



# FABS Newsletter

Autumn 2024 (2nd Half)

The half-termly newsletter from the Fundraising Friends At Brownsover Community School.

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## The Thing That Matters The Most

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*Only got a few minutes? Just read this and you'll be up to speed...*

### What's New

It's a new school year at Brownsover Community School and we need the help of parent volunteers more than ever as we prepare for our biggest event of the year: **the Christmas Fair.**

### Why It Matters

FABS volunteers are a committed bunch, working hard to enrich the school experience for pupils and parents - but we're a small group, currently. Making events like the Fair successful and enjoyable requires the coordinated efforts of many, which is why **we NEED your help...**

### So What Now?

Here's how everyone can help, even if your time is extremely limited:

### **ONE: Spread the word.**

- Like, comment on, and share, our LINK: [Christmas Fair Facebook event](#).
- Save the date and share with others! Don't forget: the FABS BCS Christmas Fair is straight after school, 3:15 pm, Friday 6th December 2024.

### **TWO: Buy raffle tickets.**

Look out for raffle tickets in book bags this week! Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book.

Exciting prizes from local businesses, including cinema tickets, soft play vouchers, dance classes, children's toys, lovely treats, and a fabulous hamper from the Brownsover school team.

Return ticket stubs, money, and unwanted tickets via the Classroom or School Reception (do not leave cash in the lobby post box) **by Wednesday 11th December** to ensure your entry. Additional tickets can be purchased from FABS volunteers on the playground and at the Christmas Fair. Need more tickets? [Speak to a member of the FABS team](#).

Join us after school on Wednesday 18th December for carols on the playground and a live raffle draw. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **THREE: Book your child's slot to see Santa!**

Santa is taking a break from his busy schedule to visit Brownsover School during the Christmas Fair! Book your child's time slot to see him at School Reception:

- £3.50 per child
- Siblings and friends of your children are welcome to see Santa, too!
- Booking only available at School Reception (Tues, Thurs & Fri) - cash only.

Limited slots are available so book early to avoid disappointment. More details can be found on the booking form at School Reception.

One more thing...

If you have any time to volunteer, FABS need help getting things ready for the Fair. There are tasks that anyone can do that need doing **this week**, as well as needing volunteers to help out at the fair, too. If you can help, get in touch - LINK: [FABS Enquiries](#).



## Go Deeper

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*Got time for a longer read? Find out more about FABS and what's in it for you and your children's school experience...*

## FABS Key Dates

- Friday 6th December 2024, 15:15-17:15 | Christmas Fair

- Friday 10th January 2025, 12:30-13:30 | FABS Volunteers Meeting (online; details to follow in next newsletter, early January)

## Welcome back (to our newsletter)!

It's been a while since we had a FABS newsletter, and so it gives me great pleasure to bring it back and share our news with all BCS parents. Here at FABS, our focus this year is on increasing engagement so we can be more impactful in our ongoing mission to enrich the school experience for pupils and parents. To this end, we're on a recruitment drive.

Starting at a new school (or coming back after the summer break) can be daunting for parents and pupils. I should know: I am new to BCS myself - my child just started in Reception. For this reason I ask you all to help us **recruit FABS members**: together we can build a warm, welcoming community, dedicated to enriching the school experience for all parents and pupils. You can do so by sharing these links:

LINK: [FABS Enquiries \(WhatsApp\)](#) | LINK: [FABS Newsletter & Membership Signup](#)

Thank you, and see you out there on the playground!

Oli Ryan - FABS Chair

## FABS AGM

Before the half term break, we held **our first meeting** of the year. LINK: [Find out what was discussed and agreed](#). If you'd like to attend future meetings, all FABS members are welcome. Details will follow both in future editions of this newsletter and in LINK: [our WhatsApp FABS enquiries chat](#).

## Autumn Term Cake Sale

The first cake sale of the year was a great success, raising just over £100 - a great start to a year of fundraising! Special thanks to parent Bakers (and Fakers!) - including those with children in Reception who got involved for the first time by providing cakes for the sale. **Thanks, too, to volunteers Alicia, Louise, and Sharon** for running the stall and making the sale a success.

## Thanks to our amazing school team and FABS volunteers

We can't do anything without the support of our lovely parent volunteers AND the brilliant school staff who engage with us to raise funds and enrich school life. Here are some of the people we'd like to thank this half-term (in addition to the cake sale volunteers and bakers, above):

- **Mrs Westerby and the school staff** - for their efforts planning and preparing for the Christmas Fair
- **Naomi Britton** for her excellent work organising the Christmas Raffle
- **Helaina Garvey** for taking on the big commitment of coordinating the Christmas Fair
- **Alicia Hodgson** for keeping FABS running and sharing her great experience running FABS events

By the next newsletter, we hope to have many more people to thank!



## FABS Links

- [FABS Enquiries \(WhatsApp\)](#)
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