift to each child in Reception – Year 3 and a sweet treat to Years 4-6 in the last week of term.



FOBPS update



The Cake Stall Cup:

At our AGM in September, we reluctantly agreed to **pause the Cake Stall Cup for this school year** since we felt that enthusiasm was waning. Last year we often didn't have enough parent volunteers to run the stalls, and the number of cakes donated sometimes meant that we sold out very early and children were left disappointed; we hope you all understand.

If anyone is keen to take on the role of cake stall coordinator then we will start again next year with gusto; last year we raised an amazing £790 from cake despite the difficulties so we would love to continue again! We would like to thank everyone who helped us and donated last year.

The school council will be holding cake sales for various events through the year, and we will continue to have cake stalls at our 3 big events (see Christmas above!), so we ask that you support these instead by donating, buying, and volunteering!



Halloween School Disco: Thurs 23rd October 2025 🎃

Shortly before the October half term, we held the first school disco of the year—and what a party it was! Across two sessions, **175 children** joined the fun, many dressed in amazing Halloween outfits. The hall was buzzing with singing, dancing, and laughter! Thanks to your incredible support, the event raised **£675** for FOBPS funds, which will go straight back into school activities and resources for the children. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a memorable event!

New to You Donations

Please consider **donating any good quality used uniform to the New to You stock**.

Simply bag it up and put it in our New to You bin next to the Green Textile Recycle Bank in the school carpark. **We accept grey/black skirts/trousers/shorts/dresses, summer dresses, green jumpers, cardigans, and PE hoodies.** *If the bin is full, please keep hold of the donations until the next sale since we do not have the capacity to sort more regularly than this.*

NO shoes, bags, coats, white polo shirts, underwear(!) or non-clothes items, thank you (these are rarely asked for and take a lot of room in our small storage area – please donate them to the Astra textile recycle bank).



FOPBS Communications

As you can see from our pleas for help with the Christmas Market, we do struggle with volunteers, despite having 250+ children at the school so if you think you can spare a little time to help your school's PTA every now and then, please email us at bridportpsfriends@gmail.com and we can add you to the WhatsApp group where we can put a shout out when we need help! Alternatively, we still have the communication links below:

✉ E-Mail: bridportpsfriends@gmail.com

Facebook: [@bridportpsfriends](https://www.facebook.com/bridportpsfriends)

Instagram: [bridportpsfriends](https://www.instagram.com/bridportpsfriends)

“Like” and “Follow” the FOBPS Social Media pages to hear about all the Friends' events and notices.

Easy ways to support FOBPS and the School.



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