



Spring 2025

PTA Newsletter

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the new term we hope you have all settled into it after the disrupted snowy start.

Next PTA Meeting: Monday 10th February—7.00pm. Follow the [link](#) to join online.

Income and Spending

As you are aware the PTA, through your generous support were planning on buying 45 ipads for school. I am pleased to let you know these were purchased last term and are now in use at school. We will be working with school to make additional purchases as the year goes on, and you are welcome to submit ideas for consideration. We often make these decisions in meetings and you are invited to attend if you'd like to input.

Last term we jointly held the Christmas Fair with the Infants and we are thankful for a clear day if not dry and we had great attendance and the two schools shared **£6,113.44** raised.

The Children's Christmas Shop was also very well supported and raised **£794.46**.



Upcoming Events

We are gearing up to a couple of events this term, continuing the success of the fairs, we will be working with infants PTA on a Spring Ball. Hope fully you managed to bag your tickets as this is now a sell-out event.

We are also planning a couple of **movie nights for the children** and will let you know when they are due to go on sale. The dates for these will be the **4th and 5th of March**.

Our Summer Fair is also in the diary and planned for the **14th of June**.

Committee Roles

Although we held our AGM in September and have roles filled for this academic year we are now looking for new members willing to take on roles for School Year 25/26. We are trying to ensure there is a good handover as several members of the PTA have children in Y6 and we will naturally be moving on, having been involved for a number of years.

We'd like to be able to hand this over the coming two terms so we can ensure the school can maintain the level of donations, people feel supported before taking the reins and the Treasurer role in particular requires bank access etc which takes some time to administer changes to.

In my experience as Co-Chair – the more the merrier and it is possible to share roles. All roles can be done at a time to suit you and online via messages. It really is a Parent and Teacher Association and the school staff are extremely supportive and knowledgeable about events too, pitching in with many of the activities. Several events also run themselves like non-uniform days, so it is not as daunting an undertaking as it may seem. We would really like to secure the future of the PTA into 25/26. Please do not be put off if your child is moving into the last years of the school, your contribution is still valuable even if only a year, as many events are focussed on Y6 in the last term.

Please find a brief description of the roles, please do email us on ptaoatlands@gmail.com to express any interest or to have a chat.

Chair – responsible for coordination of the PTA. Helps with arranging events, meeting chair.

Secretary – Arranges and coordinates meetings. Takes meeting notes and actions. Helps with arranging events.

Treasurer – Payments for goods/expenses, banking transactions and charity commission reporting.



Communications

[WhatsApp Group Invite](#)

We hope you welcome the communications, as we are responding to feedback to provide more updates on what we spend the money on in particular, however with WhatsApp messages etc we are mindful we don't want to further overload you. In between our communications please do check the school website PTA pages as we are endeavouring to keep this up to date.

Emma, Gemma,

Kimberley and Asma

