



Annual Report

August 2022 - July 2023

Friends have had a busy year supporting the wider school community. We provide 'extras' that are often difficult for families to afford, ranging from support with grocery and fuel vouchers to community events such as family swims, our Windrush celebration and visits to see the Van Gogh exhibition and 'Beyond Submergence' at Propyard. We also support activities such as our bonfire night party, and help fund courses for adults, like sewing, cookery, craft and keep fit. Many of these activities help the school maintain its unique community feel and warm welcome. Our income from trusts and grants this year was around £37,000.

We were so pleased that the community space at school was completed in September 2022 which meant we were able to support activities in a lovely new space. Whilst these were predominantly funded through grants from Friends, they were managed day-to-day by Sarah Franke, in her school community development role. This has been such a positive and proactive partnership.

An exciting development for autumn will be a new mural, painted by artist Jazz Thompson, commemorating the Bristol Bus Boycott, and involving our community through workshops and discussions.

We have continued to maintain partnerships and build relationships with funders. In particular we were delighted to host a lunch event in July welcoming donors who have supported us this year, catered by our lottery-funded cooking group. Partnerships also led to significant support for the school, including funding for trips, visits and extra-curricular activities such as Rocksteady music workshops and class-based cookery sessions.

The Community Learning Fund, a commissioning opportunity which we were granted last year, meant we could fund a sewing group and a craft group. Both groups linked in with other activities, such as the summer fair and the Windrush celebration. These wider connections between groups and across activities have been so positive, and have helped us all to celebrate our diverse community.

This year we have been particularly grateful to...



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Our AGM

Our AGM is on Tuesday 7th November in the conference room at the Ibis Hotel (BS2 OPS.)

6.30	Welcome
7.15	AGM
8.30	Optional socialising! Until around 9.15

Everyone is welcome to come along, please email friendsofhannahmore@gmail.com by the Friday before, as we will need to provide names to the hotel.

Behind the scenes:

If you follow our twitter feed, or check our website, you will see quite a few things going on that help to support our charity and our community. For example, did you know that:

- Friends of Hannah More started in 2007. Some people who were involved back then are still involved today.
- We have developed partnerships with many organisations and groups over the years, including Trinity, acta community theatre, We the Curious, SS Great Britain, Travelling Kitchen, Easton Leisure Centre, FIXX bikes, A.P.E. project, the Ibis Hotel, Burges Salmon, Deloitte, HMRC, Sovereign Housing, Greggs, and many more.
- GoodGym Bristol, in partnership with Friends, have supported the school for many years. They help with weeding, sweeping, tidying, sorting, painting, picking apples and much more!

We have six trustees ...

Fatoumata Ba
Vivienne Bignell
Ruth Cochrane
Sarah Franke

Iwona Salamon (secretary)
Shaazna Shanoon (treasurer)

... plus committee members

Helen Barbour
Charlene Lawrence
Hannah Pepper

We welcome new members and trustees. Please send us an email for further information.

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Ongoing support for families...

We continued to support families with individual requests for welfare, travel, and items needed to support specific needs. Once again we linked with Greggs Foundation, who provided supermarket and fuel vouchers for over 50 families. School also provided some direct welfare support grants, which we helped to fund.

Community, culture, legacy, well-being ...

Our charity exists to support and strengthen our community. Sometimes, hardship (and school funding pressures) can feel overwhelming, but we believe that celebration and creativity always help - even at the most difficult of times. New experiences, enjoyed together, remind us that we share a universal human experience. We find new connections, feel welcomed and build new friendships through new creative activities.



Our website ... we have just published our new website... have a look at

www.friendsofhannahmore.org

Key targets for 23-24 ... welcome more people to meetings and ensure these are productive; maintain funding levels; support new commissioned courses; support the cultural capital agenda at school; maintain the website; celebrate our wider community.

Our longest running activity!

We think our Saturday fun swims have been running since 2015! This year we were able to fund six sessions for the Hannah More community, between May and July. Limiting the number of older siblings led to less boisterous sessions, and we were delighted to see more parents swimming too. Roll on 2024 swims!

