**THANK YOU** so much for such an amazing autumn term. With your help we have raised an incredible amount of money since September, over

## Fundraising newsletter

£5,600!!!

A termly fundraising update for parents and carers from the Friends of John Clare, January 2025

Without donations from parents, carers and the local community we wouldn't be able to grant the schools wishes.

## Christmas tree collection

This fundraising event, which has now become an annual initiative, has raised a phenomenal £9,444 since it started in 2020. For a suggested donation, trees are collected and recycled not only from Helpston but wider villages including Barnack, Maxey, Ufford and Gunthorpe. It's fantastic to see how many people generously donated towards a cause that benefits young people. A huge thank you to Ali Peat of Alfresco Landscapes, Katie Frisby, Eric Sieker, Stuart Bunn and Graham Smitheringale, who chipped the trees and sent them on to a forestry recycling plant where they are distributed for play areas, equestrian, horticulture or biomass CHP power generation.

## **Match funding**

Does the company you work for offer match funding? Many local and national companies match funds raised by employees for a charity of their choice. It's a huge contribution to our revenue, so if your employer could help, please contact our Chair, Nic Read, on nic.read@fjcs.co.uk

## **Contributions this term**

Christmas gifts from Santa

New books for Torpel

Snacks and decorations at the Halloween Disco

Travel costs and contribution towards ticket cost for KS1 trip to National Space Centre

Contribution towards Torpel trip to London



We hope the children loved their personalised gifts from Santa this year.