



FOW Meeting AGM, 25th September 2025

Laura Elliott opened the meeting at 8:00pm

1. Chairperson's Report: Laura went through all the events that FOW organised during the last academic year
 - Reception Pizza Party: a lovely way for new parents and children to get to know each other and the school a little better. Our pizza party for this year will be held tomorrow after school, with more than 70 children attending.
 - Glow Disco: it was a great success and this time we had with DJ Charlotte who was a huge hit with the children! The event was held twice, once for infants and then juniors. Children took part in games, showed off their fantastic dance moves, had fun with their glow sticks and enjoyed a slice of pizza. We also had a chill out room for those children who needed a little quiet time.
 - Christmas Fair and Grotto: Again, the grotto was held on the same day as the fair and we were just blown away with the enthusiasm and support we received from both our Santa's and our team of elves. More than 330 children attended throughout the day, all of whom received a gift. The fair was extremely well attended and children were able to visit a range of stalls from games to crafts and the ever popular jolly jar stall! We are enormously grateful for all the staff and parent community who volunteered their time to support the event, not to mention everyone who bought raffle tickets and braved the busyness for a short time!
 - Throughout the year FOW have been keen to embrace pre-loved and second hand. Thanks to the incredible hard work of Suze Cawood (and her family of volunteers), FOW's online uniform shop was launched, allowing parents/carers to buy second hand uniform at any point throughout the year. We've had such wonderful feedback at how easy the system works and how appreciated it has been. Whilst the uniform shop does generate profit for FOW, the aim of setting it up was to make uniform more affordable and accessible to all. Not only is this great for the environment but it also eases the burden of cost. We also provide free uniform to families who need it via the school.

Alongside this we also held our annual Christmas Jumper Sale ahead of the Christmas fair day when children were able to wear their Christmas jumpers to school.

- We also changed the supplier of our donated clothes recycling scheme to Little Recycles, which helped generate additional income from this activity.

Clare Murray also shared:

- The Pop-up Shops for Mother's Day and Father's Day are a real highlight in the FOW calendar and it's such a joy to watch the children take their time carefully and lovingly choosing their gifts.
- For World Book Day FOW returned with the sale of Wonka bars but this time offered lucky winners prizes to enjoy at school including top table lunches, the chance to help Mr Taylor for a day and marshmallows and hot chocolate around the fire.
- Crazy Hair day saw the children embrace their creative side and we enjoyed seeing all of the fun hairstyles they chose!



- It was a busy summer term which saw the introduction of 3 new ventures - the colour run, summer picnic and ice pop Fridays! We really loved all these events and once again, we are enormously grateful to all of the volunteers who gave their time to make these events happen.

After a change of date due to wet weather, the colour run was held in very sunny conditions and it was so much fun to see the children run around the field over a number of obstacles before braving it through the water and colour stations. I'm not sure who had the most fun - the children or the volunteers and teachers, especially Miss Noel!

The summer picnic was such a lovely afternoon which saw our school community and families come together for picnics on the field, with live music from Mr Wright's band Coley and live musical and gymnastic performances from our children. There were bouncy castles, bracelet making and a treasure hunt, as well as food and sweet stalls. Thank you to all those who came!

Ice pop Fridays were a welcome opportunity to cool down a bit through the warm months of June and July and we are grateful for everyone's patience as we worked our way through the queues!

- Each year FOW also supports with Year 6 leavers activities. This year the decision was made that FOW will cover the cost of each child receiving a leavers hoodie/jumper so that all children have a memento of their time at Warrender.

Costs for materials, ingredients, gifts and so on have increased but our focus is to keep expenses down and to be mindful of what we are charging for events and activities.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the past year but none of it would be possible without the support of Mrs Brown, all the teachers who give their time to support in a variety of ways and a special mention must also go to the office team who have really gone above and beyond to help with admin and unexpected tasks, all on top of their usual jobs. It would also not be possible without the generosity of time and in giving financially to all of the activities and events that we run by our incredible parent and carer community. Thank you for your support, your encouragement, your ideas and your time! We have had the privilege of also having the support of a committee of FOW volunteers as well as our class reps and all your efforts help to get the word out, the tickets sold and the events run with ease, thank you!

2. Treasurer's Report:

Rob shared a waterfall chart which outlined the accounts for the year. The accounts are very healthy, we started the year with approx. £10,041 in the account and after fundraising for the year we were able to give approx. £12,000 back to the school for the final set of air conditioning units for the classrooms, a lunch table for nursery, carpets and trolleys for early years. The bank account finished the year with approx. £14,211. The full accounts will be shared with all parents.



Mrs Brown asked Rob where the CAF donations sit and the value. Rob confirmed that the value is sitting at £7000.

At this point Mrs Brown and Laura Elliott thanked Rob for his 4 years of service, volunteering as Treasurer of FOW. Mrs Brown also thanked FOW, expressing appreciation for the fundraising, especially in a tough financial climate and with shrinking budgets. The work of FOW has an amazing impact on Warrender children and the air con in the infant classrooms is especially appreciated.

3. Election of Committee: The current chair and vice-chair will remain in post. The secretary and the Treasurer are stepping down.
As there was only one nomination for each of the vacant roles, a vote was unnecessary.
The new committee members are as follows:
Co-Secretary: Melissa Climo
Co-Secretary: Preeti Brar
Treasurer: Amy Ashenhurst

They will join:
Chairperson: Laura Elliot
Vice – Chairperson: Clare Murray

4. AOB: Nil

Laura Elliott closed the meeting at 8:25pm
12 participants joined online.