

Blakedown C of E Primary School
PTA Chairs Report
AGM – Tuesday 1 April 2025

The main objective of our PTA is to encourage good relations between staff, parents/carers and others associated with the school, to support the school with their budget deficit and to advance the education of the pupils in it.

This year we have raised a total of £9,043.27. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your amazing support.

Events

During the year we have continued with our staple events, the Christmas Market and Breakfast with Santa were a roaring success and filled everyone with some festive spirit! These events always boost the PTA pot for the year and go a long way to fulfilling the school subscriptions.

Ice Cream Fridays continued to be a huge success but due to an increase in Charity donuts we have had a fall in revenue for Krispy Kreme Friday and as a PTA we have opted for Ice Creams over Donuts. Bake sales continue to be the most profitable Friday sales due to minimal outlay costs. Thank you to the generous bakers and buyers who continue to fill the stalls for these sales!

The Annual Village Quiz Night was a huge success thanks to Team Turner. This event is truly special as it not only raises funds for the PTA but also brings the village together.

School discos continue to be a hit with children and parents alike. We have noted that Autumn Term is not a great time to host a disco as the Reception children are still settling in. Therefore, we have taken the decision not to run discos until the Winter terms going forward.

Unfortunately during the year we had to cancel our annual Bash due to a lack of interest. This was disappointing especially given we had paid a non-refundable deposit for the food. However, even with the loss of the deposit it was not viable to run the event. The vendor has agreed to transfer the deposit to another future booking.

The PTA continued to support the school by providing refreshments at both sports day and the school plays / leavers performances.

Income

During the previous year we applied for several grants, I'm pleased to say this year we received £1,483 from Norman Dawson Trust and a further £235 from Alice Ward a parent who ran the Birmingham Half Marathon to raise funds for the PTA.

Bags 2 School and Cauliflower cards continue to be a reliable income source. In addition, a year 6 parent sourced leavers hoodies from a new supplier (Print & Stitch) which contributes a % of sales back to the school this raised almost £80, nearly offsetting the contribution the PTA makes to the Hoodies.

Other income sources such as stickins should continue to be advertised as this generates income also but is not well known.

Administrative

We have continued to utilise different methods to collect monies for events specifically the PTA Events platform this remains an invaluable administrative resource, creating registers for events, keeping track of numbers from a safety perspective, electronic payments and importantly saving time.

Just Giving continues to be a brilliant platform for raffles and we raised almost £500 via this method for just one raffle.

Expenditure

Thanks to every parent who has supported us this year we have been able to fund several subscriptions which benefit and aid the education of all the children at Blakedown primary. In addition the PTA purchased several new KS1 reading books following a move to little wandle.

We also managed to provide a contribution of £5 per child towards a school trip during the year.

It is important to note that without funds raised by the PTA, some of these resources and opportunities would simply not be available to the children as the School just does not have the budget for such things.

Thanks

I would like to thank every single person who has organised, contributed and donated, attended meetings, ran around or just helped move a few tables. Thanks too to Mrs Beckford-Bond and the wonderful team of teachers who continue to offer support and time. In addition, our sincere thanks go out to all of the businesses that have donated prizes and products to help in our fundraising efforts. Finally, thanks to the PTA team who work so very hard behind the scenes to make sure that there are still fundraising opportunities. It's not easy as we all have full-time jobs, so your support and help is always gratefully received.

Summer Corbett
PTA Chair