

16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents, Friends, and Supporters of Streatley School,

As we approach the end of another remarkable academic year at Streatley School, we are filled with gratitude as we reflect on the journey we have taken together. This year marked a celebration of not only our pupils' academic achievements but also the spirit of community that makes our school such a special place. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each member of our school community—pupils, parents, staff, and governors—for your unwavering support and commitment.

**Our Friends of Streatley School (FoSS)** deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts to enhance the experience of our children. Throughout this year, FoSS has organised a plethora of events that foster community spirit and raise vital funds for our school. The Spooky and Easter Hop disco was not only a thrilling event for our pupils but also an opportunity for families to come together. Activities such as the quiz night have proven to be popular not just for their fun and competitive spirit, but also for the **community bonds they forge**. One of the highlights of the year was the coverage in the Goring Gap News, where our quiz night winners were proudly displayed on the front page, showcasing our vibrant community spirit. And more recently, our Garden Party!

As we reflect on the year, we cannot overlook the **collective achievements** we have accomplished together. The installation of the bird hide, funded in part by grants, will open new avenues for our pupils to engage with the natural world. Our projects focused on local flora and fauna have sparked a genuine interest in environmental stewardship among our pupils, reinforcing the importance of caring for our planet. This hands-on experience promotes a deeper understanding of ecology that will forever stay with our children as they grow. We are particularly grateful to the **#MendTheGap charity** for generously funding half of our outdoor kitchen project, which promises to further enrich our educational environment.

This year, we have much to celebrate in the arts as well. Our receipt of the **Music Mark Award** highlights our commitment to providing a rich and varied curriculum that encompasses the performing arts. The concerts led by the talented Linda have captivated both pupils and parents alike, providing our young musicians with platforms to showcase their burgeoning talents. Additionally, many pupils performed during the Berkshire Music Trust's annual **Junior Music Concert**, a defining moment for them, enabling performances in a professional setting, complete with an audience filled with support and enthusiasm. Over 500 pupils participated, truly exemplifying the thriving artistic community within Streatley School.

In our pursuit of **academic excellence**, we strive to engage our pupils with the wider community beyond school walls. This year, partnerships with local organisations have enriched our educational offerings considerably. A visit from Dogs Trust delighted children as they learned about responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. Engaging with the local Fire Service and participating in intergenerational projects at the Corn Exchange have significantly expanded our pupils' understanding of community roles and responsibilities, driving home the importance of social connection and kindness. Furthermore, the **'Speak Out, Stay Safe'** initiative from the NSPCC has provided our children with vital knowledge about safeguarding.



The **wellbeing of our pupils** has remained paramount throughout the year. We have taken significant strides to ensure that our staff are well-equipped to support pupils with varying needs. This includes specialised training focused on attachment and trauma, encapsulated in our principle of 'connection before correction.' These initiatives underscore our belief that a nurturing environment is essential for fostering resilience and emotional wellbeing in our children. This training will continue into the autumn term with staff and governors.

**Our allotment regulars** have taken their role seriously this year, with projects involving the planting of garlic and potatoes, as well as the growth of alliums. These endeavours have ignited great interest among our younger pupils and have taught invaluable lessons surrounding sustainability, nutrition, and the science of gardening. Such experiences cultivate a sense of community through shared responsibilities, and they instil a lifelong appreciation for our environment. Such as emptying the water tray on the allotment, using the water effectively and 500 steps later, all plants are happy.

**Looking to the future**, we have various building projects underway aimed at enhancing our facilities. Plans have been submitted for various initiatives, including an all-weather kitchen and seating area, as well as refurbishments for KS1 and KS2 toilets, and the reconnection of our pond area. Last week, we were pleased to see artist Sian Storey complete her stunning artwork in the library and entrance, beautifully developed in collaboration with our pupils and supported through funding for the 2024 Year 6 leavers and FoSS.

As we transition into the summer months, we encourage our families to take this time for relaxation and connection with one another. It is an important period for rejuvenation, and we eagerly anticipate reuniting in September with fresh initiatives and projects that build upon what we have achieved together. We look forward to broadening our learning to include the all-weather classroom, which will invite our pupils to further explore and appreciate nature's gifts, while also providing opportunities for them to contribute back to our school community through initiatives like pizza making and selling.

Before we close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the **parents of our Year 6 pupils**. Your support has been invaluable, and as our children prepare to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey, we wish both you and your children all the best for the future.

This autumn term, **we will be consulting** with the Oxford Diocese Schools Trust, who will be meeting with both staff and parents at the start of the school year. We encourage you to keep an eye out for your invitation to the consultation meeting, as further details will be sent directly to you. This exploration is crucial for us in securing better procurement deals on dwindling local services and ensuring access to high-quality training for both teaching and non-teaching staff, especially in light of the year on year school funding cuts we have faced. #SaveTheDate25thSeptember6.15PM

**Thank you for your continued support!** We are immensely grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment of each member of our Streatley School community. Your involvement has not only enriched the educational experience of our children but also nurtured a profound sense of belonging.

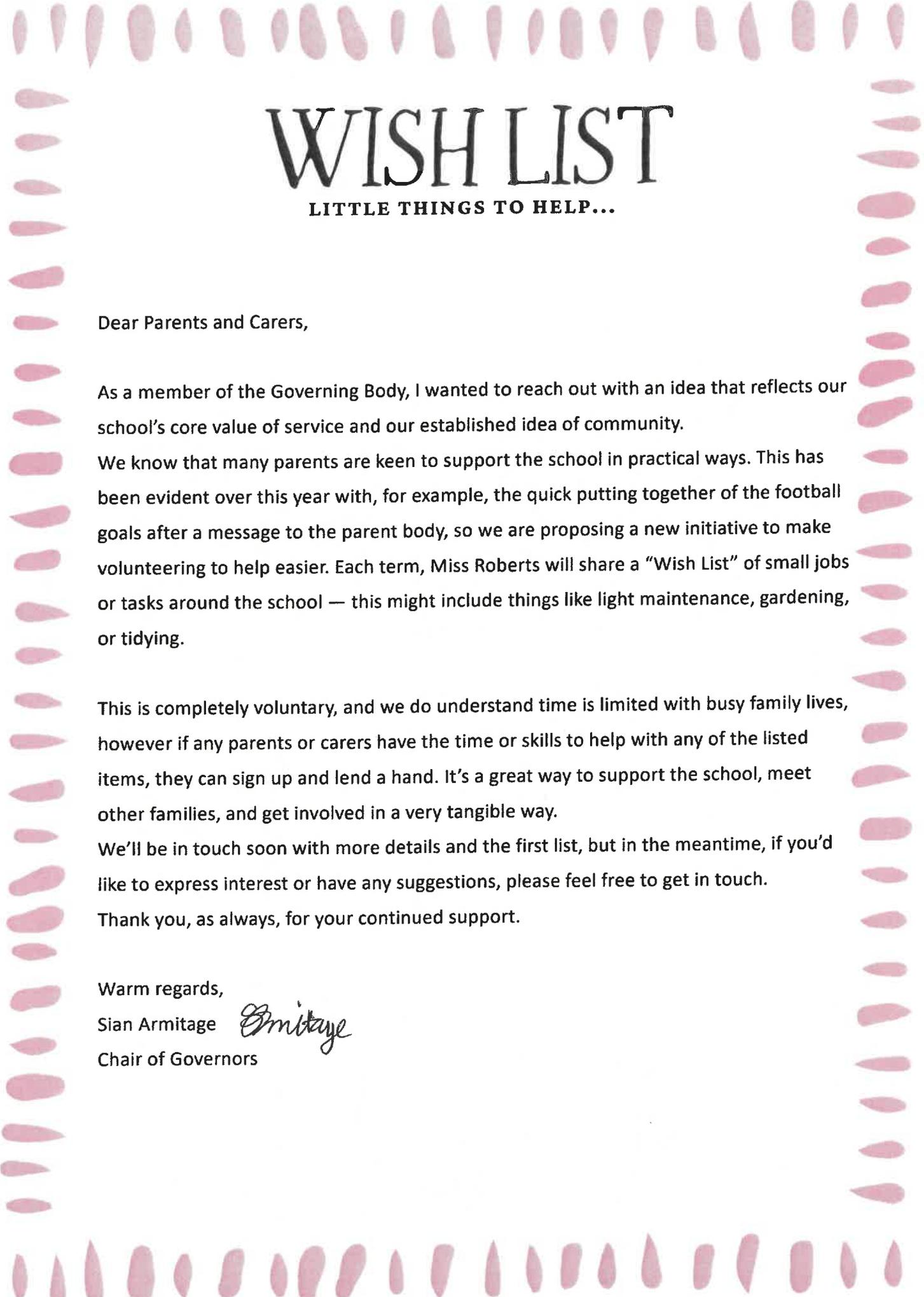
Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer!

Yours sincerely,



Miss L Roberts  
Headteacher

Mrs S Armitage  
Chair of Governors



# WISH LIST

LITTLE THINGS TO HELP...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a member of the Governing Body, I wanted to reach out with an idea that reflects our school's core value of service and our established idea of community.

We know that many parents are keen to support the school in practical ways. This has been evident over this year with, for example, the quick putting together of the football goals after a message to the parent body, so we are proposing a new initiative to make volunteering to help easier. Each term, Miss Roberts will share a "Wish List" of small jobs or tasks around the school — this might include things like light maintenance, gardening, or tidying.

This is completely voluntary, and we do understand time is limited with busy family lives, however if any parents or carers have the time or skills to help with any of the listed items, they can sign up and lend a hand. It's a great way to support the school, meet other families, and get involved in a very tangible way.

We'll be in touch soon with more details and the first list, but in the meantime, if you'd like to express interest or have any suggestions, please feel free to get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Sian Armitage



Chair of Governors

# Friends of Streatley School (Foss)

- Funded IT safety consultant Dave Robinson
- Spooky and Easter hop disco • FC gifts
- Coffee morning sponsor £356 to MM cancer charity
- AGM • Quiz night • Open uniform

## Music

- Music Award by the children for children
- Talent concert
- Children's concert
- Linda's Macbrats Strings - Hexagon Orchestra - Strings Technical - Partnership
- Junior Music partnership #funding
- New local music

## Active & Safety

- Kinball joy and laughter
- Soft Archery
- Netball tournament
- Dance programme Yr3/4
- Fit for Life Award
- Daily Mile
- Hairy Legs
- Proactive & Reading FC coaching
- Small Schools winner! Again... 2017-2025
- Running - Small Schools miles over 4 days #Houses #KeyStages
- Marathon miles over 4 days #Houses #KeyStages

# Flora and fauna

- succession planting building on companion planting last year.
- Sweet peas germination
- Garlic + potatoes
- Shelters and dens Yr1/2
- Eco Warriors • Alliums
- Roses and pumpkin

## New this Year

- Miss Hudson Yr5/6
- Miss Dunk + Mrs Kane
- Music Mark Award
- Ping pong table

## Dogs Trust visit - furry friends

- Mouse Ministers
- Whiskers Reading Club
- 27.4 1st Birthday

## Sponsored Marathon Mile - River Thames

## Tag rugby Festival winners

## Corn exchange: Intergenerational

- English 5 week project. Yr3/4 and the residents of Coombe House
- Evie G won with her art/sco entry against 500 entries! Amazing.

## Bird hide installed

- #Volunteers Mr Carlton • Mrs Arnold-Baker

# Church

- bird hide
- successions planting building on companion planting last year.
- Sweet peas germination
- Garlic + potatoes
- Shelters and dens Yr1/2
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## Quality - Dec 25 complete

- 2 Year Pilot with WB
- "Attachment + trauma" connection
- River Thames by correction

## Partnerships

- Fire Service
- Prevent support visit.
- Parents help
- Parent book
- looks + KIRFs
- Paxis - Curridge
- Midsummers Night

# Easter

## World Book Day

## celebration

## party

## Garden

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