



Bishop Road Primary School

PTFA Newsletter – Autumn 2025

Welcome to the PTFA's first newsletter of the 2025/6 school year!

We hope you all had a lovely summer. An especially warm welcome to all new families joining the school – we hope you'll be very happy here.

BISHOP ROAD PTFA: ABOUT US

The PTFA is a registered charity which raises money to help our school by running fundraisers throughout the school year. The PTFA consists of parent/carers volunteers – everyone can get involved!

In the 2024/5 academic year the **PTFA raised over £42,600** and **donated £27,400 to the school** to fulfil the following pledges:

£10,000 for outdoor learning sessions

£8,000 for the enrichment fund (including author visits and externally-run workshops)

£8,000 for main and class library books

£1,400 for Year 6 leavers celebrations

SECOND HAND UNIFORM!

You can donate any uniform to the PTFA (as long as it's in good, stain-free condition), pick up some bargains on pre-loved uniform, and use our mending service.

Contact BishopRoadUniform@gmail.com to find out more.



ICE CREAMS!

For as long as the sun shines we'll be selling ice creams in the Grant playground after school every Friday until October half term.

2025 DIARY DATES:

Thurs 2nd October – 7.30pm
PTFA AGM (on Zoom)

Fri 17th October
Years 1, 3 and 5 Discos

Thurs 23rd October
Welcome drinks for Reception parents/carers

Sat 8th November
Fireworks Extravaganza

Weds 12th November
PTFA meeting (in person)

Thurs 27th November
Christmas Market*

Sat 6th December
Christmas Tree Sale and Christmas Cracker*

*subject to new event organisers coming forward

2026 DIARY DATES:

Fri 6th February – Race Night

Fri 6th March
Years 2, 4 and 6 Discos

Tues 10th March
PTFA Meeting (on Zoom)

Sat 21st March
Beginners Ball (Reception)

Fri 27th March – Quiz Night

Sat 16th May – Inflatables Day

Sat 13th June – Summer Fair

Thurs 18th June
PTFA Meeting (in person)

Thurs 16th July
Year 6 Leavers Party

RECENT EVENTS

What a wonderful end to the 2024/5 academic year. Thank you to everyone who organised, helped out at, attended and/or supported a fundraiser last term.

QUIZ NIGHT: Thanks to Alister Jones and team for such a fun (and enlightening!) evening.

ICE CREAMS: Our 2024/5 Friday sales raised a fantastic **£2,114!** Thank you to our loyal customers and to the team of helpers, led by Jodie Murray.



INFLATABLES DAY:

We were blessed with good weather for an afternoon of inflatables fun on the school field in May, raising a fantastic **record-breaking £4,312** in the process.

Thank you to the team, led by Molly Zoeller, Helen Chesman and Yanique Slotemaker, and everyone who helped out on the day.

PLAYFUL PARENTING: Thank you to Maria Peters for leading an informative workshop where we learnt some tips, techniques and games to keep things light and playful (having a lot of fun in the process).

SUMMER

FAIR: There was fun for all the family at the Summer Fair in June.

The team, led by Louise Swainston, Laura Elmer and Charlie Webbon, pulled out all the stops to ensure a wonderful afternoon was had by all. Thank you to them and to everyone helping out on the day – an amazing **£6,300** was raised.

UNIFORM SALES: The team, led by Sophie Donaldson, raised over £1,000 at the summer fair alone, contributing to a wonderful **£3,180** raised over the academic year.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS: Another cohort left Bishop Road having celebrated at their Year 6 Leavers Party in July. Our thanks go to the teams of parents who organised the party as well as the children's hoodies.



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TEA TOWELS & CHRISTMAS CARDS!

These two fundraisers feature the children's own designs and can be purchased in time for Christmas.

Look out for more information coming soon!



THANK YOU...

...to the following individuals and teams busily working on this term's fundraisers:

Christmas Cards – **Shivani Baynham** • Christmas Trees – **Mike Hales** • Discos – led by **Ellie Jones and Heather Absalom** • Fireworks – led by **Simon Bodley and Dan Cogan** Ice Creams – led by **Taran Livingston** • Tea Towels – **Sarah Kidd and Jess Gitsham** Uniform – led by **Sophie Donaldson**

THE CORE PTFA TEAM

We extend a really warm welcome to our new Secretary and Web Coordinators.

Chair: Kate Pearson

Vice Chairs: Bazga Ali and Hilary Barnes

Secretary: Helen Barugh

Treasurers: Ruth Colson and Tim Shurlock

Website Coordinators:

Simon Bull and Antonia Davies

Class Link Coordinator:
Helen Chesman

Your PTFA needs you!

We urgently need team leads for two Christmas events, or they won't go ahead. If you can help, please email us at BishopRoadPTFA@gmail.com. You would be given a full handover from previous leads.

1 **CHRISTMAS MARKET** (Thurs 27th November).

2 **CHRISTMAS CRACKER** (Sat 6th December).

3 Please contact BishopRoadUniform@gmail.com if you can help our Uniform Team mend purple tops and upcycle old uniform.

