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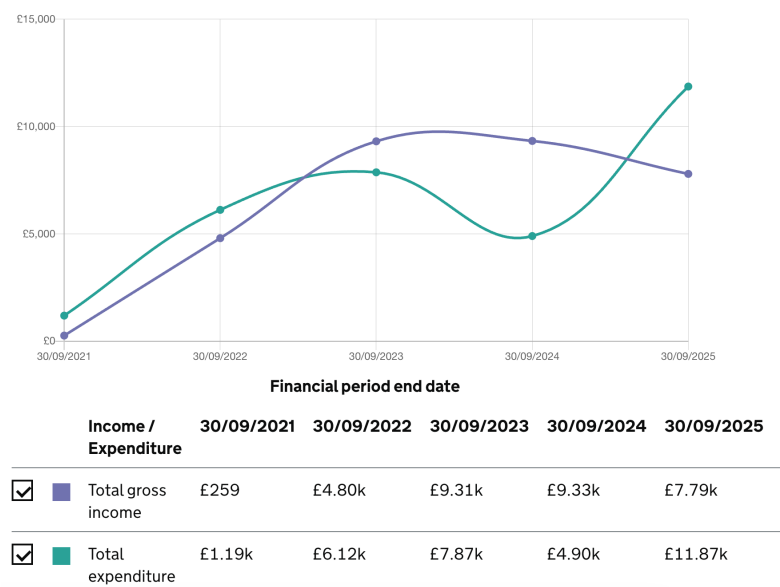
To provide an overview of the financial activity for Friends of Helmdon School (FOHS) during 2025-26 and highlight the current status of the financials for the charity.

2024-25 Financial Return

During 2024-25, FOHS fundraising totaled £7,793. This was a reduction of c.£1,500 when compared with 2023-24 and 2022-23 where c.£9,300 was raised in consecutive years. The reduction can be explained due to the Fiver Challenge not taking place in which raised £1,806 in 2023-24 and a one of donation from Amazon of £2,000 in 2022-23.

Expenditure significantly increased from £4,897 in 2023-24 to £11,864 in 2024-25, resulting in an overall annual loss of £4,071. This was a conscious decision after 2 years of healthy profits, resulting in a cash surplus. The major expenses from FOHS included the *Laptops (£5,925)*, *School Resources (£1,043)*, and *Hatton Country World Trip (£804)*

Over the last 5 years spending has marginally exceeded income with c.£31.9k spent vs. c.£31.5k raised. The chart below shows the last 5 years, the latest return being financial year ending 30th Sep 2025.



2025-26 Activity

The financial year does not end until 30th Sep 2026 but it is expected that our financial position will break-even following continued strong fundraising, combined with a decision by the committee to continue investing funds on ‘big ticket’ items due to the cash surplus. Fundraising and spending total are expected to be c.£11k each.

FOHS has funded major items in 2025-26, including £3,854 for *iPads*, £1,090 for *Coach Hires* for various school trips, an £895 for a *School Whiteboard*. FOHS spending strategy has continued to focus on educational items within school, coupled with providing funds for extra-curricular trips and shows to support a diverse education.

Events held during the year included; *Halloween Disco*, *Christmas Cards*, *Santa run*, *Christmas raffle*, *Easter raffle*, *Summer Disco*, *Quiz Night*, *Fiver Challenge*, *Cake Stalls*, and *Uniform sales*. The *Fiver Challenge*, in its 2nd iteration, produced the highest revenue with c.£1,700 raised. The *Quiz Night* once again produced strong returns of £1,190.

2026-27 Outlook

At the time of producing this report, FOHS has available funds of c.£6.5k. This is an increase of c.£0.5k when compared to 2025-26 and in line with expectations following our funding decisions for the year. The FOHS committee continue to drive a balance of fundraising and spending, ensuring events deliver a return on investment to enable investment on school resources whilst maintaining a small cash surplus.