

PTFA ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



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Meet your current PTFA members

CHAIR – ANNA HUET



I have two children, one of which is still attending the school and starts Year 4 this September. I'm Irish but have lived locally for 13 years. I am a lecturer at St Mary's University and have worked clinically as a Sports Rehabilitator.

TREASURER – SARAH SIM (POSITION AVAILABLE)



I am a full-time working mum of two children. My son is in Year 5 at Lyne, whilst my daughter just started Special Educational Needs Secondary school. We have a busy family life with my husband also being a semiprofessional athlete (whilst also running his own business).

SECRETARY – ROXANN STEVENS



I'm a mum of two with a background in web design and blogging. I've been living in Chertsey since 2022 and love being part of the local community. Outside of parenting, I'm into bouldering (still a work in progress!), sewing, and all kinds of crafts.

The position of Treasurer role is now open – if you are interested, please get in touch by emailing lyneptfa1@gmail.com

Welcome back!

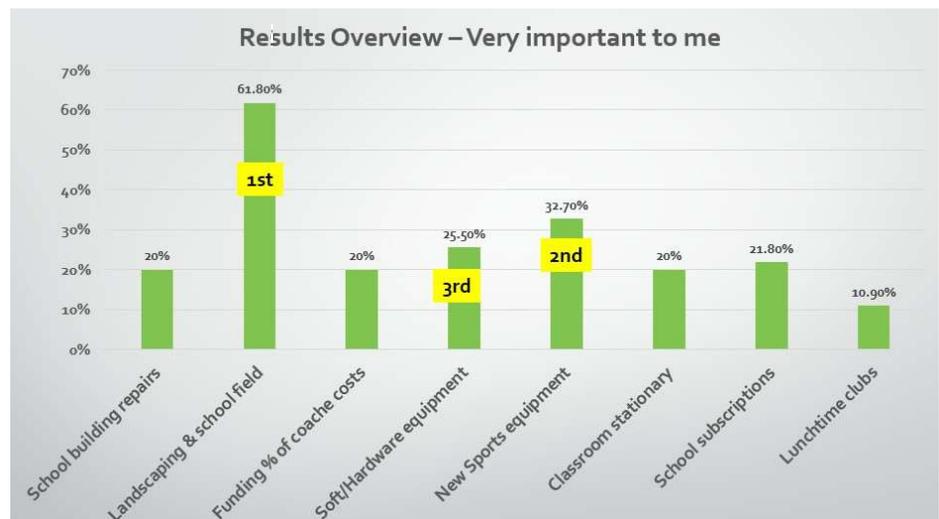
As the new academic year is upon us, we wanted to share a wrap up of the past year with you and include information on our future projects and goals. However, before that we'd like to highlight the current challenges for schools. In January this year, research by the [School Cuts coalition](#) was released that shows that the vast majority of schools (76% of primary) will not be able to afford their costs next year. Schools' costs are expected to rise by 3.4% next year, but mainstream funding will increase by just 2.2%. In December 2024, the government published accounts which showed that 1 in 7 schools are currently in deficit. This is an increase on the year before and the highest rate since at least 2010. This means that a Parent Teacher & Friends Association is becoming ever more vital to schools. PTFA funds can be used to enhance the school environment and educational experience for students.

Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar of events [here](#)

Survey Results

Back in June we sent out the "PTFA Have your say" survey. From your feedback we were able to identify areas that matter the most to our school community before we presented the results to the SLT. You can [view the full survey results here](#). This has enabled us to create a strategic focus for existing funds and future fundraising goals that matter to you. Here's a snippet of the top results;



Our future Projects

As a direct result of the survey, we will be launching two projects and finalizing a third. This consist of mainly landscaping and painting in addition to the events/services that the PTFA already provide.

Finalizing Project “Paint”

The previous PTFA members started renovations of the school library by organizing the purchase and fitment of a new carpet (funds from this were paid for out of the 24/25 financial period). The remaining work to be completed is the painting of the walls. The painting request for volunteers at the end of last academic year had to be cancelled due to too few volunteers. We will now be looking at a professional to complete these works.

Project “Grass”

We are hoping to level out and seed the grass sections at the front of the school. Some of you may have noticed that the area has worn down to such a degree there is a drain sticking up which is an obvious hazard. This will consist of soil being spread over the well-worn areas with grass seeds. The areas will then be cornered off to allow the grass to grow sufficiently for a period of time. This will be completed by a professional.

Project “Field”

The biggest feedback from our survey was the poor condition of the school playing field and how this affects children’s outdoor learning and sports. This project is an ambitious longer-term project that will involve multi-parties and require money.

Flooding issue

Many of you may not be aware that the water brook at the front of the school (across the road) runs under both the school and the field via a pipe (with the outlet being at the back of the school field). Due to the pipe being blocked by materials being thrown down the outage by students, the water is sourcing another outlet (our field). As the field itself is owned by Surrey County Council (that the Diocese “rents” from) Surrey Highways is required to undertake the work of unblocking the pipe. To fix this privately would cost 10s of thousands (funds neither the school or PTFA have).

School Field Brook Outlet



Brook blockage



In the meantime, we will be fundraising for the following works to be completed on the field but cannot start works until the total funds have been reached;

Scarifying of field – to help de-compact the soil (creating aeration) for grass to grow

Level current area – level the field with top soil and seed

Implement solutions to help with the drainage - (such as protection over the brook outage point where children have been filling it)

The approximate cost for these works is £15,000.

We were fortunate enough to have funds left over from the previous PTFA members fundraising works and have agreed with SLT to “hold” **£5,000 to kick start the fundraising** for this project and will also be exploring potential grants available. Unfortunately, suggestions in the past for a MUGA field is simply not possible considering the cost to install one of those was estimated at around £80,000

Additionally, we have agreed with the SLT to fund **£2,700** for;

1. The school’s outdoor learning project OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)
2. A new free-standing basketball stand (to replace a damaged one)
3. Reward scheme items



Where does your money go?

This is an overview of where your funding goes each year that is **NOT related to a specific fundraising event** (i.e. other fundraising events pay for this) and the PTFA organize;

Christmas Trees	Festive Christmas feel during the festive period
Christmas crackers & squash	Provides all children with a Christmas cracker and squash at festive lunch
Santa Visit	Provides children with the chance to see Santa
Christmas chocolate each	Each child is provided with a chocolate “present” at Christmas time
Easter Egg Hunt	Each child gets the opportunity to participate in the Easter Egg hunt where they meet the Easter bunny
Easter Eggs	Every child is provided with an Easter Egg at Easter to end the term with
Year 6 Leavers	The PTFA contribute towards the Year 6 leavers activities (this has ranged from £300 - £475 in the past)

This is an overview of where your funding goes each year that **IS related to a specific fundraising event** (i.e. you purchase or sponsor) and the PTFA organize;



Disco	This provides children with a fun and social environment, opportunities for physical activity, and a chance to develop confidence and social skills
Jingle Bell Jog	This is a fun, festive event that offers numerous benefits, primarily promoting physical activity, community spirit.
Christmas Raffle	The raffle is a simple and effective way to generate funds for the school. The money raised can be used to support various school initiatives needed.
Mother's Day Shop	Provides the opportunity to purchase gifts for their mothers/father's/other figures in their lives, fostering a sense of appreciation and enabling them to participate in the tradition of gift-giving with independence.
Father's Day Shop	
Shop Sales	Funds raised from sales such as Hot Chocolate/Teddy & Toy/Ice lollies/ Gift sales provides an additional fundraising source for the charity's fundraising goals
Non-Uniform Days	Helps towards fundraising and providing students with a sense of choice and individuality

Bake Sales

Monies raised from Bake Sales go towards the children's end of year treat. This is agreed upon by teachers and the PTFA organize items/services/money.

Year Group	Bake Sale Funds Raised 24/25	Funds Spent on
Year 6	(see Year 6 leavers section)	Year 6 bake sale fund went towards their leaver's activities. They also raised further funds with a "Easter" shop and "Ice lolly" sale in May.
Year 5	£186	Both Yr 4 & 5 decided to combine their funds to pay for an ice cream van to provide an ice cream for each child on a very hot Friday
Year 4	£210	
Year 3	£165.60	Year 3 paid for an entertainer for their school sleepover
Year 2	£207.50	Reception/ Year 1 & Year 2 decided to combine their funds to pay for a Magician show. Additional funding left over was used for emotional support toys/ fidget toys/ math blocks learning resources/ playdough/ arts & crafts items/Velcro carpet spots/ stickers etc.
Year 1	£223.45	
Reception	£166.18	
Nursery	£191.50	Nursery decided to pay for the DJ at their end of year disco

All **platform fees** from our card provider SumUp are **paid** by the PTFA to maximize funds given to classes.

Year 6 Leavers

The PTFA fund Year 6 leavers activities. Last year our Year 6s were provided with £325 on top of their fundraising efforts.



	Amount
Bake Sale	£286
Easter Shop(s)	£482.60
Ice Lolly Sale	£122.40
PTFA funded	£325
Total	£1,216

Year 6 choose to spend the money on a leavers disco at Lyne and Longcross hall in June (which included a photobooth and pizza amongst other things). They also took a separate trip to Thorpe Lake to complete activities.

Other Funding from the PTFA

Last year we also provided a £200 fund towards the nursery's coach costs for their farm trip in June.

The Drumming Workshop from the previous year was paid for from the 24/25 financial period.

Massive Thanks to Lawrence!

In April 2025 one of our parents **ran the London Marathon** in an excellent time! He was supporting the PTFA charity and **raised over £1,500!** This will be going towards the many outdoor projects planned which will improve the children's sports activities.



**Lawrence's London
Marathon Fundraising
efforts**

Pre-loved Uniform

Purchase [here](#)



You can leave your pre-loved uniform donations in this bin at the side of the school



Online Pre-loved Uniform

In March we launched the new online Pre-loved Uniform shop. Every item was sorted through and itemized before the online shop was set up – there were approximately 30 boxes as well as many loose bags to go through! This makes pre-loved uniform more accessible. We've sold 126 items of clothing since its launch, and it made £358 in 4 months!

Items are distributed on either a Tuesday or a Friday during term time only. Children are given their "purchases" in a brown paper bag with their name on during afternoon registration. Any children that are in Year 3 or above are responsible for bringing these home. Any child in Year 2 or below will have their class teacher distribute purchases to the person collecting your child.

We are looking for **someone to help with Pre-loved Uniform Sales** by sorting through new donations regularly, adding new stock to the online shop and picking and packing orders. Can you help?

If your child/children have outgrown their school uniform please consider donating to us. We accept all branded items of school clothing as well as unbranded shirts/ trousers/ shorts/ pinafores/ summer dresses etc. Our most popular and needed items are PE kits! You can donate by placing items in our pre-loved uniform bin at the side of the school.

Astra Recycling clothing bin

This academic year we will be trialing a new clothes donation service called Astra Recycling. This will be in replacement of Bags2School and will be a permanent feature where you can donate at any point. It is a free service where donations are collected regularly and the PTFA charity receive a set price per kilo. The textiles they collect are either sent to Eastern Europe or Africa to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes.

What can you donate?

1. Clothing
2. Accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, belts etc.)
3. Shoes
4. Bed linen
5. Soft Toys

Gift Aid & Donations

**DONATE
TODAY**



To view and make a
donation on our page
[click here](#)

The PTFA charity has always been set up with the ability to claim Gift Aid, although according to HMRC records it has not claimed this directly via HMRC. Previously it has been set up with PayPal, where if a donation is made to our charity via PayPal, it's legally made to PayPal Giving Fund (PPGF) which is a separate registered charity. PPGF then claim Gift Aid from HMRC as that separate charity and then passes on the gross donation onto us. We are now partnering with the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) to claim Gift Aid on pure donations via our own HMRC Gift Aid account (with CAF being an authorized HMRC partner) and will be able to fully track all Gift Aid donations moving forward.

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities to reclaim the tax already paid on donations from UK taxpayers. This means that for every £1 donated, the charity can claim an additional 25p from the government, effectively increasing the donation's value without costing the donor any extra.

What can you do?

When you make a donation to us, please choose Gift Aid in addition if you are a UK tax payer. If you're like most tax payers in the UK, you are a 20% taxpayer, you will have made your donation out of income that has already suffered 20% tax. The charity will take your donation and then reclaim from HMRC the 20% tax that you originally paid.

Old stock and PTFA shed

Last academic year we sorted through the PTFA storage shed at the bottom of the field (which took place over a 4-month period). This allowed us to take a stock check of items we have for future events and identify things that might be needed.

By doing this, we were able to;

1. Set up the Pre-loved uniform online shop
2. Set up the Teddy & Toy sale in June which made £81.84 from forgotten about stock.
3. Donated 40 bubble wands to nursery to go towards their end of year treat.
4. Donated a wooden palette to forest school for outdoor play
5. Donated an art display unit to the school that was hiding in the corner

We were able to utilize a large gazebo stored in the shed for sports day and as a result of this we have **already purchased an additional smaller gazebo** for Sports Day/District Sports activities that is easier to transport.



Challenges & Future Expenses

The boring but important bit!

It is essential for any charity that operates in the UK to submit a corporate tax declaration. It supports the organization's compliance with HMRC requirements while guaranteeing transparency and appropriate use of funds.

However, from April 2026 the government's "Making Tax Digital" scheme will start. This will be introduced in stages for organizations according to their income/ fundraising. As a result of this we will be partnering with Easy Digital Filing and will mean that we will need to pay additional funds on top of our already existing membership and licensing fees to continue being HMRC compliant.

Check out the
Charity's 2024/25
Financial Report
[here](#)

Thanks to Volunteers

Lastly, we would like to thank all the volunteers that give their time to enable our events to take place. We'd like to especially thank those parents that took the time for volunteer more than once.

