



FOSDA Newsletter

Summer 2026



Welcome back to a new school term and our first ever Friends of Shepherds Down Association (FOSDA) newsletter introducing ourselves.

What do we do?

FOSDA supports the school by raising funds for educational and leisure resources which enhance the learning for our children. FOSDA is a small group of parent volunteers (more are very welcome and needed) who work to raise funds on behalf of the school. FOSDA meets once a half term in school. **Our next meeting is Monday 20th April in school at 9.30am.**

What have FOSDA funded this year?

- During the Summer holidays of 2025 FOSDA paid for our Light and Sound room to be updated.
- FOSDA have paid for the Reindeer visit to school, giving the students of Shepherds Down a magical opportunity to feed and stroke the reindeer.
- FOSDA paid for each student at Shepherds Down school to receive a gift from Father Christmas.
- FOSDA paid for new bikes trikes and scooters, which were selected and ordered by the Year 6 school council.
- FOSDA purchased the Easter eggs for each student to receive an Easter gift from the Easter Bunny.
- Millers Ark Farm was funded by FOSDA to conclude our learning about Animals, which was our Spring 2 topic.
- Every year FOSDA pay for the End of Year Leavers hoodies as a gift to each Year 6 student.

FOSDA's next big funding projects:

- Purchase and Installation of outdoor musical instruments in 2 different areas of the school grounds.
- Updating our music room, including décor, storage and purchasing of new musical instruments for the whole school.

What events do FOSDA run to raise these funds...

- Festive light trail
- Summer Fayre (more information to follow...but save the date 4th July!)

We are also very Thankful for the generous donations given via charity boxes, just giving pages and personal sponsorship events... **THANK YOU!**

How can I help?

Any time (however big or small) you can give to a meeting, supporting an event either on the day or in advance of an event such as setting up would be much appreciated. These events require 'people power', many people make light work...therefore any time, resources or support you can give would be very much appreciated.

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