



# ANNUAL REPORT – FRIENDS OF DEIGHTON GATES (DEIGHTON GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA)

FOR THE YEAR 1 AUGUST 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

## Governance

### The Charity

Deighton Gates Primary School PTA was set up in 2003 under its governing document, the constitution, as a parent teacher association (unincorporated association). We frequently use a more accessible name - Friends of Deighton Gates (FoDG) hoping to encourage greater participation within the wider school community. The charity's registered name and constitution remain unchanged. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (registered charity number 1100640). The principal operating address is Deighton Gates Primary School, Deighton Road, Wetherby, LS22 7XL.

FoDG exists to raise valuable funds for Deighton Gates Primary School, which we aim to do in a way that provides both fun for the children, and a sense of community for all involved with the school. We have had a wonderful year achieving these objectives, with some fantastic FoDG events that would not have been possible without the support of everyone within the school community, thank you all for your continued engagement and participation.

### The Committee

The Trustees who served during the year (for the full year) were:

|               |               |              |                |            |             |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Chairpersons: | Louise Pedley | Secretaries: | Paul Frões     | Treasurer: | Rosie Evans |
|               | Tamsin Day    |              | Katie Horridge |            |             |

All committee members resign at every Annual General Meeting and are either nominated for re-appointment or replaced with new nominees. Appointment is by a simple majority vote by attendees at a meeting. The trustees have complied with their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

## Fundraising activities

### Summer Fair

Our small but mighty Summer Fair Team, in their third year of running it, pulled off another roaring success - with a record-breaking sum of money raised at one of the largest and best organised Wetherby community events of the year. This unique event allows us to open up the school grounds and share the fantastic resources we have with our wider town population, at this annual not-to-miss event. From Splat a Rat to Sticks in the Sand, Teddy Shy to Tombola, Nerf Shooting to Name the Teddy, there's enough to keep children and grown-ups busy for hours. This year's attractions saw the return of a popular favourite with the kids: Drive-A-Car (thanks to Sarah Abbott Driver Training), alongside a new animal encounters experience (thanks to Kate & Noah's Ark). Plenty of on-site refreshments - fabulous BBQ food, Pan-Sushi and Ice-cream vans, cake stall and candy floss – kept everyone fed, watered and happy. The entertainment provided by the school clubs (choir, drumming and karate) were excellent and the pig race with guest appearance from Super Pig tops the day off in style! There is an endless list of thank yous for those behind ensuring this event was such a success – organisers, volunteers, our sponsor Manning Stainton, stall holders, entertainers, raffle ticket sellers, raffle prize/bottle/chocolate donors, cake bakers, and of course everyone who attended and/or bought raffle tickets to show your support – it is all massively appreciated! We hope you enjoyed being part of this epic event.

### Discos

Another firm favourite in the school calendar for our children - our Autumn and Spring discos are always eagerly anticipated. This year saw some change with a new DJ (thank you to Rainbow Elf) and our experienced Disco Team taking a step back to handover to new lead - a big thank you to our outgoing and fabulous disco queens for all their effort. Our new Disco Team would welcome some more support so please get in touch to put your party planning skills to good use!

### Christmas Events

Team Christmas Quiz, also in their third year of running this firm festive favourite, created an evening out to be remembered for our parents and carers and open to the wider community. A massive thank you to this wonderful team, led by Jingle & Jangle, our own FoDG team Christmas Elves, for all the effort that goes into creating this magnificent fundraiser social. For those who can't attend the socials – the raffle provides all with a great opportunity to support FoDG and to win some awesome prizes! Our remarkable Raffle Organiser has raised a massive amount for the school this year and would appreciate any help with these vital biannual fundraisers.

With the aid of staff in school we were also able to run the ever-popular Secret Gifts Room, where we rely on small gift donations from parents/carers and then for a modest charge, children can pick a gift to wrap for a recipient of their choice for Christmas. Also with the help of school staff, and our FoDG team Christmas Card Organiser extraordinaire, we offered parents and carers the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards (and other items) with their children's designs, at affordable rates, with commission going back to FoDG. And just before we broke up for Christmas the FoDG team attended the wonderful Deighton Gates Choir's Christmas carols – serving mulled wine and refreshments for the lucky attendees, leaving everyone feeling festive. To all who supported us in any way at this often very expensive time of year – we really appreciate all the support and hope you enjoyed the Christmas events!

### Bake Sales and Sports Day Refreshments

Historically, we have held half-termly bake sales through the year, with a different class donating some wonderful delights for us all to buy each time. Thank you to all our helpers this year, sweet treat providers and buyers. From next year we are trialling combining year groups and only running once a term, in the hope of having enough volunteers from the year groups to run the events. Although this will mean less bake sales, it will reduce the pressure and workload for our small FoDG team! We will be welcoming feedback on this change to decide if we continue with termly going forward. Our final bake sale of the year is on Sports Day alongside the sale of other refreshments. It is wonderful to be part of this much-loved school event, and a thank you to all those who volunteered on a very hot day this year!

### Other Events

At the start of the school year, we open up the beautiful orchard we are so lucky to have on our school's grounds for apple picking. In March, our Say It With Flowers event, provides children the chance to buy and then label a beautiful bouquet for a lucky recipient of their choice. In the same month we celebrate World Book Day – asking for donations in exchange for hot chocolate and a biscuit for all children in school on a 'Wear your pyjamas to school day' (from 2026 this will be a school run event). And we topped off the year with an online raffle for the chance to win two amazing prizes - a signed Leeds United shirt and fabulous corporate tickets to a match!

### Other Fundraising

Other funds have been raised for the charity from sales of pre-loved uniform throughout the year, from money for donated clothes to the "Rag Bin" (for re-useable clothes only!) and through [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://easyfundraising.co.uk). Details of how to support the FoDG at no extra cost to yourselves through Easyfundraising can be found on our [website](https://www.dgpta.org). As a registered charity we accept direct donations with gift aid relief, if you, your company, or your friends or family, would like to make a donation, please contact [treasurer@dgpta.org](mailto:treasurer@dgpta.org)

## Where the money is spent

The FoDG events are a valuable way for parents and school staff to work together and put on some great experiences for the children to enjoy. The funds raised go towards beneficial resources for the school at a time when costs are rising and funding is tight.

At the beginning of the academic year, we contributed towards the installation of new wall bars in the Key Stage 2 hall for indoor PE lessons and covered the cost of a new set of chairs for the Year 6 classroom at the request of the school. Having funded the new outdoor classroom on the Key Stage 1 playground last year, we turned our attentions to improvements of the Key Stage 2 playground this year. With ambitious plans to revamp the playground offering, we first contributed towards the clearance of drains to reduce the flooding we have experienced in recent time and therefore provide a more secure footing for further improvements going forward. We also made a start with small project work including the new rainbow fencing area complete with chalkboards, and an outdoor reading shed. Funds from being a chosen cause for the Co-op's Local Community Fund have been put towards these costs (please do select us as your chosen cause if you're a Co-op member). Thanks to those who took part in the Asda Cashpot for Schools – this fund was passed straight onto school for new Christmas decorations to be bought, and thanks to those who donated on World Book Day as this money went back to school to cover classroom reading books. Two school fridges were replaced with FoDG funds this year.

For the last three years we have undertaken to support music provision with a term of ukulele tuition for each class when they reach Year 5/6 and for the last two years we have also provided a group Christmas gift for each class to be opened by the children at their parties – last year wet break games and this year craft boxes for each year, which went down a treat!

In addition, FoDG cover the costs of new starter bookbags, and Year 6 leavers books each year, taking the opportunity to wish our current Year 6 leavers all the best as they progress to their new schools. This year's leavers parents include a previous Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as our long-standing Disco Sponsor. Thank you so much to Lindsay, Steve, Jen and Shel for all their support over their years at the school – you will be missed!

## Thank You

It has been another fantastic year for us, so the biggest thank you to all the members of FoDG, parents, grandparents, carers, staff and governors who contributed to all the events and fundraising during the year. Without everyone's involvement we would not have been able to achieve so much. We are always looking for more people to join our lovely, fun and welcoming team, so please do get in touch, speak to one of the team or your class representative, or just volunteer for anything - many hands make light work!

## Finance

### Risk Management, Financial Position and Going Concern

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Last year the trustees adopted updated policies on conflicts of interest, financial controls and expenses, risk assessment, safeguarding and serious incident reporting. These policies can be found on our [website](https://www.dgpta.org). The trustees continue to review the principal areas of the charity's operations to identify risks that could affect the operations of the charity. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has established resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow these risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level, in its day-to-day operations.

At the end of the year the charity had unrestricted funds held in bank account and cash of £18,627 (July 2024: £11,508) and restricted funds of £29 (July 2024: £nil). We aim to maintain a balance of £2,000 between events to meet the requirements of purchases in advance of fundraising activities and cash floats for those events. Our practice of making payments out of our funds only once we have raised sufficient to cover the contributions, and our minimum account balance, ensures we remain a going concern.

# Receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025

|                                 | Receipts<br>24/25<br>£ | Payments<br>24/25<br>£ | Total Income/Cost<br>24/25<br>£ | Total Income/Cost<br>23/24<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Events and Fundraising          |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| Summer Fair                     | 7,029                  | 1,453                  | 5,576                           | 4,354                           |
| Discos                          | 3,391                  | 1,246                  | 2,145                           | 2,040                           |
| Christmas Quiz                  | 2,989                  | 998                    | 1,991                           | 1,724                           |
| Bake Sales                      | 721                    | -                      | 721                             | 668                             |
| Leeds Hospitality Ticket Raffle | 700                    | 119                    | 581                             | 960                             |
| Secret Gift Room                | 518                    | 9                      | 509                             | 453                             |
| Sports Day                      | 529                    | 128                    | 401                             | 478                             |
| Christmas Cards                 | 260                    | -                      | 260                             | 277                             |
| Say It With Flowers             | 405                    | 156                    | 249                             | 225                             |
| World Book Day                  | 253                    | 58                     | 195                             | 211                             |
| Choir Evening                   | 200                    | 80                     | 120                             | 111                             |
| Apple picking                   | 24                     | -                      | 24                              | 57                              |
| Table Top Sale                  | -                      | -                      | -                               | 145                             |
| EasyFundraising                 | 247                    | -                      | 247                             | 290                             |
| Pre-loved                       | 183                    | -                      | 183                             | 186                             |
| Rag bin                         | 118                    | -                      | 118                             | 188                             |
| Other receipts/donations        | 108                    | -                      | 108                             | 300                             |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS PROJECTS       |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| KS2 PLAYGROUND PROJECT          |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| Reading Shed                    | -                      | 227                    | 29                              | -                               |
| Rainbow Fencing & blackboard    | -                      | 244                    |                                 |                                 |
| Restricted Funds received:      |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| Co-Op Grant                     | 500                    | -                      |                                 |                                 |
| OUTDOOR CLASSROOM               |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| nBS Foundation Award            | -                      | -                      | -                               | 5,750                           |
| Wetherby Town Council Grant     | -                      | -                      | -                               | 250                             |
| Outdoor Classroom Contribution  | -                      | -                      | -                               | (9,200)                         |
| OUTDOOR BINS                    |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| Wetherby Town Council Grant     | -                      | -                      | -                               | 795                             |
| Outdoor bins                    | -                      | -                      | -                               | (1,719)                         |
| Contributions                   |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| Wall bars                       |                        | 2,250                  | (2,250)                         | -                               |
| Drains clearance                |                        | 1,000                  | (1,000)                         | -                               |
| Y6 Chairs                       |                        | 848                    | (848)                           | -                               |
| New Reading Books               |                        | 517                    | (517)                           | -                               |
| Ukulele lessons                 |                        | 200                    | (200)                           | (560)                           |
| World Book Day                  |                        | 194                    | (194)                           | (211)                           |
| Christmas Class Gifts           |                        | 209                    | (209)                           | (190)                           |
| Fridges                         |                        | 135                    | (135)                           | -                               |
| Y6 leaver books                 |                        | 559                    | (559)                           | (399)                           |
| Allotment                       |                        | -                      | -                               | (882)                           |
| Y1 Outdoor area                 |                        | -                      | -                               | (450)                           |
| Y2 Outdoor area                 |                        | -                      | -                               | (450)                           |
| Visualisers                     |                        | -                      | -                               | (166)                           |
| Other contributions             |                        | -                      | -                               | (68)                            |
| Costs                           |                        |                        |                                 |                                 |
| Parentkind renewal              |                        | 162                    | (162)                           | (153)                           |
| Raffle prize replacement        |                        | 100                    | (100)                           | -                               |
| Pre-loved rails                 |                        | 90                     | (90)                            | -                               |
| Lottery licence                 |                        | 20                     | (20)                            | (20)                            |
| FoDG flasks & glasses           |                        | -                      | -                               | (155)                           |
| Other central costs             |                        | 25                     | (25)                            | (24)                            |
| TOTALS                          | 18,175                 | 11,027                 | 7,148                           | 4,815                           |

## Authorisation

On behalf of the trustees, we declare that annual report above has been approved by the trustees,

Rosie Evans, Treasurer  
Sept 2025

Louise Pedley, Chair  
Sept 2025