



Penshurst Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Summer 2025

We Wish Everyone A Very Restful Summer Break

Another busy term means that this final summer period has flown by. Thank you all so much for your unwavering support throughout this last academic year. We really do have the most brilliant school community - on both sides of the classroom doors!

It has been another very successful year from a fund-raising perspective and this has translated into some really material contributions from the PTFA to our school. It is a fantastic result to have raised enough money to install new interactive whiteboards in all classrooms and these have received excellent feedback already.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered your time in one way or another. None of this could happen without you. This ranges from baking a cake, to orchestrating a whole event and all of it matters so much.

Please add the dates on page 3 of this newsletter to your diary. There will be more to follow as we finalise times for our PTFA staples such as in-school craft, school grounds tidy-up, Christmas celebrations and Own Clothes timings.

We wave goodbye to our year 6 Leavers and wish you all the very best for chapter two of your education experience. Exciting times ahead!

Finally, the biggest thank you of all to Mrs Elliott and the superb team of staff who make our wonderful school thus. Your dedication to, and support of, our children is valued extremely highly. Thank you all.

Total Fundraising in 2024/25 Academic Year:

- **£14,472 - events, activities & donations (excl. uniform sales & passive fundraising)**

PTFA Funding in 2024/25:

- **£9,066 - Interactive Whiteboards / IT Spend**
- **£2,000 - School Trips**
- **£1,500 - Relax Kids**
- **£1,250 - Book Inserts**
- **£650 - Grounds Work**
- **£640 - Equipment for School & Playground**
- **£626 - Word Guerilla**
- **£400 - Sportacus / Sports Day**

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Activities this term...



VE Day Celebrations

Saturday 10th May played host to a very special afternoon in our village as children from our school played waiter & waitress to the 70+ community. The children were just brilliant, serving with poise and character. A truly cockle-warming time! Well done to you all and thank you.



Cowden Village Fete was a great opportunity for us to run an event for Cowden and as a result be able to apply for a donation later this year. Our support of this fete last year resulted in a £250 donation to our PTFA which went on WBD. This year we ran a Crystal Maze Challenge which caused a lot of competitiveness!



King's Birthday Beetle Drive

this inaugural event in the early evening of Saturday 21st June was a HUGE success and superb fun to boot. A manic festival of dice-rolling was accompanied by much hilarity. Very well done to our overall winners, Luca and Dave VR! We plan on bringing more full-family events to you in 2026.



Penshurst Village Fete was once again an afternoon of hard work and hard laughter. So many of you helped us out manning the tea tent, and not one, but two bouncy castles. And, of course, our now Penshurst-famous obstacle course. It was a lovely day with the sun shining, wind gusting and bucket-loads of fete vibes.



Sports Day & Ice Creams

Thank you all those who treated yourself to tea, coffee or cake from the Friends on Sports Day. They raised a lovely amount of money for our school. The children waited one extra day for their treat after school in the playground. A perfect reward in this hot summer.



PTFA Coffee Morning had a low turnout this year but it was still a charming morning, and we were entertained with two beautiful performances from Oak, joined by Beech class for the second song. We had a terrific raffle with the best prizes we've ever had. Well done to our lucky winners! It was also fun to sell our first school-grown beetroot!

...forthcoming events



Penshurst Duck Races

Monday 25th August: Gates open at noon for the first race at 1pm. Come along and cheer on your class duck! BBQ, bar, ice cream, races, games, football matches & a dog show. There is truly something for everyone at this most fun of village days.



PTFA AGM

Monday 22nd September: please come and join us at the annual general meeting. There are a number of planned changes to the committee this year and we want to make sure anyone who is able to be involved (in any guise) is on our radar.



PTFA Quiz Night

Friday 10th October: dust off the pens and paper - this is the night when the adults get to show if they were listening in class once upon a time! A really fun night which is always popular. Bring along friends and family, make a year group table - just be there! BYOB (and glass)!



Autumn Cake Sale

Thursday 16th October: lessons learnt from this year - in 2025/26 we will only do two cake sales. In a bid not to overload everyone with cake and to share the baking load. The first of these will be run by KS2 (Oak and Beech). Do come and get a treat before we break for half-term.



Bonfire Night & Fireworks

Saturday 25th October: our major fundraiser of the year. This is a night not to be missed. We have the best display in the area (in our humble opinion) and the most family-friendly, secure event you can find. No plastic tat for sale - just good, old-fashioned bonfire night at its best.



Penshurst Christmas Market

Friday 5th - Saturday 6th December: the bi-annual event is back! Penshurst host a terrific Christmas market which draws people in from far and wide. The PTFA run the tea/coffee/cake area (from the newly refurbished village hall kitchen). Volunteers and cakes/ mince pies will be gratefully received.

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

The parents' **lottery**

DONATIONS

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

[DONATE HERE](#)

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

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



EASY FUNDRAISING

Turn your daily shopping into easy cash! easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who donate part of what you spend to Penshurst PTFA. It doesn't cost you any extra - that is all covered by the company.

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£2,512 raised to date

THE PARENTS LOTTERY

Sign up for this effective and simple way to raise money for our school. A regular monthly donation with 60% of the amount coming straight to our PTFA. PLUS you are entered into a weekly draw with a top prize of £25,000!

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Search for Penshurst and then scroll down to "buy tickets".

**COME & JOIN US! Our next meeting is the PTFA AGM
- Monday 22nd September (8pm in the school hall)**

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Useful contacts



Your Class Reps for 2025/26



Maple Class: **Nicola Collyer**
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Oak Class: **Alice Lawrence**
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PTFA Committee - until AGM on 22/9

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