ST VINCENT'S PTA NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026

Termly Figures

- **Summer Bake & Uniform Sale: £622.54**
- **Parents Lottery: £51.60**
- **Induction Uniform Sale: £314.34**
- **Summer Fair: £10,525.95**

SUMMER PROFITS TOTAL £11,514.43

ANNUAL PROFITS TOTAL £43,271.77

Match Funding

Did you know that you could secure additional funding for the PTA through the Match Funding scheme! If your employer is taking part in this scheme already they could match our numbers so certain events. This year two parents managed to secure **£750** from their workplaces using the scheme! Find out more about it and how it works - **CLICK HERE**

Snappy Snaps!



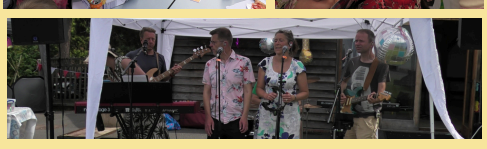












A Warm Welcome

Welcome back to the PTA Termly Update! A long and hot term that has seen the PTA ouwardly a lot quieter with less events but very busy behind the scenes putting together the show stopper of our calendar the Summer Fair!

Events Round Up

Summer Coffee Morning & Parent Social

This term we welcomed Parent Governor Venetia Coleman along to our Coffee Morning at Kafedaki. Venetia talked us through the logistics of the change to an Academy and what that means for St Vincent's financially. It was a useful and informative morning.

Bake & Uniform Sale

We have found that as we move through the School phases the baked donations seem to thin out. We ask that when it is your turn to Bake which is only once per year, per phase you please get involved and provide cakes whether they are shop bought or homemade. A packet of 5 doughnuts are £1 in Morrisons for example and could help raise five times that for our School!

From September, you must display a list of ingredients with your homemade treats - we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

EYFS Induction Meetings & Uniform Sale

It was a pleasure to welcome the new cohort of parents to St Vincent's at these meetings. We also sold some much needed second hand uniform for their little ones. I myself will be a Nursery parent this year, we hope we helped to ease their minds that they have made the very best choice in our School!

Summer Fair

What a fantastic event we pulled off as a team! The PTA works throughout the year towards the Fair, storming ideas and pulling resources. This year we wanted to build on the success of last year, we added more into our wristband offering to make it real value for money and we think that really came off.

Live Music has been something we have been working on for 3 years and finally we managed to pull together 3 hours of entertainment. We will look to move them to a location that captures more of an audience next year but we can't thank the Guest Bands enough - **One Night Only & Mei Day** (of AB MUSIC ACADEMY) for coming and playing long and fabulous sets. Our own choir & Miss Linda were fabulous as always and it is such a delight to see them perform. Dillon & Annalise are truly talented performers it was a joy to listen to them. We cannot believe we are lucky enough to have such amazing talent in our Community. We can't wait to see more in the future!

The food at this years Fair was fantastic. We were lucky enough to be joined by Big Mama's Grill on the BBQ to provide delicious Jerk Chicken, we cannot thank them enough for their donation of the Chicken, helping us not only to serve something yummy but raise more money for the School. We were also delighted to host Sud Italia the show stopping Pizza Van who approached us and offered to come along at no cost to us and kindly donated profits to the Fair totals. We know that both food offerings were extremely well received and are delighted we could offer this to our School.

We must note that we had a technical glitch at this event for the first time due to the POS sites crashing. It was a national outage - not just us and we hope that it did not inconvenience you too much. Thank you for your kindness and patience while we worked hard to fix it. It is a reminder that bringing cash at these events is a wise back up plan, sometimes even for speed as the connection to the internet can be very spotty in many locations throughout the School!

Raffle - We must take a moment to acknowledge our record breaking Raffle. We had the highest number of prizes ever for any raffle and we also had the highest amount of Summer ticket sales. We are delighted with this offering & thank the Committee members & parents who tirelessly source prizes. The Raffle raises 25% of our Fair profits so please keep supporting it.



Sustainability

Thank you to everyone who donated decorations to our events this year. We have recycled and kept what we can and are in a good position to lower spends in this area for next years events.

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Respect & Safety Notice

We must remind parents that during our events, we are still at School and must respect our surroundings. There have been times during recent events where school space has not been respected. If we cordon an area, it is because we cannot use it, it may be unsafe or just an area we cannot use. Please watch your children on School grounds and respect School property.

Thank you!

Summer Parent Social

We ended the Summer with a get together in The Windmill, we had a really great night full of laughs, it's so lovely to get together and let off some steam! Socials have been more popular this year and we feel that they really help build parent friendships and a sense of community.

Thank You

We must express our eternal thanks to our Summer Fair Volunteers & Staff helpers. Before, during and after this event, preparing, decorating, sorting donations, dragging items around, cooking, cleaning, serving food, manning stalls - every single person and job is truly appreciated and does not go unnoticed - even tifying rubbish on the day is invaluable.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout the year at every event, sometimes it's really good fun, sometimes it's stressful and exhausting but all of it is essential to our success. Please continue to Volunteer, we love to see new faces - join our whatsapp Volunteers chat if you think you would be able to join us and be part of the magic!! Volunteer Group.

We must finally say thank you to Mr Grear as he leaves the School at the end of Term. He is our biggest supporter and has dedicated much of his time to our events and efforts during and after School, he helps us with all our tech and physically by hosting many events. We will miss him dearly and wish him and his family every happiness in their new adventure.

Find our Autumn 26 Calendar HERE on our website and keep an eye out on our Instagram for updates & everything PTA!

Money Back to School

Please see below a full list of our donations back to School this year:

- Coaches & School Trips
- Counsellor
- Rosaries - Communion
- Crosses Y6
- SATS Breakfast
- Y6 Transition workshops
- OPAL - Sheds, Labour, Equipment
- Nativity Costumes
- Corpus Christi Treats
- Christmas Books
- Panto for Kids
- 60th Anniversary Decorations/Flowers
- 60th Anniversary Keyrings
- Easter Treats
- Hall Laptop
- 30 Chromebooks
- Math Eqipment
- Outdoor Library Baskets

(A full breakdown of these spends will be published in the October Treasurer's report at our AGM)

Next year the PTA will be looked upon by the School to help them in areas of finance as they fully transition to an Academy & launch the new Building the Kingdom Fund. We will keep you abreast with all these plans at our AGM and on our Fundraising page as things develop. There has never been more of a need to give to our School, budgets are extremely tight and anything we can do as a Community to keep our extremely high standards for our children must be done!

Final Note

My first year as Chair has seen us expand as a Committee and raise the highest amount of funds we ever have as a PTA. I am so proud of everything we do as a Team for the School & our Community. It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Aga Merchant this year as her daughter moves on from St Vincent's - we thank Aga for everything she has given to our School & PTA she has been amazing. These are big boots to fill but we know there are many parents out there who might want to try! Come along to our AGM in October and find out more about joining our wonderful team!

I wish you a restful and wonderful Summer break.

Gemma Moussoulides
PTA Chair *on behalf of* St Vincent's PTA

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