



Friends of Priory Rise



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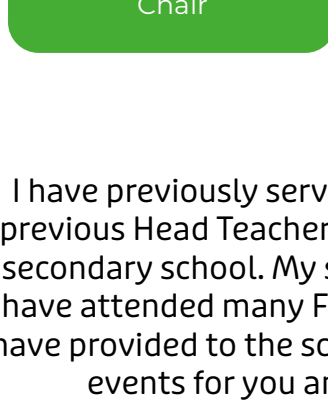
AUTUMN 2026

A warm welcome to the Friends of Priory Rise (FoPR) Committee newsletter for the 2026–2027 school year!

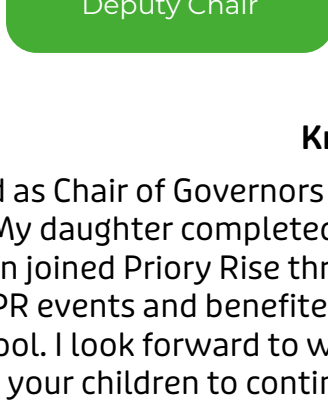
MEET YOUR NEW COMMITTEE...

To begin, we would like to say a huge thank you to the outgoing committee for everything they have achieved over the past two years and for making the handover so supportive. They have also shared their plans for the funds raised, and we are delighted that several exciting initiatives are already taking shape.

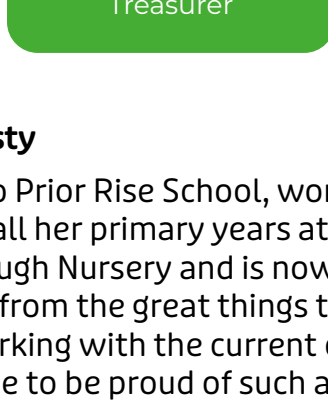
We are excited to introduce your new committee:



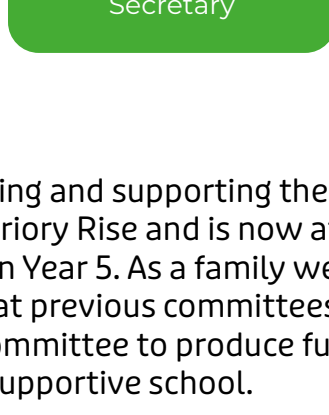
Kristy
Chair



Annabel
Deputy Chair



Muzammil
Treasurer



Helen
Secretary

Kristy

I have previously served as Chair of Governors to Prior Rise School, working and supporting the previous Head Teacher. My daughter completed all her primary years at Priory Rise and is now at secondary school. My son joined Priory Rise through Nursery and is now in Year 5. As a family we have attended many FoPR events and benefited from the great things that previous committees have provided to the school. I look forward to working with the current committee to produce fun events for you and your children to continue to be proud of such a supportive school.

Annabel

Hello, my name is Annabel. I work as a nurse at MKUH and in my spare time you'll find me exploring the countryside with our black Labrador and some Mum's league netball on a Sunday! We have been at Priory Rise since 2017. Our elder daughter is now in year 9 at Hazeley and our younger daughter is in year 6 at Priory Rise. Time flies and I'm excited for the year ahead with FoPR!

Muzammil

I am a compliance professional with over 20 years experience working with global organisations. It is an honour to be part of FoPR and to have the opportunity to give back by contributing my time, experience and energy to a meaningful cause. These initiatives help shape the growth, development and future of the children at Priory Rise School, while also making a positive contribution to the wider community.

Helen

Hello, my name is Helen Cresswell. I have worked at Priory Rise for 4 years, first as a lunchtime supervisor, then the last year and a half as support staff. I have a daughter in year 6 and a granddaughter in year 1. I'm looking forward to getting more involved in bringing some memory making events to our Priory Rise families.

THANK YOU ALSO...

We are also very grateful to be supported by two committee members in informal roles:



Nikita



Emma

BRINGING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOGETHER

FoPR is a registered charity with one simple aim: to bring the Priory Rise community together through fun, memorable events for children and families. Every profit we make goes back into the school, helping to fund new resources and improvements for pupils now and in the future. The school shares its priorities with us, and the committee agrees how the funds can make the greatest difference.

HELP US REACH £18,000!

Since joining the committee in mid-September, we have been talking with the school about where our fundraising can have the greatest impact. We believe it is important to raise funds with a clear understanding of what the school and the children need. We will continue these discussions and share our proposals in future newsletters.

We are setting ourselves an ambitious fundraising target of £18,000 for 2026–2027—£1,000 for every year the school has been open.

Every ticket bought, event attended and donation made will take us one step closer to our goal, while giving families plenty of opportunities to have fun together along the way!

This fundraising is for your children and, for some families, for younger children who have not yet started school. Several committee members also have older children at secondary school who enjoyed events organised by previous committees. By supporting FoPR today, you are helping to create happy memories and lasting benefits for today's pupils and for the children who will follow them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIREWORKS NIGHT 2026

BACK WITH A BANG!
FIREWORKS NIGHT

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER
FROM 4.45 – 6.30PM

We are kicking off the year with our always-popular Fireworks Night! Early-bird tickets are just £4 each to help make the event affordable for our families.

From 23rd October, tickets will cost £4.50 each, so book early and join us for a fantastic evening.



JAN
2027
MOVIE NIGHT
IN YOUR PJ'S

Kids can get cosy, grab their PJ's and settle in for a fun movie night with their friends.



Get ready for an evening of music, bingo and entertainment in the school hall! Tickets will be limited, and adults are welcome with or without children. It is the perfect chance to catch up with parents and friends from your children's classes and enjoy a brilliant night together.

FEB
2027
DISCO BINGO
WITH ENTERTAINMENT

MAR
2027
EASTER DISCO



Our ever-popular Easter Disco is back—get ready for music, dancing and plenty of fun!

A firm favourite with the children—bigger, brighter and crazier hairstyles are all welcome!

MAY
2027
CRAZY HAIR DAY



MAY
2027
COLOUR RUN

Something new is coming to Priory Rise! Colour Runs have been a huge hit at other schools, and we cannot wait to share more details with you soon.

Following your feedback, this year's P-Fest will put even more emphasis on activities and games, with fewer stalls and more ways to join the fun.

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FEST

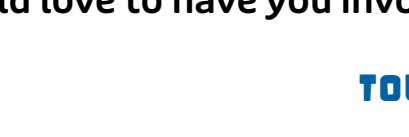
JULY
2027
P-FEST

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

THE £18 CHALLENGE

To celebrate the school turning 18, we are inviting every child or family to raise £18 in their own creative way. They could take on a sponsored challenge, complete tasks or chores, or come up with a brilliant idea involving friends and family. Every child or family who reaches £18 will receive a badge and a special mention in assembly—so let the challenge begin!

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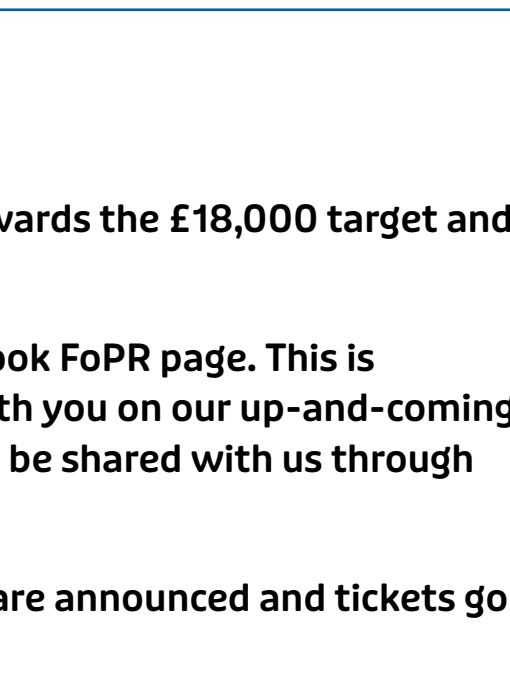


JOIN THE TEAM

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Our events are only possible thanks to the wonderful people who help bring them to life. Teaching staff generously give their time at many of our larger events, but there are still lots of roles to fill. Whether you can help for a whole event or lend a hand for just part of one, every bit of support makes a difference. We would love to have you involved:

TOUCH OR SCAN HERE



KEEP IN TOUCH

- Termly newsletters will share our progress towards the £18,000 target and highlight the exciting events coming up.
- We will be posting updates through our Facebook FoPR page. This is another great way to communicate directly with you on our up-and-coming events. We'd love any pictures of our events to be shared with us through this page.
- Email updates will let you know when events are announced and tickets go on sale, so you do not miss out.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS

Cannot make it to an event but still want to help? You can make a direct donation towards our £18,000 target [HERE](#). Every contribution, whatever the size, moves us closer to our target.

Your support could go even further through matched giving. Some employers will match charitable donations or fundraising, so it is well worth checking whether your employer offers a scheme.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE FOPR COMMUNITY



We cannot wait to see you at our events, have lots of fun together and make a real difference for the children throughout the school year!

THANK YOU FROM THE TEAM!

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