

PTA End of Summer Term Newsletter



Welcome to our end-of-year newsletter! 😊

In this edition, we cover the success of the Summer Fair, share how we've spent our funds this year, and invite you to help make plans for the new academic year. PLUS — we're announcing a brand-new social event for September! Thank you for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you!

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Hi! I'm Anna, new Chair of the PTA. I have a little boy in reception and a daughter at nursery. Keen to get involved in fundraising and planning events for the children, I joined the team in May and am really excited to be on board!

Over the last few weeks we have been busy with the summer fair (more on that below), and we will now turn to making exciting plans for 2025-2026. We'd love to have as many parents involved in this, so we are inviting all mums and dads to join us on Wednesday 23rd July to discuss fundraising ideas and events. We will be at 98 Highgate from 7.30pm. Just turn up - we hope to see you there!

Treasurer's update

What a Year! We've had an incredible 12 months, raising a total of £15,018 — a huge leap from last year's £10,309! This amazing total helped fund our fabulous new Playdale playground, and allowed us to contribute over £3,000 towards extracurricular activities, equipment and school trips. These have included jewellery club, musical instruments, author visits, transport for trips, and Year 6 leavers' events.

SUMMER FAIR TOTAL....The 2025 Summer Fair was a great success. The total amount raised from the fair and the raffle together was just over **£2,500!!** (Winners will be notified this week!) We're blown away - thank you for your support. We hope all the children had a brilliant time!



**SAVE
THE DATE**

Friday 12th September - September Social

Join us for a fun evening to celebrate the official opening of the new Playdale, meet other parents and chat to the PTA! All parents and children invited.

Come along to the school playground from 5.30-7.30pm for food, drinks and celebration as we kick off the new academic year together. More details to follow!

CHAIR



Anna - Kids in Reception & Nursery

MEET THE TEAM! Your NEW PTA!

Role of the Committee

Our Committee consists of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Uniform Sales organiser, and lots of regular volunteers.

The Committee meets regularly with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events.

The Committee also holds open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association is planning, share ideas, and get involved.

SECRETARY



Fern- Kids in Year 2 & 5

TREASURER



Shel - Kids in Year 1 & 3

UNIFORMS



Laura- Child in Year 5

COMMUNICATION



Lisa - Child in Year 5

Jewellery Design Competition Winners!

Back in April, we launched the Ghyllside Jewellery Design Competition to support the #PlaygroundProject — and the response was incredible! Led by talented parent and jewellery designer Rachel Galley, the winning designs were brought to life in sterling silver. In fact, Rachel was so impressed, she chose two winners: Mercy Trill (Y6) and Coco Flemming (Reception). Thanks to support from Rachel and generous backing from Hackney & Leigh, both pieces were beautifully handcrafted — and we raised £120 for the PTA.

Best of all, the new playground is now complete and ready for fun!

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Easy Fundraising is a completely free and easy way to raise money for the PTA from doing your online shopping and clicking a button - that's it! 57 people have signed up so far, and we have raised £775 since setting this up last year.

Imagine if every parent in every household could sign up?

1. Download the App or go through the website
2. Sign up
3. Choose your cause: 'Ghyllside PTA'
4. Shop via the app or website and generate funds- no catch!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ghyllside-school-pta/>

Want to Get Involved with the PTA?

We'd love to hear from you! We're a group of working parents volunteering our spare time, and every bit of help counts. You don't need to attend events; there are plenty of ways to support from home, whenever it suits you. Get in touch to join in or learn more!



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