

Friends of Hartsfield School Association

Chair's Report 2025-26



To begin, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone here who has helped make our last year such a success. We are very pleased to announce that the FHSA have raised a record breaking **£27,475**. This figure is the best yet for the FHSA and only possible with collaboration of the FHSA, the school and volunteers.

My report will be fairly brief as Caroline will go into further details on each event in the treasurers report.

FHSA funding 25/26

The big donation for 25/26 was two air conditioning units for the school hall at a cost of £14,866. These units made a big difference this summer (especially during the heatwave) and kept parents and children cool. They will also come into their own for winter and be used to heat the hall for events outside of school and keep the heating costs down.

FHSA also donated £12,500 to the school for the new EYFS play area which is already much loved by the EYFS children.

As tradition, the Year 6 leavers books at a cost of £1,592.10, were funded through Ice Cream Friday profits.

FSHA funded the whole school panto at a cost of £475 and are happy to continue this however we note that the cost will increase for 2026 to £1,600.

This year FHSA also funded the summer bounce days (£624) and the leavers disco ice cream van £160.

In April 2026 (after booking him in March 2025!) we welcomed Zac George 'Steel' the gladiator to Hartsfield. I think most children will agree his visit was inspirational and there was a real buzz in school (not just the children!). The total cost of the visit was £780 and we would happily fund another visit similar to this in the future as we felt the children got a lot out of it.

Smaller purchases that FHSA have funded include Sports Day ice creams (£35), prosecco and orange juice for year 6 parents at the end of term play (£107.50) and cakes for Mrs Smith's afternoon tea (£79.98).

Purchases marked as FHSA assets include extra walkie talkies to be used at large events including the winter fair and camp out and an outdoor light which was used at fireworks.

Priorities for 2026/2027

Events

We intend to repeat almost all events for 2026/27 and maintain this as a manageable programme with increased delegation of some events to FHSA members.

Spending

We would like to focus on the impact of funds raised, with a combination of highly visible 'fun' spending (Steel gladiator) and items that will benefit the learning of the children (new Chromebooks have been added to the wish list!).

Engagement

We would welcome ideas and suggestions for engagement of new parents which could include a coffee morning (although this has had little uptake in the past) and a targeted email sent to all reception parents in October highlighting the work of the FHSA and encouraging them to attend a meeting to find out more.

We will aim to send out a newsletter October and January to keep parents updated of events.

Late in the year we set up an account with the website 'Volunteer Sign Up' to help manage volunteers for events without time consuming emails and messy spreadsheets. The system wasn't used for the camp out but will be used for all big future events including fireworks and winter fair.