

Meeting Minutes

Friday 17th October 2025

Welcome	Attendees: Mike, Bryony, Jo, Laura, Cath, Angie, Jackie, Sam, Nadine, Nikki and Jess Apologies: Rachel, Alice
Review	• Awards Ceromony - such lovely feedback. A great evening, different location and worked well. Nice touch having the church choir - nice to involve the community into our little family. • Summer School 2025 - The Greatest Showman – excellent turnout, had a promo trailer created by HLD Media which was great, Circus workshop and then performance at the end of the week. It was great - everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We loved having Esme Bowdler in – she was complimentary as always. • Oliver trip - It was brilliant!!! Fantastic trip. Location of the workshop wasn't ideal, but the children had a good time; not quite what we expected compared to previous workshops with Theatre Workout. • Peter Pan Jr Auditions - Works well the audition process - finished a bit earlier than usual. One of the hardest to cast so far; this was due to casting children against each other (height, visuals etc.) as well as chemistry. Cast size also had to be reduced compared to previous productions such as Shrek.
Update from Sam	• Staffing - Erin on maternity leave. She will be returning on Saturday 8th November. Amy has been covering Erin's classes for the half term; she is familiar with the children and school. She will continue to cover, where needed. Georgia will be back to do Peter Pan Jr which we are incredibly excited about. • Evelyn Hoskins – Has become an official Ambassador of the school. West End performer - people really connected to her at the awards ceremony. When she is not performing, she will support with classes and rehearsals - she will support us as much as possible which is exciting and just lovely! • Future plans - 2027 JR production we are currently deciding on as we need to be ahead of the game always. • Always looking for our own premises - need minimum 3,000 square feet
Banking (FoPT)	We have got £2594 in the bank (including the sponsor money). We have made the decision to use the sponsor money (and FoPT will add anything necessary to ensure the children do not have to pay) to take the children to see Aladdin at The Kings Theatre, Portsmouth - Sam to look into this.
Upcoming Events	• Christmas Showcase – Some stalls already interested. 5-8pm. Informal showcase - no costumes, just uniform. £3 entry for showcase - fundraising event. We will be doing fundraising stalls - refreshments, teddy and bottle tombola, glow sticks, Christmas baubles, Mix and match dress up day on Saturday 25th October and Christmas jumper day on Saturday 6th December 2025. Teddy or bottle in return for dressing up on both dress up days. • 12-week intensive program - uptake already for Screen Acting – Given different payment options to support families. Other possible programs – Technical/backstage.

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	• Peter Pan Jr - at Theatre Royal. Cast of 40 children - hard to cast but worth the time. Tickets will go on sale in November. T-shirts to be paid for by FoPT. • Perform Fest - Open to everyone. Pinewood Nursing Home Gardens in Chidham. Burgers, Ice cream van, looking into the hire of marquees, NO BBQs but BYOB. Perform Fest Committee to be formed and meet regularly to plan and prepare. VIPerformer if you are enrolled – will be given a lanyard for the event. Wristbands for all those attending. Hi vis for Perform Fest committee and FoPT team. • Matilda Summer School - 3rd -7th August 2026 and West End trip (Friday 7th August). Magician workshop during the week. Cutoff date is March 2026 to sign up for summer school AND trip as trip will need to be booked and organised. Opening up the West End trip for those not wishing to attend summer school. • Shine - Summer 26 - Sam has finished writing his 6-part series, it's about a 9-year-old boy that wants to be an actor. HLD Media to film. Casting has begun via self-tape. • Little Shop of Horrors & School of Rock - May Open Auditions 2026.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Who's Helping? Jackie - Friday & Sunday Jade - Saturday daytime Mike - Saturday & Sunday Jo - All shows Mark - Friday & Sunday Chris - Sunday morning Bryony - Saturday & Sunday Cath- All Shows Laura - All Shows Grant - All shows Refreshments & Raffle Golden tickets - 5 winners - 5 Wonka cups - Performers logo - selection of sweets - Jess to make these. Charlie After show party – TBC
Fundraising ideas	• Park Run - raising awareness • Lip Sync Battle • Backstage helping hands • Musical Theatre afternoon tea • Photo booth - Donation for photo with the cast • Musical Theatre Flash mob • Raffle – recording sessions with local businesses • Wicked themed workshop • Halloween themed workshops next year – learning about props, set design, special effects Need to arrange a Graduation Party - We will arrange this after Christmas.