

Friends of Whitesheet Meeting Minutes

27th February 2026 (6:15pm online)

Members present: Amanda, Willicia, Jodie, Chloe.

Chair's update

Wish List

- Bins about to be purchased. School to purchase. Friends to reimburse to excl. VAT.
- Anime and Mirabelle books - £100 budget. Ask Miss Hare for Turtles recommendations. Graphic novels to be purchased from Amazon now for older classes (BunnyMan, Dog Man, Investigatots, Funny Monkey, Mirabelle). Can be returned if not right. All voted yes.
- The children have a lot of fidget toys - sensory wall to be considered.
- Sandpit cover - £32, voted yes. School to order and invoice the Friends.
- Bikes - £264.99 + VAT. Agreed to leave this until know what other costs there will be.
- Calm cabin - Jodie has asked the Bell & Crown if we can buy the bell tent as an interim solution but it is no longer available.
- Forest school planting - may be able to get free trees from Woodland Trust. Check if volunteers can help without a dbs check outside of school hours. Jodie meeting with Jack.
- Bench around tree - measurements and a quote needed.
- Repainting the playground - School noted this would be a school funded item.
- Turtles waterproof suits are really old. There are some on Amazon for £10.99 each - Agreed to buy 1 per size to test quality and fit before ordering more.
- Boom whackers have been suggested as a good educational installation - Friends are happy to buy, need more guidance on which product.
- Dolphins would like another magazine subscription. The Week/First News. Trial version £10. Voted yes to purchasing.
- Friends agreed to pay for upcoming trip transport.
- Ask school if they need more ukuleles.

Ideas for future workshops/assemblies (ideally one per half term)

- Panto 2027 agreed to be booked in.
- Gladiators visit to school - approx. £700 - Amanda to email about dates. Book in now as this is oversubscribed.
- Fizz pop Taunton
- Wonder Dome (£505 + VAT)
- Sublime Science.
- Cook Stars
- Drumming bus? (Chloe to ask about Penselwood Fete),
- Mere Falconry.
- Make Together.
- Beat box £280 (too soon)
- MC Grammer - Amanda to email.

Easter events

- Easter bingo - volunteers needed.
- Raffle Prizes, 27th March
- Cake bakers needed
- Non-uniform day - Friday 27th March - bring in an Easter egg.

- All to be covered in one post on Dojo
- Date for the disco - Friday 13th.
- Willicia and Jodie to organise together.
- DBS checked parents needed for supervision ratio at the disco.

Pop up cafe

- Cancelled due to lack of volunteers/organisers.
- Willicia to prebook for next year

Grants

- The Friends are saving funds for the Calm Cabin.
- The plan is to apply for grants to cover the cost of the Calm Cabin.
To do this quotes and a timeline will be needed i.e. a mini business case.
- In the meantime Chloe to apply for grants for the flagpole, bench seating and sensory installation. Jodie sending bench spec. Willicia sending accounts.

AOB - none

End of Meeting

*Note: since the meeting, Friends have applied for c. £2000 from the Mere Lecture Hall Trust.
A decision will be made at the end of March.*