

Friends of Crockerne Newsletter

NEWS

Summer 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2025 – July 2026

Tipsy Tea/Bongo Bingo

Break the Rules Day

Christmas Raffle

Santa Visit

Theatre Trips

World Book Day Wonka Experience

Silent Disco



Can you help?

We can't put on any of these events without the goodwill of volunteers. If you'd like to be added to the Volunteer list please contact us at PTA@crockerne.co.uk



Thinking outside the box

Building on our efforts from last year, 'Friends' forged even stronger relationships with many local companies in the community who helped us to deliver our most exciting project to date, the playground overhaul. Our new friends sponsored and supported us to create the space we'd be planning for years. Our unsung heroes who will be forever etched on our playground walls.

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by—it feels like only yesterday we were starting the school year. Life moves fast, but what remains constant is the incredible support we feel from this community. We're so lucky to be led by our formidable Head, Mrs Bray, whose encouragement and belief in the 'Friends' has given us the freedom to think big and achieve even more this year—thank you. Not forgetting our incredible staff who dedicate their time to our children going above and beyond.

The final term is always a busy one, and an emotional one too, as we say a heartfelt farewell to our fantastic Year 6s. For me, this year is especially poignant. When I took on the Chair role five years ago, my daughter was only 5. Now, she and 42 other incredible little humans are ready to spread their wings. It's hard to believe we're here already. As ever, I'm beyond grateful for the continued support you show—towards the Friends, the school, and most importantly, the children. Everything we do is driven by the belief that our school can be the best it can be, and thanks to you, we're making that happen. Have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you in September for another exciting year ahead.

Charlotte

Chair of Friends of Crockerne
(Mum to Freya in Year 6)



Inspiring Quote

"Small acts, when multiplied by many, can transform the world." — Howard Zinn

What we've 'Raised' & 'Spent'

We are immensely proud to announce that we have had our best year of Fundraising to date. Some amazing new events this year as well as continuing with the classic events everyone loves. This year we raised an impressive **£25,591.13** and have spent **£21,477.04**. Please see the notice boards for a breakdown. Huge congratulations to everyone for supporting these events. Thank you so much.



Silent Disco, Tipsy Tea & Bingo, Bags 2 School

The Silent Disco was another huge success with lots of lovely feedback. The addition of the children choosing their favourite song certainly made for a more 'vocal' event. They were truly loving life.

The Tipsy tea & Pillgo Bingo was a new event and was a real hit and a wonderful time was had by all. Hosted by the fantastic Sonya Crutchley. Look out for the next one.

Our continued relationship with **Ben & Steph** at Bags2School meant we had another cracking collection of donations.

Our very sincere thanks to our 'friends' of Friends and fundraising supporters

Alliance Communications

Kerry Group

Paradigm Norton

Roper Rhodes

W4Co Ltd

Jo O'Callaghan

The Kings Arms

Creative Construction

Morgan Civil & Structural

Richard & Victoria Stevenson

Vanaways

Pulmolink Ltd

The Pill Memorial Club

The Bristol Port



Goodbye, Good Luck, We'll Miss you

Our fabulous Year 6's are getting ready to say their goodbyes after seeing out their last term with the Yr 6 Camp, and their upcoming shows. 'Friends' are thrilled to be giving them the send off they deserve in the form of their leavers party. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing these fantastic children the very best for their onward journey. We not only lose these inspiring children, but their parents too, some of which have been vital in fundraising for 'Friends' over the years. Our very deepest thanks for your dedication and support and wish all our leaving Crockerne families health and happiness for a bright Secondary School future.



A new event which has the school buzzing, We cant wait to see the children smiling and to hear their beautiful laughter as they enjoy simply just being children.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

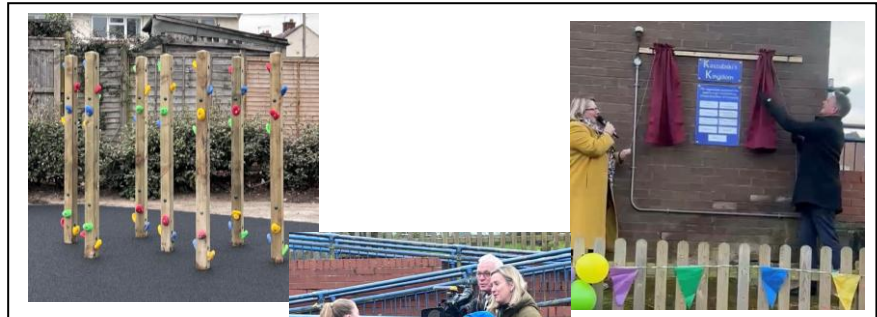
For full details please see the 'Fundraised & Spending 2024/2025' Posters in the notice board. It makes for an impressive read of what we have funded this year!

Plans for next year

We have largely focused on our outdoor spaces and will continue to improve these with new sandpits and our 'Storyville' creative learning area. We will also be funding the following to truly enhance your child school learning experience.

- Cinema trip for all year groups
- Theatre trip for all year groups

By far, our greatest achievement to date is the installation of the new long awaited KS1 playground, finally transformed from a boring concrete space to an inviting, inspiring space to play and have fun. This has been the highlight of the year. Not only did it give us the opportunity to build relationships with our community, it put Crockerne on the map. The wonderful crew at BBC Points West filmed our achievement and we made it to the TV. The children were besides themselves with excitement. We did it, and its all down to a clear vision, dedication from our incredible team, the phenomenal staff at Crockerne, our connections with our community and you guys, our parents, who support us.



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

This will be our Annual General Meeting Thursday 11th September at School – 4:30pm Please let us know if you'd like any info on the Committee roles available.

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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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Friends of Crockerne PTA



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Our continued promise to our Outside Areas

We are fully aware our school is old and not shiny and new like other newer schools, so we are trying to maximise areas wherever possible. What we do have here at Crockerne, is that beautiful sense of community, care and love that not many schools have these days, so we are hanging onto that with immense pride and making the best of what we have.

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