

Friends of Bawnmore



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Bawnmore Community Infant School community where Friends of Bawnmore (FOB) is the Parent Teacher Association. As FOB our aim is simple, to bring families together, create memorable experiences, and raise funds that help the school provide opportunities and resources beyond its everyday budget.

Friends of Bawnmore are a group who meet socially to organise events and raise money. As we are a registered charity, we have an elected committee, who are supported by a network of volunteers in delivering the events. Our meetings are held regularly, either at the Fighting Cocks Pub or online, as we have learnt that sometimes online is better for everyone to avoid the need for parental cover!

Throughout the year we organise a disco for each term, a summer and Christmas fair, Mother and Father's day shops, a Dare to be different day, World Book Day book swap and ice pop sales. This has helped us to consistently raise over £4,000 per year for the school over the last 3 years. We are also always on the lookout for any grants that will help us support the school further, this year we received a grant from Sainsbury's in the fight against food poverty. We also support the school's eco school status by providing a Preloved uniform store (physically and online - Vinted).

The money raised is invested back into school and our children. From big investments such as the outdoor climbing frame, reception classroom refurbishment or classroom iPads, to the smaller ticket items such as class hamsters, a book for every child at Christmas delivered by Santa or having a local artist create an inspirational space for reading.

All our events are published and updated in the weekly school newsletter. We'd love you to join us to meet other parents and staff and find out what we do - keep an eye out for the AGM date in the Autumn term.

FAQs

I don't have much time, how often are the meetings?

We generally meet once every half term for about an hour. We meet in the evenings at 8pm. We try to vary the day as we know that everyone has different commitments.

Are the meetings very formal?

We do have an agenda and minutes (so we don't forget anything!), but the meetings are friendly and informal.

Does everybody know each other?

Everyone has children in different year groups and every year we say goodbye to Year 2 parents and welcome new Reception parents, so it is an ever-changing group. This means you can get to know parents and staff from other year groups.

What would I have to do?

As much or as little as you like - there are always evening jobs in preparation for an event as well as on the day help. Join us at the meetings and find out what we do and see what you can help with.

If you would like to become involved, please scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp group where we share information about upcoming events and volunteer support needed. Alternatively, drop us an email with your details via bawnmorefriends@gmail.com

In the Autumn we will hold our AGM where we will elect our committee, two members of the current committee will be leaving us so we will be looking for new volunteers. Without new volunteers for committee positions FOB will not be able to continue, so please consider if it is something you can do.

Thanks,
Friends of Bawnmore



In the meantime, there are lots of other ways you can support us and help to raise money for the school:



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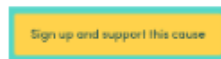
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If you're looking for name labels or stickers for your children's uniform, Easy2Name has a great selection. Also, if you add our fundraising code when you order, they also give a donation to the school. Just type in CV22 and select 'Friends of Bawnmore' when asked to select a fundraising group, and they will do the rest.

<https://www.easy2name.com/>



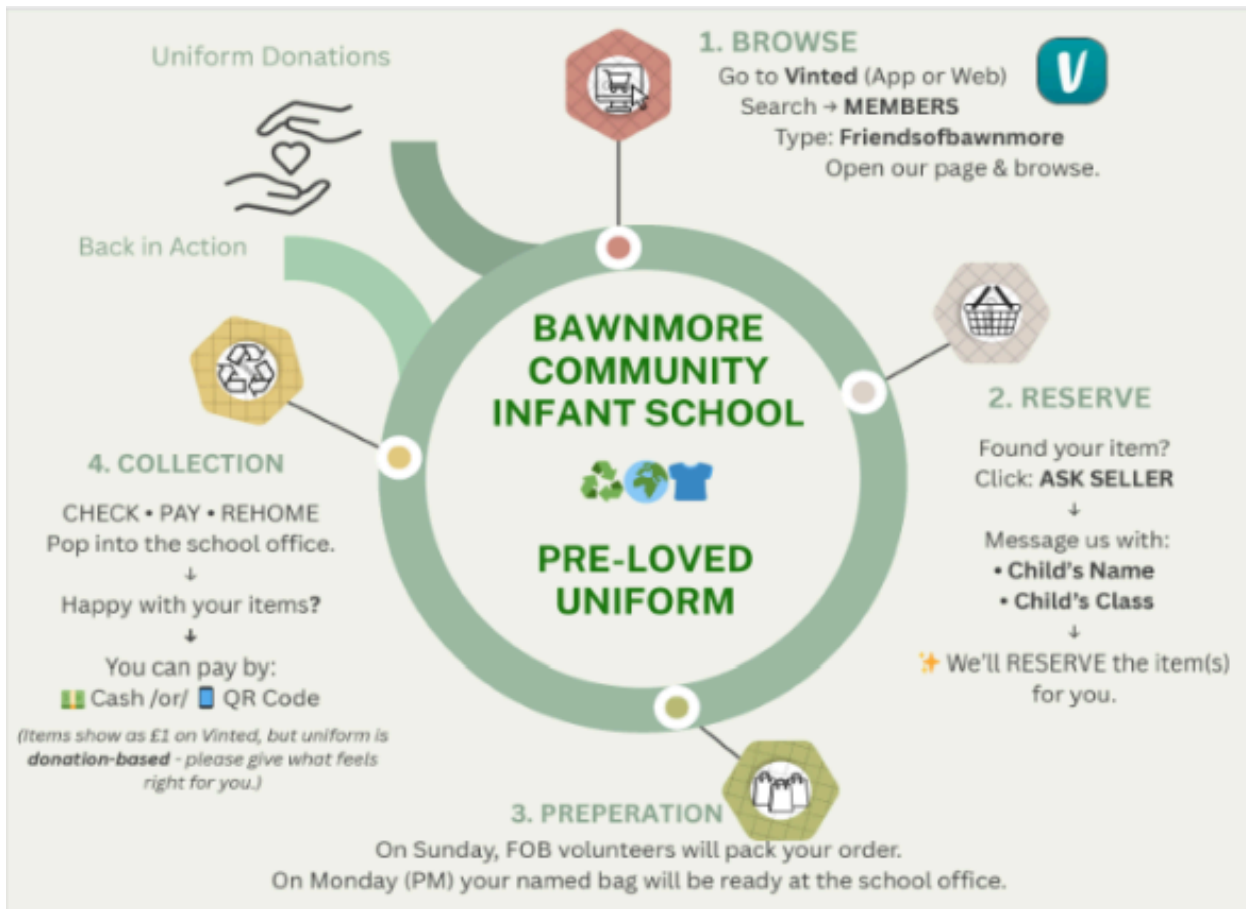
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Friends of Bawnmore are a registered good cause on the Rugby Lotto. With a weekly jackpot of £25,000, Friends of Bawnmore receive 50% of all the tickets sold through our page. So, it's a fantastic opportunity to support the school and win prizes.

<https://www.rugbylotto.org/support/friends-of-bawnmore>

Please look into corporate matched funding or any grant opportunities that might be available where you work



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FAQs ?

Do I pay on Vinted?

No - please do NOT pay through Vinted. Use ASK SELLER to reserve only. If you pay using Vinted you pay buyers protection and postage!

What if I can't find what I need?

It may be out of stock or being saved for an event. Get in touch and we'll try to help.

What if I no longer want the item after viewing?

No problem! Just leave unwanted items in the bag and we'll return them to stock. Uncollected items will be removed from reservation the following Monday.

How much is it per item?

All uniform is donation-based. Items are listed as £1 on Vinted purely for technical reasons and to allow the reservation system to work. Families are invited to donate whatever they feel is appropriate when collecting items.

Why did we choose Vinted?

We chose Vinted because it is a well-established and easy-to-use platform for selling preloved clothing online. We considered several options including Facebook Marketplace, eBay and Uniformly, but Vinted works particularly well for school uniform.

It allows families to browse and reserve items easily, does not require social media, and helps us make non-logo uniform items available to more families.

