



Penshurst Parent Teacher Association

Spring 2025

The spring term tends to be a quieter one for our PTA but that's not to say that plenty of behind-the-scenes work has not been ongoing as we look forward to the busy summer term.

Our school is now the proud owner of one of the tithe maps of Penshurst Parish, dated 1840. This has been kindly donated by school grandparent (and previously parent), Robert Bareham. We also give our thanks to Stew of Sevenoaks Art Shop who generously framed the map for free. We hope it will be of great interest to pupils for both local history and geography lessons.

The onset of spring has catalysed the start of gardening season and it is wonderful to begin planting our newly renovated growing garden. Elm and Beech have both played a part in sowing seeds for the raised beds, which will be dedicated to vegetables this year. We have a detailed planting scheme which we hope will avoid too much being ready for harvest during the summer holidays.

Please make sure you have saved the date of our village fete where our PTA play a significant role (Sunday 22nd June). We will be on the hunt for helpers after the holidays! The King's Birthday Beetle Drive run by our PTA is an absolute MUST for the same weekend - a great fun, new event which promises a late afternoon of much hilarity. We will also be helping at Cowden Fete (14th June) who were kind supporters of our cause last year.

Our PTA wish all parents and their families a very Happy Easter and a restful holidays. Thank you all for the engagement you have with the PTA - our support of the school is extremely valued by the wonderful staff team who do so much for our children.

PTA Pledges for 2024/25 Academic Year:

- £2,000 - School Trips
- £1,500 - Relax Kids
- £1,250 - Book Inserts
- c.£500 - Word Guerilla
(WBD poetry workshop)
- £430 - Classroom /
Playground Equipment

Further, we are delighted to have raised sufficient funds to now hit "go" on a raft of IT replacement within school, including new interactive whiteboards in all classrooms, new hall screen/speaker system & new office computers

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Activities this term...



Winter Cake Sale Beech Class helped knock away the January blues with a delicious cake sale at the end of the month. We were lucky with the weather and the rain stayed away. Thank you to all those who donated cakes and purchased them. We never seem to run short! The sale raised a brilliant £170.



Oak-Friends' Coffee Morning in early February was the great fun event it always is. Oak class put on a wonderful array of games to challenge every skillset! Coffee and cake provided by the Friends of Penshurst School made for the perfect accompaniment and they raised £486 - amazing!



Harriers 1/2 Marathon took place on the final Sunday of half term. Thank you Hayley Bareham for coordinating a great number of volunteer marshals to cover the Penshurst area. The Harriers have been hugely generous to our cause over the years and are very grateful for our ongoing support.



World Book Day the PTA were delighted to fund the Word Guerilla workshop which all children took part in ahead of World Book Day this year. It was a huge success and the feedback has been brilliant. The PTA ran a free book stand once again, with all children taking home at least one book. The volunteers were very lucky to witness the output from the poetry day with some sensational performances on show in school.



Spring Cake Sale the dark clouds of the morning parted and Elm's cakes burst onto the scene - brightly coloured mini eggs everywhere! Thank you Elm Class for a gorgeous cake sale which did remarkably well in spite of rather a number of children being off school with a nasty bug. Thank you to the parents who helped run the stand - it's always an intense job as the gates open! Elm raised an excellent £153.



PTA Fun in School! By the time you read this we will have wrapped up the final day of term with a morning of team games led by the PTA. This precedes our annual Easter egg hunt. As we write, the weather forecast looks promising for the first time in 3 years! Over the last fortnight we also made Mothers Day cards with all the children which was a great fun and rather lovely activity.

...forthcoming events



VE Day Celebrations

Saturday 10th May: please come along to the Village Hall and celebrate this momentous occasion. The PTA are hosting tea for the Over 70s and would love any cake donations and/or help on the day. There is a free children's disco (with free hot dogs too!) from 6pm. And an adult's event into the evening. Please join!



King's Birthday Beetle Drive

Saturday 21st June: reserve your tickets, dust off your dice and make your way to the Village Hall for what promises to be a laughter-filled occasion. With prizes up for grabs, food and drinks available and giggles a-plenty to be had - what's not to like. The perfect way to ease into fete day on Sunday!



Penshurst Village Fete

Sunday 22nd June: our wonderful village fete is back! The PTA will again be running the tea tent, with help from the Friends. We also have a bouncy castle for little ones, an inflatable duel and our legendary obstacle course. Plus loads more on besides! Block out 12-4pm, and head to the Church Field for fun, games, shopping & sustenance.



PTFA Merger Completion

Friday 6th June: this is the date of the Friends' AGM when, subject to final admin happening, the Friends will formally become part of the new PTFA. And we can't wait to have them! The Friends will still be selling coffee & cakes at Sports Day, hosting their superbly fun autumn quiz night and running their Winter coffee morning with Oak Class. We look forward to a strong future ahead of us as a combined entity.



Summer Cake Sale

Friday 27th June: last but certainly not least in the cake sale queue is Maple Class! We thought we'd let our newest joiners get their feet under the desks before springing a sale on them but the time is nigh and we can't wait. One thing Penshurst does really well is make and eat cake! Please save the date, dig out the tupperware and come and support Maple's efforts.



PTFA Coffee Morning

Friday 4th July: we will be doing our sun dance and hoping we can host this wonderful event outside. But whatever the weather, it's bound to be a glorious morning. Please do come along, bring friends and the wider family. With any luck we will be treated to a performance of one of the many songs the children learn at school too. Hope to see you there!

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Ways to support us



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Second-hand uniform is always a winner - particularly the rate that some of the children go through jumpers! Not to mention the preference for painting themselves rather than paper in art classes! [CLICK HERE](#) for access to the sales site.

Please contact Georgie Stober if you have any donations, or leave them with the school office (in a bag): georginast@gmail.com



HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a one-off sum to help support the school then please follow the link below.

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You can also donate direct to the PTA bank account or to school (contact Mrs Elliott)

Penshurst Primary
School Voluntary Fund
09-01-55 | 09785700



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**£2,429.94 raised to date
for the PTA**



YOUR TIME

Do get involved - new faces are ALWAYS welcome! The next meeting is on **Friday 25th April** at school (3.20pm). We have a few meetings each year with Mrs Elliott as they give helpful insight into the areas where the PTA can lend greatest support. Please note, children cannot come to this meeting.

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Useful contacts



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Oak Class: **Madds Jenner**
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(Mum of Tatum Y6)

PTA Committee

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Some of your PTA team at work

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