



## ‘FRIENDS OF’ LODGE LANE

Registered Charity number 1186022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter. We are busy planning some exciting events for the coming months, which we know the children will enjoy.

Thank you for all your support for the events we ran during the Autumn term, especially all the Christmas events and the Winter Fair. We raised the following amounts:

☆ Christmas Card Project	£530	☆ Clothing bin	£22
☆ Winter Fair	£1,081	☆ Fireworks Colouring	£77
☆ Christmas Shop	£392	☆ Stay and play	£147
☆ Christmas Parties	£247	☆ School lottery	£156

An amazing total of **£2,652** - A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the events and to all the committee members and staff who helped out from buying Christmas gifts to running a stall.

We have already funded Christmas decorations, the end of year Christmas party snacks, a book for every child and committed to replacing some Year 1 equipment. We will be contributing to school trips again this year as well as some other very exciting funding plans coming up which will be shared when final arrangements are in place.

### Friends of Lodge Lane Committee

Our committee members do a fantastic job and we are always looking for more members to join. If you could spare some time to help run an event, do some shopping in the background, help out at stay and play or anything really then please let us know.

At the end of this year both the Treasurer and the Secretary have children moving up to White Woman Lane so we will be looking for volunteers to take over these roles, either from the existing committee members or any parents who would be interested.

We can do a long handover and run the roles side by side so it is not a daunting task to take over. No experience necessary as training can be given. Many hands make light work. Special things cannot happen in school without volunteers.

If you would be willing to take on one of these roles or if you would like further information about what the roles entail, please email [lifriends@gmail.com](mailto:lifriends@gmail.com).

## SUMMARY OF DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

See below for the dates which are covered in this newsletter (more information on each is within the newsletter).

EVENT	DATE
Colouring Competition	Over half-term
Mother's Day Shop	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer Fair	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mother's Day Shop - Friday 6th March 🌸

We will be running a shop for Mother's Day (or special person) on **6<sup>th</sup> March 2026** during school hours. Payments can be made via Scopay. We are asking for a £2 donation per item.

Each class takes turns to come along to our shop and choose a gift, which they can then wrap and write a tag for. We have a few of our committee helping with this. In previous years this has been a lovely activity for them to enjoy and choose a gift themselves. We have some great gifts available. You can buy multiple gifts if you would like but, if you do, on the day it would be helpful to let your child know who they are buying for (e.g. Aunties, Grandparents etc).

**The closing date for Scopay donations is 9am Tuesday 3rd March 2026.**

### Easter Egg Hunt - Friday 27th March 🐣

This will take place on the back playground on **27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at the end of the school day. The children need to hunt to find some Easter related items around the main field/playground, which they can then exchange along with a fee (to be advised) for an Easter egg. The cost of chocolate has increased significantly in recent years so once they are in the shops and we can see what prices they can be sourced at we will advise on the cost.

If your child has any allergies, please email us on [llisfriendsof@gmail.com](mailto:llisfriendsof@gmail.com) and we can arrange for allergen aware alternative egg for those children.

Children will not be allowed to start the hunt until they have been collected by a parent/carer and we will aim to start the hunt slightly earlier for those who still need to collect siblings from White Woman Lane.

### **Summer Fair - Friday 26th June**

We are now busy planning our Summer Fair and can confirm this will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

If anyone owns a business and is able to donate a raffle prize to us, we would be very grateful. Either a prize linked to your business or something else. We will ensure that prizes and the businesses who have donated are mentioned on Facebook in the promotion of the event.

### **Stay and Play**

Every Wednesday during term time the committee runs the stay and play group in the main hall from 8.30am - 10.00am. There are toys, crafts, songs and you also get to sit and enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. The cost is £1.50 per family. Please feel free to join us!

### **Clothing Bin**

The clothing bin is in the school car park. Please donate any clothes, shoes, belts or handbags. These need to be in carrier bags and please no soiled items. We raise funds based on the weight of the items which are taken away periodically.

## **WAYS TO SUPPORT US**

### **Match Funding**

Do you work for a company which offers matched funding? Some companies offer donations to charities where their employees help to raise money. For example, if you worked for one of these companies and volunteered at one of our events, we may be able to claim additional monies from your employer to match the amount you helped to raise. This is how we gained £1,000 from Aviva last year.

### **Volunteering Days**

Some companies also offer a volunteering day or hours for their employees to enable them to give their time to charitable causes. If this is something your employer offers and you would like to help us then please let us know.

### **Your School Lottery**

The below gives some more information about the school lottery and how you can support it. This is a weekly draw and as well as the main national prize one of our supporters wins a smaller amount each week.

### **Useful Links**

- <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lodge-lane-infant-school>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Lodge-Lane-Infant-School>
- For other online shopping check out easy fundraising, you can raise money for your school without even having to put your hand in your pocket.  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lodgelaneinfants/donation/>
- We have a partnership with StampTastic whereby any sales via the link below generates money for the school PTA <https://stampTastic.co.uk/> The 'PTA' code is NR67HL

## Other Ways

A reminder of the other ways which you can help support our fundraising efforts.



Support our fundraising events whenever you can... buying raffle tickets, ice-creams, donating prizes etc



A weekly lottery where you can earn the school money and be in a chance of winning prizes yourself



Use the PTA code NR67HL when making purchases at stampastic and we get commission



Visit the easy fundraising website or app before making purchases online to see if the retailer offers any % donations

How you can help Friends of Lodge Lane



Our larger events usually require more help than the committee alone can give so we ask for some of your time



Buy pre-loved school uniform from the boxes in the school reception (& donate any good quality items you no longer need)





  


**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY**

**It's A WIN-WIN Situation!**

★ BOOST School Funds  
★ WIN up to £25,000

TICKETS £1 EACH



To start supporting, visit:  
[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)  
and search for: Lodge Lane Infant

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older.