Friends of the Willemsparkschool Foundation

Stichting Vrienden van de WPS

What is the Friends of the WPS Foundation?

The Stichting Vrienden van de WPS (Friends of the Willemsparkschool Foundation) was established in 2008 by a group of committed parents.

Its mission: to provide financial support for the Willemsparkschool that goes beyond what the Dutch government and municipality fund.

Its objective: to bring to life, to the best possible outcome for every student, the School Plan created every four years by the school's management team.

The Foundation is an independent legal entity — separate from the school and its board — which means funds are raised, managed, and spent with full transparency and accountability, in the interest of all WPS students.

> *Since 2008, the Foundation has channelled parent generosity directly into the classroom — funding the programmes and activities that make WPS education truly special.*

How does the Foundation work with the School?

The Foundation and the school work closely together, but they are governed independently. Here is how it works in practice:

- The school board identifies educational programmes and activities that fall outside regular government funding.
- The school board submits a formal funding request to the Foundation's board.
- The Foundation's board reviews and approves the request, then allocates the necessary funds.
- The Foundation reports back yearly on how funds have been used.

This structure ensures that donations are spent purposefully, in line with the school's educational priorities, and with proper oversight.

Who runs the Foundation?

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of current parents and former school board members. All board roles are entirely unpaid — time and expertise donated in the interest of the school community.

The new board as of school year 2026-2027:

- Marta Kalff Yvancos — Chair (mother in Groups 4 and 8)
- Roos Le Belle — Fundraising (mother in Groups 1 and 4)
- Erik Roelofsen (until July 2027) - Treasurer
- (vacancy) —

Why does the Foundation matter?

The Willemsparkschool has offered outstanding education since 1924. The school's ambition has always been to go beyond the standard curriculum — helping every child discover their talents through a rich and varied programme.

Dutch law requires every primary school to teach subjects such as arts, music and physical education. It does not prescribe how much, or by whom. Government funding is calculated for that minimum, and for many schools in the Netherlands the minimum is what is possible.

At the WPS these subjects are taught by specialist teachers, in rooms equipped for them, with proper materials, for every year group. The Foundation funds this additional programme in full. Without it, they would be taught by the class teacher within the standard budget, as the law requires.

> *The Foundation does not fund extras around the edges. It funds a specific, visible part of your child's week.*

Nationally, funding has not kept pace with rising costs and schools are cutting back. At the WPS, what is offered above the legal minimum depends on what parents contribute.

A donation to the Foundation pays for something specific: teachers who specialise in what they teach, rooms equipped for the subject, and the time and materials to do the work properly.

What does the Foundation fund?

Government and municipal funding covers the core curriculum. The Foundation funds the extras that make WPS stand out:

- Specialist subject teachers for visual arts & crafts, music, drama, an extra language like English, across all year groups
- Better extra classroom equipment and resources — the Foundation bridges the gap between the basic government allocation and what actually works best: larger digital whiteboards, laptops, quality art supplies,…

- Extra cultural activities — excursions to museums, theatres, music performances, historical sites, and iconic Dutch landmarks.
- Incidental extras — from Jubileum celebrations marking major school anniversaries, to additional enhancements during building renovations, and other special occasions that fall outside the regular budget

> *Every euro donated goes directly to enriching the education your child receives at WPS — there are no management fees or overhead costs charged by the Foundation.*

What is on the Foundation's wishlist?

While we are proud of what the Foundation makes possible today, there is more the school would like to do (*and one thing it would like to keep).*

The following are on the school management's wishlist, but the Foundation does not currently have the funds for them:

- Keeping the current programme at its present level
- More cultural excursions and lessons
- Extra pairs of hands — support staff who take on supervision during the day, so teachers can concentrate on teaching rather than watching the class from morning to afternoon. They also mean that when a teacher is ill, the class carries on as usual instead of children being sent home.
- More enrichment programmes — Denklab is the one families already know. We would like to add others of the same kind, for example technical classes.
- A reserve for incidental costs — the next Jubileum, and whatever the building renovation turns out to need.

What is the difference between the payments made to the school and to the foundation?

Every family pays compulsory and voluntary contributions directly to the school. The Foundation is entirely separate — funded by voluntary donations on top of those school payments, with every euro raised going directly to the enriched educational programme your child benefits from. Here is a clear overview:

PER CHILD	Ouderbijdrage	Overblijf contribution	Foundation donation
Paid to	The school	The school	The Foundation
Type of contribution	Voluntary	Compulsory	Voluntary
Amount	€225 / yr	€265 / yr	~€625 / yr
Covers	Cultural outings, school events (Sinterklaas, Christmas, Sports Day, etc.)	Lunch supervision and activities during the lunch break	100% of the enriched educational programme — specialist teachers, better equipment, extra activities

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Tax deductible?	No	No	Yes, under conditions (see below)

How is the Foundation funded?

The Foundation has four sources of income:

- Annual voluntary donations from current parents
- Periodic gifts for a minimum of 5 years
- One-time donations
- Fundraising events

1. Annual voluntary donation from current parents (~€625 per student)

Each year, the Foundation kindly asks WPS families to make a voluntary donation of approximately €625 per child enrolled. This forms the Foundation's primary source of steady income.

This donation is voluntary — no family is ever obligated to contribute. That said, the collective generosity of the WPS parent community is what keeps the programme running, and we are deeply grateful to every family that participates.

Please note: at approximately €625 per student per year, this donation falls below the threshold for income tax deductibility on its own. It is a meaningful contribution, but does not qualify for tax relief unless combined with other ANBI donations that together exceed your personal deductibility threshold.

2. Periodic gifts for a minimum of 5 years — Best option for all

Periodic gifts are open to anyone who wishes to support WPS: current parents, former parents, alumni, grandparents, or other members of the school community. If you would like to make a lasting contribution, we warmly encourage this form of giving: a fixed annual donation committed for a minimum of five years. This is the most valuable form of support for the Foundation, for two reasons.

- It is fully tax-deductible under Dutch law (ANBI status) — periodic gifts require a minimum commitment of 5 years (as required by law), but have no minimum amount threshold, meaning every euro is deductible regardless of the sum donated. This is unlike one-time gifts, which only become deductible above 1% of your total income. The more you give periodically, the more the tax system gives back.
- It gives the Foundation reliable, predictable income — allowing the board to commit to multi-year programmes and specialist teacher contracts with confidence.

Periodic gifts can be set up easily via the Periodic Gift Agreement (Overeenkomst periodieke gift in geld), available on the WPS website. Full instructions are in the Tax Deductibility section below.

3. One-time donations

One-time donations in any amount are always warmly welcomed. Partial tax deductibility may apply (subject to a threshold of 1% and a maximum of 10% of your total taxable income). Below that threshold, one-time gifts are not tax-deductible but are no less appreciated.

If you are considering a significant one-time gift, we would gently encourage you to consider whether a periodic commitment might work for you instead — it costs you less after tax, and it makes an enormous difference to the Foundation's ability to plan and invest in the programme long-term.

4. Fundraising events

The Foundation also organises fundraising as part of the school's community events. The annual Sports Day is a highlight of the school calendar — and a chance for families to show their WPS spirit by purchasing school merchandise or in the silent auction. These events bring the community together and contribute to the Foundation's income, complementing the donations that form its financial backbone.

Tax deductibility — your donation goes further

The Foundation holds ANBI status (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling) — the Dutch government's designation for public benefit organisations. This has important tax advantages for donors.

Periodic gift (recommended)

If you commit to a fixed amount for a minimum of five years, your entire donation is tax-deductible, with no minimum threshold. It is the most tax-efficient way to support the Foundation, and the one we encourage most.

> It is worth considering particularly if your children are in Groups 1–4, since the five-year minimum is easy to meet. You can simply match the term to the years they have left at the WPS: eight years from Group 1, seven from Group 2, and so on.

The tables below show what a periodic gift costs after tax relief (2026 rates). The amount is always your own choice. The first takes the donation most families already make: the school receives the same as it does today, and you get part of it back through your tax return.

	€625 / yr	€1,250 / yr	€1,875 / yr
Annual donation	€625	€1,250	€1,875
Your net cost / year*	€390	€780	€1,171
Tax saving	€235	€470	€704

The second table works the other way round: a periodic gift of €1,000 costs you €624 after tax — a euro less than the standard donation costs you now — while the school receives 60% more.

	€1,000 / yr	€2,000 / yr	€3,000 / yr
Annual donation	€1,000	€2,000	€3,000
Your net cost / year*	€624	€1,249	€1,873
Tax saving	€376	€751	€1,127

** Based on 2026 rates. Gifts are deductible at 37.56% on income above €38,883, and at 35.75% below that. Above €78,426 the deduction is capped at 37.56%, so it is not worth more in the top bracket. All figures are indicative; actual benefit depends on your personal tax situation.*

To set up a periodic gift, please follow these steps:

- Download the Periodic Gift Agreement (Overeenkomst periodieke gift in geld) from the WPS website.
- Complete both copies. Leave the organisation details in sections 4 and 7 empty. In section 2a, choose the number of years you wish to give for, with a minimum of five years.
- Sign both copies and email them to administratie@dewps.nl.
- We complete the organisation details and return your signed donor's copy, which you will need for your tax return.

One-time donation

You can of course also make a one-time donation in any amount. For one-time gifts, tax deductibility applies subject to a threshold of 1% and a maximum of 10% of your total taxable income (verzamelinkomen). Please consult your tax adviser for your personal situation.

Donations can be made by bank transfer to:

Foundation details

Full name	Stichting Vrienden van de Willemsparkschool
KvK number	34272387
RSIN	817897677

IBAN	NL69INGB 0006 9368 00
Bank name	ING
Reference	Donatie

Questions or want to get involved?

We are always happy to hear from parents — whether you have questions about donating, want to learn more about the Foundation, or are interested in joining the board.

Email us: vriendenvan@dewps.nl

Thank you for being part of the WPS community. Your support — however large or small — makes a real difference to every child at this school.

— The Friends of the Willemsparkschool Foundation Board