THE FRIENDS OF OCCOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

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A LOOK BACK AT LAST TERM

Film Night in February saw children gather after school with popcorn and sweets to watch a fun family-friendly film. This raised sugar levels and over £120.

Chocolate Bingo in the village hall on 27th March was a huge hit as always, raising over £600! Thank you for donating chocolate for non-uniform day, as these contributions are essential to help make up the Bingo prizes, as well as our super popular Chocolate Tombola.

CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Easter was a fun-filled time this year. The brilliant Easter Bunny Hop was so joyful, with huge thanks to our special guest, the Easter Bunny! We also held our usual plate decorating competition, and our special Easter tuck shop, selling themed balloon model treat cups that were a very big hit! Altogether our Easter and tuck shop activities this term raised over £400 for the charity.

SPECIAL GUEST STAR

SOME JUMBLE SALE GOODS SET UP READY TO GO

We held our annual Jumble Sale on 18th April. We had a massive amount of donations, so thanks to everyone who dropped things off for us to sell. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped set everything out in the hall. Altogether the sale raised another £430!

Finally, we held our latest Soup Lunch event in collaboration with ORAC at the end of April. For the second time the children were invited to join the usual soup lunch crowd for some delicious mac and cheese, and we raised £155. Thanks to ORAC for allowing us to host again, and if you're interested in supporting our regular partner ORAC and other charities of local interest their soup lunch is held every last Friday of the month in the village hall.

MAKE IT HAPPEN MAY 2026

It is getting to the end of Make it Happen May 2026, and we are so excited to see what everyone has been doing to raise money for the portable reading and crafts box for the children to use at break time! We love to see the children become junior entrepreneurs or challenge themselves to raise money for the special purchase every year, and we are always in awe of their efforts. Well done, everyone!

PRELOVED UNIFORM

Going forward please note we will no longer be accepting donations of or stocking NON-LOGO UNIFORM, such as white polo shirts, grey trousers, skirts, non-logo jumpers and cardigans, etc.

If you would like to donate clean, good condition logo'd uniform, including PE t-shirts, please leave them with the school office. Sales are held the last Friday of every month alongside Tuck Shop, weather permitting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

At the end of the year we will very sadly be saying goodbye to two vital members of our committee, our Chair Amanda and our Secretary Rachel. These positions are essential to the Friends committee, therefore we will be looking for new volunteers to step into the roles of Chairperson and Secretary from September 2026. These roles can be shared if preferred, and full support will be given during the transition period. If you are interested in taking on a role or would like more information please speak to Amanda or Rachel, or any of the Friends team. You are also welcome to attend our next meeting on 04/06/26 to see what is involved.

COMING SOON!

SUMMER FÊTE
19/06/2026
&
HUGE SUMMER RAFFLE!
BEST PRIZES YET!

SCHOOL AMAZON WISHLIST

The Friends were recently approached by parents wishing to contribute to the school in a more direct way. As a result, the school has set up their own Amazon wishlist. This will be updated by staff with items they could make use of in class. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase anything from the wishlist, but if you would like to donate something specific that the school would appreciate you can check out the wishlist at http://amzn.eu/7bKa2pw.