

🥰👍👍👍 **We hope everyone has been keeping cool in the heatwave!** ☀️🌈
👓🍷📄🍷 Grab an ice cold drink, a fan, possibly a snack... and settle in. It's one of *those* newsletters 😊🕒
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our **ice pop sales** this week - we raised a fantastic
£59.43! 🍷👏

We also hope the kiddos enjoyed the **donated ice pops** during the school day too. A little treat to help everyone stay cool! 😎💙

🎪💔 **Sad times... the Summer Fair has been postponed!** ☀️

As much as we'd all love a bouncy castle, nobody's going to be bouncing in this heat... and we're pretty sure the Hook-a-Duck pool would be dry before the first duck was caught! 🦆😄

The safety of everyone comes first, so we've made the difficult decision to postpone.

👁️ **Watch this space** for a new date before the end of term. We promise the fun will still happen... just with a few more degrees knocked off the thermometer! 🌡️👍

🌟 **But... the Disco LIVES ON!** 🎵

📅 **Thursday 9th July** Bookings will be through **MCAS**, so keep an eye out for a message from school letting you know when they're live 👁️

👤 We'd still love a few more **volunteers** to jump on a stall. If you can spare a little time, please sign up here 👉 [\[Disco volunteer sign up link\]](#)

The more helpers we have, the shorter the queues and the more fun everyone has! 💛

🎷 **Summer Sounds Night | 11th July (5-8pm)** 🍹

Tickets don't need to be pre-booked, but it really helps us plan (especially food!) if you do. If you're coming, please grab a ticket here: [\[Tickets Link\]](#)

We'd also love a hand on the night. If you can spare any time at all, please sign up here:

[\[Summer Sounds volunteer sign up link\]](#)

We can't wait to see you there for a great evening of live music, food and summer vibes! 🎵✨

📅 **Friday 11th July** 🕒 5-8pm 📍 Bawnmore Community Infant School

🎫 Adults **£5** | Ages 12-16 **£1** | Under 12s **FREE**



- easyfundraising**
- 1. Download the App**
 - 2. Search & Select**
Bawnmore Infant School
Staff Association
 - 3. Bawnmore gets £3**
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💡 Have a **suggestion, question, request**, or just want to **reach out?**

WhatsApp | [FOB WhatsApp group](#)

✉ Email | bawnmorefriends@gmail.com

Pre Loved Uniform | [FriendsOfBawnmore](#)

👉 FOB 2026/27 - Treasurer ★

👋 Meet Claire ... 💰 The Money Master of Friends of Bawnmore

Hi, I'm Claire! I work full time and have two boisterous boys. My eldest loved his time at Bawnmore and is now in Year 3 at BJS, while my youngest, Ethan, joined Cygnets and is about to finish Reception year 🎓 😊

So... what does the Treasurer actually do? If FOB was a football team, Emma (Chair) would be the captain, Emma (Vice Chair) the vice-captain, Emma (Secretary) the coach and match reporter... and I'd be the

goalkeeper! 🏠 🏠 I'm responsible for looking after every penny FOB raises - making sure it's recorded, kept safe, and spent wisely, so everyone knows exactly where the money goes.

☀️ How It All Started

I'd been meaning to get involved in FOB for a while, but like many parents, **life was IS busy** ... work, kids, and *EVERYTHING* in between. When my youngest was due to start Reception, I heard the committee was at risk of folding due to a lack of volunteers. That really made me pause.

My eldest had already benefited so much from FOB - discos, fayres, fun days and all the little experiences that make school life more memorable. **I wanted my youngest to have the same opportunities.**

As someone who works in finance, putting my name forward for the Treasurer role felt like a natural fit. Numbers, budgets and spreadsheets are very much in my comfort zone (*some might say I actually enjoy them!*). But it wasn't just about the figures. I also wanted to **show my children the importance of giving back, volunteering and being part of your community.**

Nearly a year on, I'm **incredibly proud** of what the committee has achieved together. Raising funds, organised events, supporting the school and creating lasting memories for the children.

Of course, there is one person who occasionally reminds me that I came to this revelation a little too late...

My eldest son, every time I talk about FOB.. 😂 *"Why didn't you join when I was at Bawnmore?"*

💡 **My Reflection:** Volunteering isn't always about having lots of spare time!! Often it's about **making a small commitment that can make a big difference** to a school, its children and the wider community. ❤️

🏆 Key Duties of a Treasurer

💰 Counting the Cash

After fundraising events such as family fun days, discos, penny war, the Treasurer:

Counts & records the money spent & raised

Ensures the money is safely banked

👤 Following Every Penny

I keep track of all income and spending so we always know where the money has gone.

From cake sales to raffle prizes - and whether we can stretch to both a bouncy castle *AND* an ice cream van

👉 - it all comes back to the numbers. I work with the school office for any payments made to the wrong account during the school year.

📄 Annual Charity Commission Submission (The Not-Quite-So-Exciting Bit)

Once a year, I prepare the financial return for the Charity Commission - checking figures, updating records, and making sure everything is accurate and compliant. It's the less glamorous side compared to events, but it keeps everything running properly behind the scenes.

In simple terms, it's like the charity's end-of-year school report - but with fewer stickers and a lot more spreadsheets. 🙄

Treasurer's superpower: Turning a year's worth of receipts, raffle tickets and fundraising events into a tidy report that says, *"Yes, we know where every penny went!"* 🦸 📊 💰

