



Friends Of Brailes School (FOBS)

Annual General Meeting

Online Friday 19th June 2026 7pm

FOBS Co-Chairs Report – Mary Cole & Selina Hosell

Hello everyone and thank you for joining us for this year's AGM. Wow, what a year we've had! Thank you to everyone in the school community who have supported us in our fundraising efforts – we couldn't do it without you! Whether you have baked, volunteered your time or offered tips and ideas for FOBS we, along with Susan our secretary, are very grateful. We have felt supported and encouraged and that means a lot. Thank you.

We're also incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of the wider community and local businesses who have generously donated and helped us throughout the year. And of course we would like to give a huge thank you to the amazing staff at Brailes School— teachers, TAs, support staff, and most of all Mrs Childs— FOBS really is a team effort. We are honored to have played our part in enriching the learning and play experience at Brailes School (which Selina will outline in her treasurer report.)

While fundraising is important, it's not the sole purpose of FOBS. Building connections, bringing families together, and creating those special memories within our school is also paramount. It's a community effort that we are really proud to be part of.

When we took on the Co-Chair role two years ago it was very difficult getting people involved with FOBS and we struggled to form a committee. However, the three of us have worked incredibly hard to get new people involved and spread the message that being

involved with PTA's can be fun and rewarding which we have definitely found to be true. We hope we have shown that you can put in as much or as little of your time as you can manage. It will still be invaluable for Brailes School children. We all juggle many challenging family and work commitments. But I think we've shown that it is manageable and with a few key fundraising events, the financial commitments we make to the school can be achieved without too much time taken out of our busy lives.

On that note, we are very excited that a new enthusiastic committee is ready and willing to take up the reins!...thank you!

So what have we been up to this year? Here is a recap of the wonderful FOBS events we have held:

- We started the new school year with the usual Free welcome tea, coffee, and biscuits after drop off—an informal and lovely way for parents to catch up after the summer break and a chance to welcome new parents.
- Next we repeated our Autumn Open Meeting and Social at Mary's Brew for Ewe at Glebe Farm PYO. Following on from last year's popular turnout we were confident it would be well attended and it was!! It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the pumpkin picking and also making good use of all the autumn themed colouring we had set up. It really was a lovely afternoon and as a result we were able to chat to new faces and welcome new volunteers.
- We had another busy run-up to Christmas with FOBS provided refreshments at the Squirrel's and Rabbit's play performances; school tea towels to coordinate and distribute in time for Christmas; festive Break The Rules Day; and finally we ended the term with the FOBS Festive Social at The George at Brailes, which gave everyone a lovely chance to unwind before the holidays and again the turnout was incredible.
- In February 2026, we once again had the "Wear What You Love Day" which went down well. At Easter we had another "Break The Rules Day" and a successful Easter Disco (a huge thank you to the "Disco Team" for organizing this: Claire, Emma and Alice plus helpers) Then before we knew it the 2026 "Brailes 3 Hills Walk" was upon us and everyone got baking!!

The event was a wonderful success, we give our huge thanks to Ben Venables and the 3 Hills Walk Committee for coordinating this event to raise funds for our school. And of course a massive thank you to those of you who gave up your bank holiday to help on the day.

With all this, we are thrilled to say we smashed our £4,000 fundraising target for the year!

Still to come we have the FOBS Summer Raffle which will be drawn on the 26th June; the school Sports Day lollies and preloved uniform sale; and presenting our leavers with their leavers book “The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse”. Then the return of the much-loved Scarecrow Trail and the Brailes Show. Thank you to Katie Haycock and the Brailes Show committee for running this which raises a great sum of money for us and our community.

Grants & Extra Funding

Selina will outline the amazing amount we received from grants and extra funding this year (including Brailes Panto kind donation for example)

Every pound raised goes straight into enriching our children’s school experience—from class trip support to added resources and play equipment.

It really has been a fantastic year for FOBS. We are proud of what we have achieved and deeply grateful for everyone’s support.

We have enjoyed our time on the committee but it is now time for us to step aside and cheer on a new team of parents who we are sure will do a great job! We wish them every success and of course we will be volunteering and offering any support they may need. We are here to support each other.

Thank you for supporting us on our FOBS journey.

Mary & Selina

FOBS Co-Chairs