

# 'FRIENDS OF' LODGE LANE

Registered Charity number 1186022



## Welcome back! 🖐️

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year — and a special welcome to all our new families.

We're already busy planning another year of fundraising, fun and activities for the children.

**We'd love to welcome some new volunteers to the Friends committee — many hands really do make light work!**

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us, volunteered and helped out over the years, and especially to those whose children have now moved on to junior school.

## What does your fundraising pay for?

Our aim is simple: raise money and put it straight back into making school life better for the children.

### Recent fundraising has helped provide:



We're also working with teachers on funding more continuous provision resources for all classes this year.

**None of this happens without your support – thank you! ♥️**



## SAVE THE DATES



Friends AGM

**Wednesday 21 October, 9:15am**



Spooky Specimen Jar Competition

**Entries by Thursday 22 October**



Christmas Card Project

**Order by Monday 26 October**



Tombola Non-Uniform Day

**Friday 27 November**



Winter Fair

**Friday 4 December, 3–5pm**



Christmas Shop

**Friday 11 December**



Christmas Performances

**7–15 December**



End of Term

**Friday 18 December**



## Come along to our AGM

**Wednesday 21 October at 9:15am**

Come and meet us, find out what we've been up to over the past year and hear what we're planning next.

There will be tea, coffee and a chance to ask questions. **New faces are very welcome!**  
**Simply come in via the main reception and you will be pointed in our direction** 👍

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## Get creative: Spooky Specimen Jars!

**£1 per entry | Entries by Thursday 22 October**

Create a spooky specimen jar at home — it can contain a spooky “specimen” or simply be decorated.



Be creepy. Be creative. Be imaginative!

Please remember:

- No real animals, insects, food or anything unsafe
- Children can have adult help, but we'd love them to get involved
- Put your child's **name and class** clearly on the jar
- Entries will be judged on creativity, originality and spookiness

Winners will be announced after judging!

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## Christmas Card Project

Your child has created a Christmas design at school, and you'll soon be able to order personalised cards, mugs, coasters and more.

Your child will bring home their design and ordering information.

**Online order deadline: Monday 26 October**

Orders will be delivered to school in November and sent home with the children.

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## Stay & Play

Do you have younger children not yet in school?

Join us **every Wednesday during term time**, 8:30–10:00am in the main hall

There are crafts, songs, tea, coffee and biscuits — just **£2 per family**.

Come along and meet other families! We are also on the lookout for volunteers to help set up and tidy away

Find us on facebook - [Lodge Lane Infant School Stay & Play](#)

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# Winter Fair

**Friday 4 December | 3–5pm**

Our Winter Fair is back — expect **cakes, crafts, refreshments, games, tombola, raffle and lots of festive fun!** We will also be selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers ahead of Christmas Jumper dress down day on the 11th December.

## How you can help!

### **Tombola prizes — Friday 27 November**

Our non-uniform day will be an opportunity to donate prizes. We're running both an adult and children's tombola, so all sorts of items would be very welcome. Please hand donations to your class teacher that morning.

### **Raffle prizes**

Can your business, employer or someone you know donate a prize? We'd love to hear from you: [llisfriendsof@gmail.com](mailto:llisfriendsof@gmail.com)

### **Christmas jumpers**

Do you have Christmas jumpers from previous years that your children have outgrown? If so please consider donating them for sale at the Winter Fair. Please drop these off ASAP so we can get them washed and ready.

### **Cakes & savoury treats**

Please bring donations to school at drop-off on **Friday 4 December**.

Please ensure all items:

- Have ingredients listed
- Are nut-free
- Homemade goods are in a named container so we can return it to you

### **Raffle tickets**

Tickets will be sent home in book bags. Please return them by **Tuesday 1 December**.

Don't want to buy them? Please return them to the school office so we can sell them to someone else. Extras can be purchased in advance from the school office or on the day at the fair.

### **Lucky Bags**

Look out for lucky-bag envelopes coming home in November. Children can decorate and fill them with small toys, sweets or other little surprises for us to sell at the Winter Fair.

More details will follow!

### **Volunteering**

This is one of our biggest events of the year and we will need help to ensure the event runs smoothly - nearer the time a sign up sheet will come round. If you can spare any time to help out it would be much appreciated 

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## Christmas Performances

Coming along to watch your little star in the Christmas performances? ★

We'll be running a **festive tuck shop for parents and carers** before the performances, with a selection of Christmas treats and refreshments available to purchase.

**YrR 8th / 10th December -- Yr1 7th / 9th December -- Yr2 15th December**

All proceeds go towards fundraising for the children ❤️



## Christmas Shop

**Friday 11 December | £2 per gift**

The Christmas Shop gives children the chance to choose and wrap a special gift for someone at home.

Gifts are £2 each and children can buy as many as they like — for parents, siblings or other family members/friends.

When ordering through **Scopay**, please select the relevant gift category: Adult Male, Adult Female or Child.

**Scopay deadline: Monday 7 December**



## Easy ways to support us



### Pre-loved uniform

We sell pre-loved uniform in the school reception area for **£1 per item**.

Have uniform your child has grown out of? Or are you moving on to junior school?

**Please donate it to us so another family can benefit.**



### Clothing collection bin

Our clothing bin is in the school car park.

We can accept clothes, shoes, belts and handbags. Please put items in carrier bags and ensure they are clean and suitable for reuse.

We receive funding based on the weight collected.



### Your School Lottery

Join our school lottery for the chance to win prizes while supporting Lodge Lane.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lodge-lane-infant-school>

## Stampastic

Stampastic purchases can also raise money for the school.

<https://stampastic.co.uk/>

Use PTA code **NR67HL** when ordering.

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## Does your employer support charities?

Many businesses offer **matched funding, paid volunteering hours or charity support** for their employees.

As a registered charity, we may qualify — so please check with your employer.

Businesses can also help by donating raffle prizes. If you have a business connection that might be able to help, please get in touch.

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## Looking ahead...

We're already planning ahead for next year!

**Summer Fair — Friday 18 June 2027** put the date in the diary --details to follow

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## Thank you!

We currently have **18 committee members**, all giving their time to help make things happen for the children.

Thank you to every parent, carer, family member and local business who supports us — whether that's by volunteering, donating, attending an event, buying something or simply spreading the word.

**Every contribution makes a difference.**

And if you'd like to get more involved, **we'd love to hear from you!**

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## FIND US ONLINE

**Facebook:** [Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School](#)

**Email:** [llisfriendsof@gmail.com](mailto:llisfriendsof@gmail.com)

Make sure you're part of the parent whatsapp groups too for reminders on events - just get in touch if you need help accessing these!