

Blakedown C of E Primary School
PTA Chairs Report
AGM – Tuesday 9 September 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 £6,294.10. 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. This year we asked for sponsors for each and every stall which was very successful, covering almost all the overheads resulting in a massive boost to the profit margin.

Ice Cream Fridays continued to be a success and have been run where possible (weather permitting). 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. Due a delay in holding the prior year AGM we only managed to hold one disco during the academic year but hope going forward these can continue to be held in both February and May.

Unfortunately due to a lack of interest, we have not held the annual Bash. This was disappointing especially as this event gives a healthy boost to the bank balance.

The rainbow raffle continues to be a huge hit and raises a good amount of funding for the school. It is always exciting to see which coloured donations the children (and parents) contribute for this event.

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 no grants were applied for. Many grants are available and we would encourage future volunteers to explore this with a possible role dedicated to applying for grants.

No charity sponsorships were completed in the year although Alan Marshall (Blakedown Bolt) offered to grant a fee free run for any teachers willing to participate in the event next year to raise funds for the school. We have in previous years discussed whether a PTA / Parents group should run the bolt to raise funds.

Bags 2 School and Cauliflower cards continue to be a reliable income source. 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 have committed to funding 15 new ipads for the school at a little over £5,000.

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