



PTA

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Dear families of children at St Mary's,

We are pleased to share an update from your new(ish) PTA.

The 2025 Christmas Fair...

Firstly, a sincere thank you to everyone who supported our first event, the Christmas Fair. It simply would not have been possible without the generous donations, the volunteers who gave their time, and all those who attended on the day. We appreciate that spending isn't always easy at the moment, so every contribution made in support of the school is genuinely appreciated. We hope you all enjoyed it and look forward to similar events in the future.

...and what it's allowed us to do for the school

We are delighted to share that the fair raised an impressive £1648.89. These funds have already enabled us to arrange a two-day animal experience from 'The Wild Roadshow', as well as purchase a set of 15 glockenspiels for to support music lessons throughout the school. The remaining funds will be reinvested into future events, helping us to continue supporting the school and enriching the children's experiences.

Upcoming events...

The PTA is planning on running or supporting three events before the end of school year:

- **Tuck Shop – Friday 1st May**
Sweets will be available for purchase in the school grounds as the children leave school for the long weekend. Those attending after-school football or who leave school without an adult, may bring £1, and will be escorted to and from the stall to make their purchase.
- **Sports Day – Wednesday 8th July**
The PTA have arranged for a coffee van to be located in the car park that will provide refreshments for spectators. A percentage of the takings will be donated to the PTA, so please treat yourself knowing you'll be supporting the school in doing so.
- **Summer Fair – Thursday 23rd July**
Our biggest fundraising event outside of December! More details to follow soon.

...and how you can help if you'd like to

We are keen to grow our PTA community this year so we can continue to deliver events in a sustainable and enjoyable way. Organising the Christmas Fair was a significant undertaking for our small team of four, and by welcoming more members, we can ensure that future events are both manageable and successful.

Regular Members

Regular PTA members are invited to all general meetings (typically one per year, with attendance encouraged but not essential) and added to a WhatsApp group where we'll occasionally reach out for help with events. We hope to have 20-30 regular members across the school so that there's a large pool of support to draw from and the commitment level is spread thinly. **If you'd like to help out on event days but don't want to be involved with planning, this is the best way to do that.**

Committee Members

Committee members are invited to our more regular PTA meetings (minimum of one per term, with attendance preferred but still not a necessity) and will get to have input into the planning of events. We hope to find around four new committee members who can support the existing Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary in organising our fundraisers. **You'll have a vote in all committee decisions, and the option to put yourself forward for one of the four formal roles in future if you wish to.**

Neither role requires a great deal of commitment, but would help to lighten the load and allow the PTA to achieve more. If you're interested in joining or would like more information we'd love to hear from you. You can email us at stmarysreddishpta@gmail.com or reach out to one of us directly:

- Chair: Rachel Railton (Year 1 and Year 6 parent)
- Vice Chair: Jon Edge (Year 2 parent)
- Treasurer: Vicky Brown (Year 4 parent)
- Secretary: Diane Rothwell (Year 4 parent)

Thank you for your continued support in our fundraising efforts.

Warm regards,

The PTA Team