

LPS PTA
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 9th September 2025

Introduction

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting. This report is presented on behalf of the PTA for the academic year 2024-2025. The past year was successful, with events, volunteers, and a strong sense of community. The PTA's mission was to, support the school, enrich students' lives and foster a strong parent-school connection, whilst also making events affordable for our families and this mission was fulfilled together.

Achievements and Key Events

The PTA organised several events that raised funds and brought the school community closer.

Notable successes include:

Fireworks Display: This event raised £2400.00, the turnout and enthusiasm of those involved were excellent. This was such a success, we were asked to do it again! Huge thanks to everyone who was involved in setting up and running this event. Thank you to our sponsors, Porthaven, LTC, Powersports, Howdens and Core Hygiene.

School Discos: These events raised £1400.00, again a great success, well attended and hot dogs provided for the first time. Thanks to DJ Banks for putting so much effort into this, we have purchased new disco lights for future events. Thank you to the Bakers Dozen for giving us a discount for the rolls. Thank you to Elite for supplying and cooking the sausages at a reasonable cost.

Christmas Fayre and Father Christmas: These events raised £1600.00, well supported as it is every year. So many people to thank for helping – thank you everyone!

Pop up Shops: These events raised £1900.00, following feedback from the previous year, we introduced gifts for pets, this was a huge success. We ran our first Mothers and Fathers' Day pop ups and these also proved popular. Feedback for this year is children would like to purchase gifts for brother and sisters. Thank you to Ange and the parents who help run this event, as it is during the school day.

Family Fun Day: This event raised £600.00, inflatables were provided by Malvern Bouncy Castles, we only had to look after our own stalls. An enjoyable day, some great feedback, we were asked where the bar was – worth considering having a bar next year and advertising it more. Thank you to PTA members and staff for giving your time on a weekend.

Bingo: These events raised £570.00, well supported but need to advertise to local groups (Brownies, Cubs etc). Thank you to our bingo callers and PTA members selling books and manning the tuck shop.

Dog Show: This event raised £600.00, including a £100.00 donation to Guide Dogs for the Blind, even though it was extremely hot it proved to be successful once again this year. Thank you to Paige Dalley for all your organising and to staff and PTA for giving their time on a Saturday.

School Carnival: This event raised £1990.00 kept it simple this year, everything affordable to make it an enjoyable family event. Unfortunately, due to the weather, we had to cancel the inflatables, all cash payments were refunded. All parents who made card payments were emailed and asked if they would like to carry their payments forward to the Christmas Pop up Shop or if they would like to donate it to the PTA. A few wanted to carry it over and a few families donated to the PTA, there has been no contact from some parents. So many people to thank, Marlon Bennett, Kaz, Jade, Jo, Alison, Carrie-Ann, Alison, Charnee, Lorraine, Sally anyone we have not named and all the staff and pupils.

Pre-loved Uniform Sales: These events raised £215.00. The Pre-loved Uniform Sales have been a resource for families, demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and community support. We have so much stock that it is having to be kept at Jo's house, it would be great if we could source somewhere in the school for it, so that it is accessible and we don't have to keep disturbing Jo when a parent comes in and asks for something. A huge thank you to Jo for washing, ironing and sorting everything.

Financial Highlights

The Treasurer will present the full financial report, but a brief overview is provided here. Through the generosity of families and the work of volunteers, a total of £25550.00 was raised. These funds have been, and will continue to be, invested directly back into the school.

Projects funded by the PTA this year include :

£1,084.20 - Year 3 swimming
£159.84 - stylus pens for Apple iPads
£1,408.50 - school planners
£40 - sweets for panto
£190.24 - reception starter packs
£1,929 - class books
£10,929.76 – iPads & equipment
£945 - Shakespeare workshops
£18.97 - snow fluid for Hallowe'en disco
£1,327.50 for the mobile wall
£154.98 disco lights

Challenges and Overcoming Them

Like any organization, some challenges were faced this year. However, the committee and volunteers responded creatively. We managed to keep costs as low as possible, making sure everything was affordable for everyone.

Thank You and Acknowledgements

Sincere gratitude is extended to everyone who contributed to our success this year.
To the committee members: Their work, dedication, and hours of planning are appreciated.
To the volunteers: Support at events, sorting and help with setup and takedown is invaluable.
To the school staff: Their partnership, enthusiasm, and support have been essential.
To the parents and carers: Their continued support, from donations to event attendance, enriches the school community.

Looking Ahead

Several ideas are being explored for the new academic year, such as a Fireworks Display and a visiting Circus amongst other things. New ideas and volunteers are always welcome. More people mean more can be achieved for the children.

Conclusion

It has been a privilege to serve as Co-PTA Chairpersons this year. The accomplishments together are a source of pride. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our time, but we feel that this is the correct time to pass the Chair position over to someone new, with fresh ideas. Thank you again for the time, effort, and support. Another successful and fun-filled year is anticipated.

Donna Reed & Hils Warr