

🌟🎵 **Sweaty Disco Thank You!** 🥵👧

With the heat, we did our best to keep everyone cool - DJ 'go grab a *drink*' reminders 🥤, fans on full blast 🌀, extra space for face paints and tattoos 🎨, chill-out areas, plus **free fruit** 🍉, **water** 💧, and **squash** 🥤 - & 50p ice pops 🍦 to keep everyone refreshed!

If we're honest... we don't think the children got the memo about taking it easy! 🏃👧 "Running around like sweaty nutters" to quote a parent 😂 - So we hope they had a blast all the same.

A huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who kept everything running (while slowly melting 🥵), and to all the children for another brilliant disco. We hope they all slept well afterwards... we're still recovering! 😊



🎷🌞 **Summer Sounds - Tomorrow Night** 🍔🎵

Join us for a relaxed summer evening with **live music from Jazz Not Jazz**, a BBQ, ice cream, and of course... **Beer** 🍺, **Pimms** 🍓 and **Prosecco** 🍷. If nothing else it is an excellent excuse not to cook or have to wash up!

Tickets are available on the gate or you can book in advance here [\[Tickets Link\]](#)

If you can spare a little time to help during the evening, we'd be so grateful. Sign up here [\[Summer Sounds volunteer sign up link\]](#)

Friends, family, neighbours... everyone is welcome, so please do share with the wider community. The more the merrier! 🎵🌟

♻️ **Pre-Loved Uniform Donations**

♥️ With the end of term here, we're collecting donations from Cygnets *-through to-* Year 2. We're looking for:

Uniform | PE kits | Book bags | Outgrown shoes with a little life left in them.. We'd love to give them a second life and help keep good-quality items in circulation.

Please drop donations into the school office, labelled for FOB.

Thank you for helping us support our school. ♥️ [\[Vinted Shop Link\]](#)

🎪🌟 **Never fear... the Summer Fair is here! | Thursday 16th July** 🎪

After a little pause (thanks heatwave ☀️🥵), we're ready to bring the fun back!

Non-school uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize 🎁

Cake donations very welcome - bakes, treats and show-stoppers gratefully received!

[\[Volunteer sign up link\]](#)

Have a **suggestion, question, request**, or just want to **reach out**?

WhatsApp | [FOB WhatsApp group](#) ✉️ Email | bawnmorefriends@gmail.com Pre Loved Uniform | [FriendsOfBawnmore](#)

👉 FOB 2025/26 - Volunteer Voices ★



👋 Meet Andy...

Hey, my name's Andy and my daughter Indie is in Year 2. I first got involved with FOB when I volunteered for the school disco when Indie was in Reception.

Every year since, I've helped at the school disco, being promoted from tuck shop assistant to face painter!

I really enjoy helping out as it's a good way to support FOB and what they do. Plus, it's a great way to show my daughter that I can get involved as a parent, and that makes her even more excited for these events.

Would highly recommend to any dads who are thinking of volunteering!

👋 Meet Jen ...

It's a rewarding feeling to be able to help a school that puts so much effort into providing an excellent, nurturing learning environment and a positive start for our children. Even though I'm not the most outgoing person, through FOB I've found lots of opportunities to help in small ways and contribute towards this.



Meet The Cullens ...

👋 Steve ...

Hi, I'm Ameline Cullen's dad in 2W.

We really enjoy mucking in and helping in any way we can. The whole family enjoys spending time with both the children and teachers, who are all fantastic in their own right - with some exceptional characters to pick from!

We're lucky to have the time & support to help out and volunteer. Through helping, we've made some friends for life, and what we love most is the community at Bawnmore.

Keep up the good work for when we leave - it's totally worth it!

👋 Elodie ...

Hi, I'm Elodie, Ameline's mum, and I've been helping with FOB for the past four years. I joined because it's a great way to support the school and staff while giving a little back to the community.

Alongside my full-time job, I help when I can, whether that's setting up discos, wrapping gifts, or running the Mother's Day and Father's Day shops. Being part of FOB is a great way to meet new people, get to know the school better, and even catch a glimpse of your child from time to time!

As a former Bawnmore pupil myself, I've really enjoyed getting involved and would encourage anyone considering joining to give it a try. Many people worry they don't have the time, but FOB is very flexible - whether you can spare 30 minutes or a few hours, every bit of help is appreciated.





👋 Meet Sandra...

How I Joined the FOB... **By Mistake!** 😊

When my son Nedas joined Bowmore this September, I wanted to know more about the school where he will be spending the next year. I didn't know yet just how amazing it was, so I thought I'd go to my first FOB meeting to get a feel for the school, the parents, and the community. It also happened to be the meeting where they were voting for the new chairs.

My plan was simple: sneak in, sit quietly in a corner, listen to everyone else, and leave without anyone noticing me. I was sure there would be plenty of people, so I'd stay completely invisible. *Well... that didn't quite happen!* 😊

As I walked through the doors, I could hear everyone chatting. But the moment I stepped into the room... silence! Every single person turned and looked at me. Honestly, I just wanted to turn around and run. 🙈! Then I heard Emma shout, "Grab a chair - we've got space here!" My mind was racing. I kept thinking, "What am I doing here? Why did I come?" 😊

I ended up sitting between two Emmas, and from the very first second they made me feel so welcome. Everyone was incredibly friendly, kind, and genuinely happy to see a new face. So, I **joined the FOB completely by mistake... but it turned out to be one of the best mistakes I've ever made.**

You think you're only giving a little of your time, but when everyone gives a little, together it becomes something really big and beautiful for the children and the school. I've had such an amazing year, and I'm really sad it was my only one at Bawnmore, as my son is now moving on to Year 3.

If you want to help keep this wonderful school as amazing as it is, meet lovely people, make new friends, and be part of something special... **Join the FOB. You might just make the best "mistake" of your life!** ❤️

👋 Meet Charlie ...

I'm Charlie, Mum to two boys one in Year 2 and the youngest in Cygnets. When FOB asked me to write about myself my immediate response was *"I'm not sure I do enough for that! I just wrap and fold things!"* But I guess that's the point - **you don't have to be front and centre to make a difference.**

It took me till my eldest started Year 2 before I tentatively added myself to the FOB WhatsApp and clicked on the sign up sheets to take a peek.

This year I have **folded hundreds of tombola tickets, snipped and folded Father's Day cards, wrapped up books for Santa** and my **latest side hustle is folding the Leaver's Booklets.** I feel a bit like a FOB house elf as I drop deliveries off at the office in the mornings... but here I am writing this now, so it just goes to prove that small behind the scenes contributions are also much needed and valued.





Here is what our volunteer Amber had to say!

"I've helped out at the summer fairs and discos whilst Emily has been at the school, and it's honestly been such good fun. Seeing the children so happy and excited makes it all worthwhile, and it's a great excuse to join in and be a bit silly with them too!

Emily has loved being involved. She gets so excited to stay behind and help set up or tidy away—it makes her feel really proud to be part of it.

If you've been thinking about volunteering, please put your name forward. You don't have to do everything, every little bit helps. I promise it's not as scary as it sounds and you'll be helping to make school even more special for all of your children. 😊"