



Penshurst Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Summer 2026 Newsletter

Thank you for your unwavering support this year!

What an incredibly busy year it has been! Your kind donations have given the children so many amazing enrichment opportunities this academic year. Forest School has been a fantastic addition to the school programme, and the children have enjoyed school trips, a day with a theatre company, a First Aid course, in-class craft, and science and cultural workshops, as well as all-important, new football goal posts!

Being a small school means the PTFA is vital not just for enabling extra-curricular opportunities, but in supporting the day to day running of the school. PTFA funding of the CUSP book inserts continues to allow our teachers to engage our children in a fantastic and diverse curriculum, and next year we hope to provide the school with much-needed new iPads.

We couldn't do all this without you. A massive thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, expertise or freezer space over the last year. Every single contribution is genuinely valued. We would love to have more of you join us next year! Thank you also to our wonderful teaching and support staff, you really do make our school special and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 6 Leavers as you embark on the next step of your educational journey. We will miss you and wish you all the very best.

Enjoy a well-earned break this summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September! Nicola Collyer, 25/26 PTFA Chair

**Total Fundraising in
2025/26 Academic Year:**

c.£16,500

2025/26 PTFA Funding:

- £2,400 - Forest School
- £2,000 - School Trips
- £1,250 - Book Inserts
- £609 - WBD Theatre Company
- £510 - Trim Trail
- £500 - Well Being Area
- £400 - Sportacus Sports Day
- £300 - First Aid Area
- £286 - Football Goal Posts

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Highlights of 25/26



Fireworks & Bonfire Night On Saturday 25th October we held our annual Bonfire Night spectacular. Hotdogs and candy floss were consumed on a wonderful autumnal evening. The impressive bonfire and fireworks display brought the whole community together. Thank you to Marc and his team for all their hard work.



Christmas Festivities The run up to Christmas was as busy as ever this year with PTFA-led craft activities and the ever popular Secret Present Room and School Christmas Party. We also got to enjoy the Penshurst Christmas Fete, and a Christmas Craft Sale hosted by Craft and Natter, as well as magical carol singing around the village.



World Book Day The children enjoyed so many World Book Day events this year, with one of the highlights being taught by a West End Theatre Company. Many of the children's fairy tale and book character loo roll creations were displayed in the library, and the travelling book fayre returned to school!



Easter Fun The children had so much fun working in their Houses to complete as many laps as they could during the Easter Egg and Spoon Sponsored Relay Race. Holmes House were the victors this year and enjoyed their winners medals! An afternoon of Easter Egg hunting followed, with every child and teacher receiving an Easter Egg to take home.



Penshurst Village Fete Thank you to Alice and her wonderful team of volunteers (adults and children), who led an amazing number of stalls and activities at this year's Summer Fete. Games, crafts, a tea tent, a bouncy castle, and arena races were enjoyed by so many in the school community and beyond. Definitely a major highlight of the school year and raising an incredible sum.



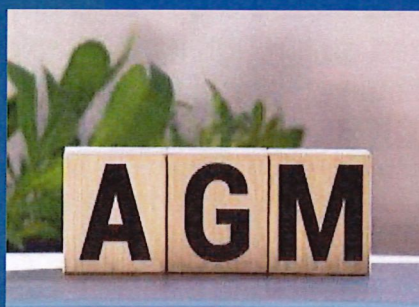
Cakes, Ice Creams and Breaking the Rules Well done to KS2 on a fantastic Autumn Cake Sale, and to KS1 on their Ice Cream and Lolly sale. Both events raised several hundred pounds. The children also received a well-deserved iced treat after a scorching Sports Day. 2026 welcomed Break the Rules Day, an event much enjoyed by all the children, and sure to be repeated in 2027!

...forthcoming events



Penshurst Duck Races

Monday 31st 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 and face painting. There is truly something for everyone at this most fun of village days.



PTFA AGM

Tuesday 22nd September: please come and join us at the annual general meeting. Find out what we have achieved over the last 12 months and what's in store for the next academic year. All are welcome. Drinks and nibbles provided!



PTFA Quiz Night

Friday 13th November: 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)!



Fireworks & Bonfire Night

Saturday 24th October: back due to popular demand is our bonfire and fireworks display. Please bring your friends and family to what is the most family friendly fireworks event around. We would love it if you could join the organising team. Please contact Marc Williams on 07732531865 if you can spare any time in the run up or on the night itself.



Christmas

December: we will be hosting a number of amazing activities again this year in the run up to the big day. Secret Present Room will be returning, along with Christmas Card craft and the Christmas party. In addition, Craft & Natter are busy prepping for a Christmas craft fayre in aid of the school, and we will be holding an advent calendar raffle.



Surprise

Date TBC: next year the PTFA will be unveiling a very special surprise for the whole school. Keep your eyes peeled and your ears to the ground for the big announcement! It is sure to be a memorable day for everyone at Penshurst Primary School.

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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 Alice Lawrence if you have any donations, or leave them with the school office (in a bag): alice_lawrence@live.co.uk



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.

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

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



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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
- Tuesday 22nd September (8pm in the school hall)**

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Useful contacts



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