



Bishop Road Primary School PTFA Newsletter – Spring 2026

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Welcome to our second newsletter of the academic year. We hope 2026 has started well for you all.

Last term was an extremely busy one! As well as bringing together the school community and helping Bishop Road families have fun, **last term's PTFA activities raised a fantastic amount of £21,000.** This has put us in a really strong position to be able to fulfil our base-level pledges to the school, which total £27,400 for 2025/26.

DO SOMETHING AMAZING FOR OUR SCHOOL – BECOME THE NEXT PTFA CHAIR!

We're looking for a new Chair from September 2026. This is a highly fulfilling volunteer role where you'll **work with a brilliant team** of fellow parent/carers to bring events and fundraisers to life, **raise vital funds for Bishop Road**, and **create experiences the children absolutely love.** You'll also collaborate with a supportive school leadership team and **help nurture the welcoming, friendly community spirit** our school is known for. With a handover well before September, you'll have all the support you need to step in confidently.

If this sparks your curiosity, we'd love to hear from you:
BishopRoadPTFA@gmail.com

YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU! Can you help us fill these roles?

- ① **RACE NIGHT** – This year will be the team's last running this popular and profitable event. If you'd like to help keep it going, please get in touch with Chris at **cjbrooker@gmail.com**. This year's team comprises 8 volunteers. A full handover will be provided, so you'll have all the support you need to take the reins.



SPRING TERM DATES

6th February | Race Night* – Fun at the (virtual) races! A friendly and welcoming evening of excitement and thrills. Great for a mid-year class social!

6th March | Years 2, 4 & 6 Discos – Always a highlight of the school year for the children.

10th March | PTFA Meeting – 7.30pm, via Zoom. All welcome!

21st March | Beginners Ball – Reception children will have their very own afternoon disco.

27th March | Quiz Night* – Pens at the ready!

*adults-only events

DON'T FORGET!

We urgently need donations of purple tops, and have a cashback offer for those in excellent condition in shortage sizes. Do get in touch via **BishopRoadUniform@gmail.com** if you have any uniform or Christmas jumpers to donate. We also offer a repairs service.



- ② **UNIFORM** – Contact **BishopRoadUniform@gmail.com** if you can help with pop-up sales, mending, and lost-property sorting.
- ③ **QUIZ NIGHT** – We need organisers! Help keep this much-loved event alive: **BishopRoadPTFA@gmail.com**

AUTUMN FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to everyone who organised, helped out at, attended and/or supported a fundraiser last term.

Ice Creams (September/October)

Come rain or shine, the team (led by **Taran Livingston**) were on hand for Friday sales.

£999 raised

Second-Hand Uniform

Sales and mending services (led by **Sophie Donaldson**) have been a roaring success!

£1,249 raised

£2,075 raised

Years 1/3/5 Discos (October)

A brilliant evening full of fun, laughter and awesome dance moves. Thanks to the team, led by **Ellie Jones, Heather Absalom and Jess Trahar**.

Fireworks Extravaganza (November)

What a spectacle! Congratulations to the team, led by **Dan Cogan**.

£8,785 raised

Christmas Market (November)

The fantastic market team, led by **Izzy Borrie** ensured a lovely start to the festive season.

£1,840 raised

Tea Towels (December)

Perfect stocking-fillers, featuring the kids' self-portraits. Led by **Sarah Kidd and Jess Gitsham**.

£1,434 raised

Christmas Cards (December)

Many wonderful creations winged their way home in their designers' school bags. Thank you to **Shivani Baynham** for organising.

£635 raised

Christmas Tree Sale (December)

Another successful tree sale, expertly organised by **Mike Hales**.

£2,187 raised

Christmas Cracker (December)

The perfect event to finish the term before Christmas. **Ellie Rennie and team** ensured a wonderfully festive occasion which spread Christmas cheer to all.

£1,647 raised

RAISE MONEY FOR FREE!



You can raise money for the Bishop Road PTFA, at no cost to you, when you shop online. These donations really make a difference to us. All you need to do is:

- 1 Create an Easyfundraising account via www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishoproadschoolptfa/
- 2 When you then shop online, **start off on the Easyfundraising app or website, and participating brands will make a donation to the PTFA** when you go on to make a purchase on their site.
- 3 **Even easier still, if you download a browser extension** ('donation reminder') to your device, **it'll pop up on every retailer site where a donation is available**, meaning you don't have to remember to go to the Easyfundraising app/website first!

SAVE THE DATES!

Inflatables Day | Sat 16th May

Summer Fair | Sat 13th June

THANK YOU...

...to this term's fundraiser teams:

Race Night – led by **Chris Brooker**

Discos – led by **Ellie Jones, Heather Absalom & Jess Trahar**

Beginners Ball – led by **Camilla**

Postlethwaite & Sarah Humphrey

Second-Hand Uniform – led by

Sophie Donaldson