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## **THE PERFECT RECIPE AS THE NOTTINGHAM'S FAKENHAM TEAM DONATE £400 TO LOCAL SCHOOL**

Cooking lessons are back on the menu at Fakenham Junior School following a £400 Christmas gift from The Nottingham.

The donation will be spent on providing each school year with baking and cooking kits, which will allow the pupils to learn interesting and valuable life skills.

Headteacher Adam Mason said: "Cooking and baking are vital life skills, so we are delighted that we will be able to enhance lessons in our classrooms thanks to this generous donation from The Nottingham.

"It's fantastic that the building society really cares about the young people's futures and wants to help them grow their skills and achieve their full potential. On behalf of all at the school, thank you."

Sandie Toher, Chair of Friends of Fakenham Junior School, added: "This kind of generous contribution really makes The Nottingham stand out as an organisation that truly cares about the community.

"Due to the pandemic, our fundraising efforts have been a lot more challenging than usual so to have a company come forward and make a donation like this is not only great timing but is truly heart-warming too."

The donation to Fakenham Junior School is part of a Christmas initiative seeing The Nottingham share a pot of £10,000 from its recently launched Samuel Fox Foundation with deserving local causes and organisations across the country nominated by its branches.

Funds from the foundation, which is named after The Nottingham's founder, will support projects and causes that help communities thrive, with a focus on helping young people fulfil their potential, inspire career journeys and build their future. As a mutual financial services organisation, encouraging financial capability also remains a focus of the building society's community engagement programme.

Donna Williamson, Customer Services Assistant at the Fakenham branch, said: "I'm really proud to work for a company that actively encourages and empowers us to support organisations that matter most in our community.

"We are over-the-moon to be able to make such a significant contribution to the school – particularly as it will help teach local young people valuable life skills today, tomorrow and for many years to come."

**Photo caption:** Chair of Friends of Fakenham Junior School, Sandie Toher (back, centre), joined staff from The Nottingham and school pupils Taylor, Lewis and Bethany to celebrate the £400 donation.

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**Notes to editor**

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