

NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

21st & 22nd February

Bag2school collection at drop-off

Friday 23rd February

Pre-loved World Book Day costume sale

Friday 8th March

Pre-loved children's book sale

Can you help?

We will be collecting any unwanted/outgrown World Book Day costumes and books at drop off on the 8th & 9th February in the school car park.

All donated items will be sold at our pre-loved stalls so parents can come and grab a bargain.



FRIENDS OF OLOP

We are delighted the renovation work on the lower school playground has now been completed. What a transformation! We are looking forward to lots of exciting events and activities coming up in the next few weeks so don't forget to save all the dates in your diary.



Meeting updates

Friends of OLOP held its AGM on Friday 19th January. Thank you to all those who attended. For those that could not attend but would like a copy of the meeting's minutes, these will be available from next week via the [Friends of OLOP webpage](#), along with the Chairs' report and Treasurer's report.

The meeting looked back on the successes from last year and confirmed we raised £12,000 in the 2022-2023 school year. We went through a breakdown of all our finances and discussed future plans and ideas for the coming year.

The committee was re-elected and will remain the same. The committee members are Sara Clifford and Janneke Willems as Co-Chairs, Sophia Haque as Vice-Chair, Kirsty O'Brien as Treasurer and Amy Day as Secretary. As a registered charity, our activities are regulated by the Charity Commission. Our committee members are also trustees of the charity with a legal duty to ensure it is properly managed.

Doughnut sale

Our popular doughnut sale will be back on Friday 9th February from 3:15pm. Doughnuts will be priced at 50p each and will be available to buy from the carpark area. Please remember to bring some change.

If you can help us run the doughnut stalls from 3pm we would appreciate more volunteers. The school is happy to supervise the children of any volunteers in the afterschool club during the sale. You can put forward your name by emailing us at friends@olopprimary.co.uk and include details of your child/children.



Mothers and special others

We will be running our hugely popular Mother's Day gift shop again on March 7th and 8th, where children will be able to choose a gift for their mums, nans, aunts or anyone else special to them. Parents will be able to pay a set amount beforehand, via ParentPay, which the children will then be able to spend at a specially created gift shop during the school day. The children will be able to choose from a selection of gifts to buy and take home ready to give out on Mother's Day. More details will follow soon.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We hope you have all had a chance to see the completed renovation work on the area directly in front of the Lower School hall. With our donation of £11,000 the space has been transformed with artificial grass and is now a safe place for the children to play. The future plans for the area are to add picnic benches.

We continue to rely on your generosity and help to enable us to fund more projects and initiatives to enhance our children's time at school. The next big projects we will be raising money for are an art studio in the Upper School, as well as helping to enhance the Upper school playground.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING
Friday 1st March at 2pm in the huts in the school car park

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is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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We have just set up a new [Facebook page](#) so please follow us for updates or reminders.

Outdoor displays

Friends of OLOP were pleased to be able to fund the new outdoor display boards, featuring colourful British History timelines and maps of the world.

The displays, which are spread across both lower and upper school playgrounds, provide a stimulating learning opportunity for the children whilst they are outdoors and helps to re-enforce their knowledge.



Easter sponsorship throw

Our Egg-citing sponsored Easter Egg throw will take place on 22nd March, during the school day. The children will take it in turns to throw an 'egg' as far as they can to raise as much money for the school. Our special Easter Bunny will also be making an appearance to help cheer the children on. We will be asking friends, family and neighbours to support the children by sponsoring them per metre thrown or a total amount for taking part. We will provide more information and a sponsorship form nearer the time.

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