



‘FRIENDS OF’ LODGE LANE

Registered Charity number 1186022

Dear Parents and Carers of New Starters at Lodge Lane,

A very warm welcome to Lodge Lane Infant School from the Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School. Some of you will be joining us for the first time, while others may already have children who have attended—or even finished—their time at Lodge Lane. We’re delighted to have you as part of our school community.

Who are we?

Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School is a registered charity made up of parents and staff who work together to raise funds for the school. We organise a variety of events throughout the year to support and enrich the children’s experience.

How can you get involved?

There are lots of ways to be part of the Friends of Lodge Lane - whether you have plenty of time or just a little to spare. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

- **Committee Member**

Our committee works closely with the school to decide how funds are spent. Members are responsible for the running of the charity, with some acting as trustees. We meet once every half term, and while we take our roles seriously, meetings are friendly and relaxed (often involving a few laughs - and sometimes chocolate or a glass of wine! There are also flexible, behind-the-scenes roles for those who can’t attend regularly.

- **Volunteer**

Our events simply couldn’t happen without our fantastic volunteers. Before each event, we share sign-up sheets on our Facebook page and WhatsApp groups, allowing you to help out in a way that suits your availability—even if it’s just for a short time.

- **Supporter**

You can also support us by attending events, buying raffle tickets, encouraging friends and family to join in, sponsoring activities, or simply treating the children to an ice cream or doughnut. Most importantly - come along and enjoy the fun!

While fundraising is essential, we also aim to create enjoyable, inclusive community events for families. Some activities are subsidised for families on lower incomes (in a discreet and supportive way) to ensure that every child can take part.

What do we fund?

Every penny raised goes directly towards enhancing the children’s experience at school. This can range from small gestures—such as Christmas gifts for every pupil—to larger projects like improving outdoor areas or renovating the school garden.

Events and fundraising activities

We run a wide range of events throughout the year and are always open to new ideas. Some examples include:

- Summer BBQ
- Christmas/Autumn Fayres
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Loose Change Challenge
- Sponsored events
- Frozen Fridays
- School discos
- Krispy Kreme doughnut sales
- Colouring competitions
- Mother's and Father's Day shops
- Christmas Cards, mugs and gifts
- Raffles

Recent projects we've supported include:

- Reception playground equipment
- Library refurbishment
- Christmas gifts and parties
- School books
- Sensory equipment
- Educational experiences such as hatching ducklings, chicks, and butterflies
- Subsidising school trips for every pupil
- Theatre trips for all children

Get in touch

If you'd like to get involved, find out more, or ask any questions, please email us at l1sfriendsof@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Other ways to support us

- **Your School Lottery**
Tickets cost £1 each, with weekly draws. The school receives commission based on the number of tickets sold.
- **Stay & Play**
Every Wednesday during term time the committee runs s the stay and play in the main hall from 8.35am - 10.00am. We have crafts, songs, tea, coffee and biscuits. The cost is £2 per family.
- **Clothing bin/Pre-worn Uniform**
Recycle your unwanted fabrics, the bin is situated inside the school gates, the items need to be in carrier bags and please no soiled items – the bin is emptied periodically. Pre-worn uniform donations for us to resale in the reception entrance
- **Online shopping**
You can support us while shopping online:
 - Amazon Smile (via the website or app under "Gifting and Charity")
 - Stampastic (use our PTA code: **NR67HL**)

Useful links:

- <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lodge-lane-infant-school>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Lodge-Lane-Infant-School>
- <https://stampastic.co.uk/>
- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lodgelaneinfants/donation/>

Thank you for your support—we look forward to meeting you and working together to create wonderful experiences for all the children at Lodge Lane.

Warm regards,

Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School