

Oaklands Friends' and Parents' Association

Annual General Meeting

Monday 5 October 2026

Chair's Report

I am pleased to present the Annual General Meeting (AGM) report for the Oaklands Friends and Parents Association for the year 2026. I would like to thank all the OFPA members for their commitment, the Oakland's staff and governors who support us and those in our school community who bolster our causes by donating uniform and raffle prizes.

Funds raised this year have made it possible for us to continue the process of implementing a Forest School on site; provide Fieldwork Equipment to the Geography Department; Kenwood Mixers to the Food Technology Department; Micro bit Software for the IT Department; and Headphones for the Music Department. We funded a visit from an Author and books for Pupil Premium students on World Book Day as well as providing all new Year 7 students with a reading book. We helped with funding for the Phone Pouches; the Sixth Form visit to Oxford University; and contributed to the Hardship Fund.

This year has not been without its challenges, with us losing access to our Uniform Cupboard during the building works in the White House and Chapel. Thank you to all those who helped move large amounts of stock before and after completion. This year we plan to hold Uniform Sales in the Chapel each half term to reduce administrative and labour demands on members.

We said goodbye to Caroline and Hazel, both long-standing members, as their children went on to higher education, but we also welcomed Sylvia and Sarah as new members. I am looking forward to our social next week for new Year 7 parents, which is always beneficial in introducing ourselves and boosting community involvement. We are also regularly posting content to social media to increase engagement with the charity.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Sarah Mann and Dawn Brettell who provide an invaluable link to the school; the site team who often assist during our events; and the catering team for our coffee and treats each meeting.

To our members, it has been an honour to serve as your Chair, and I am grateful to all of you.

Thank you and God Bless

Maria Howell