

Forest Prep Parents Association: Letter from the Chair

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Parents Association (the PA), I would like to welcome you & your family to Forest. The PA is run entirely by parents from the school and our aim is to complement the thriving school community by creating fun events for our children including Discos, Halloween parties and Movie Nights; family events like our Christmas & Summer fairs, and adult socials such as our "PA Quiz" and our annual fundraiser, the May Ball.

We use the proceeds from these events to fund some 'extras' for our children, like ice cream treats on school trips and also for particular requests from the school, such as the housing for our school pets, sport equipment and props for the school productions to name just a few.

In addition to raising money for our school, we believe it is important to partner with charities in our community. We have created long lasting relationships with the charities that we have worked with over the years and we love to get the children & parents involved, by taking part in our annual children's "Colour Run" or by donating our time. We established a partnership with Little Green Sock (<https://littlegreensock.org/>) in September 2023 and we are enjoying working with the team there to help local families to reduce the financial burden of clothing, by reusing and gifting items to help create a positive change in behaviour towards the circular economy.

We also run a "Nearly New Uniform" Service where we collect uniform that our children have outgrown and we sell it at pop up Uniform Sales throughout the year. This recycling helps the environment and the proceeds from the sale are invested by the PA back into the school.

We kick off every year with our Coffee Morning held on the front lawn on the first day of term, it is a lovely way to kick off the new school year, to meet new faces and old friends... and we are usually blessed with good weather (fingers crossed!).

We have a PA Instagram page "forestprep_pa" where you should be able to find us and each class has a PA representative as detailed below:

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| Nursery | Nina Djurovic & Sarah Rowley-Jones |
| Kindergarten | Gemma Newell |
| Reception | Bex Stark & Jo Dent |
| Yr 1 | Layla Cotton & Trish Harrison |
| Yr 2 | Michelle Alderson & Frances Brooker |
| Yr 3 | Jenny Lawrence & Sammy Whittaker |
| Yr 4 | Aastha Jain & Beverley Moss |
| Yr 5 | Helen Davies & Sarah Rowley Jone |
| Yr 6 | Sarah Trainor and Donna Gates |

Please reach out to your Class Rep and be sure to join your class "WhatsApp" group for all the news about our events.

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone. See you on the front lawn on Tuesday 2nd September 2025!

Kind Regards

Siobhan Gall

Chair

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