

Summer Term - 2025

St Vincent's PTA

Summer Newsletter



Welcome

I cannot believe I am writing this Newsletter as another year draws to a close! What an amazing year our children have had... I am the parent of a Year 6 leaver and I'm sure those of you who are in the same boat as me are fighting back the tears these last few days!

OPAL has launched and new equipment is being enjoyed by all the children. Some of the works we had hoped to carry out over summer have been paused but we will certainly be looking to what can be done next year. Our struggle is that workmen are only allowed on site when the children are not there. We thank you for your patience!

Events Round Up

Summer Term was kicked off by our Family fun Bingo night, we had some very excited winners and lots of players, we tried out a tuck shop for the first time and the sweeties were very popular!!

We had a wonderful Coffee Morning right at the beginning of term and for the first time we had some Dad's come along - this was really good to see and we hope more Dad's will fancy a brew and a catch up next term!

We have celebrated our Dads this term with a bake sale just for them! We love the 15 minutes of mayhem that these events bring - we love even more the yummy cakes our parents donate, it doesn't matter if you are Mary Berry or Tesco Whoosh orders every cake counts! We've also had a Bags2school collection our final one of the year, however we will likely not carry on with these into next term as the return is not especially brilliant and we are looking at alternatives.

This term has been our quietest as a PTA we put all our energy into the Summer Fair this year. Our Seaside theme was a rip roaring success!! The theme was fully embraced by everyone and it really was a delight to be able to offer such a fun day for the children! We pushed the boat out on some wow attractions and we think it paid off! I remember sitting on the PTA stall at about 4:30 thinking I'm exhausted and wondering how the kids had so much energy!

We are very grateful to the support of all our wonderful volunteers - the days before & morning set up went really well as there were lots of us chipping in to help from hanging decorations, making up chip boxes to lugging around water balloons! Everyone who manned stalls/bars/games/inflatables, cooked food, cleaned up, all helpers - thank you!

We had some fabulous entertainment from our School Choirs, former pupils and lots of lovely stalls including all the usual favourites and some new indoor vendors and of course our lovely Braiding, Origami & Postcard teams.. Check out the highlight reel **SUMMER FAIR HIGHLIGHTS**

Sponsors

This year again we have been so fortunate to have received some amazing donations from lots of local businesses for our Raffle - please check out all our wonderful sponsors **HERE**.

Next Event & Diary Dates

- **Fun Run** - Friday 19th September click **here** for all the details!!!
- **Welcome BBQ** - Friday 26th Sept (Fun Run celebrations - more details **here**)
- **AGM** (Annual General Meeting) - Thursday 2nd October - All Parents are invited and encouraged to attend & the Equality Committee will be introducing themselves.

Check out what we have planned next HERE on our website and keep an eye out on our Instagram for updates & everything PTA!

Termly Figures

What an amazing term we have had financially - your generosity and support has blown us away - **thank you!** We have had two wonderful parents come forward to confirm that their workplaces can provide ***Match Funding*** on products for the Summer Fair so we have had a bolster to our profits by **£1,000** because of this! For more information on ***Match Funding*** and how your employer could potentially offer this please read this **letter**. Figures for this term below:

- **Bag2School: £69.80**
- **Bingo: £ 1,324.18**
- **Fathers Day Bake & Uniform Sale: £389.08**
- **Summer Fair: £ 10,002.44**
- **Induction Uniform Sales: £233.82**

SUMMER PROFITS TOTAL - £12,019.32

2024 - 2025 Academic Year Fundraising Profits - £39,039.09

Money back to school

You may have noticed Mr Grear filming on our brand new multi camera recording equipment at the Year 6 production & any end of year productions you attended, I'm very excited to see the polished versions that we have of our children's performances going forward!

We have invested in some large storage units for the OPAL scheme and ploughed money into getting some new toys and equipment for the launch of the Scheme. Our main funding purpose for OPAL will be to provide storage and equipment.

We have provided nearly £10,000 for Coaches & School Trips this year. On top of our committed spend to Coaches, the *Coaches & School Trips Initiative* raised an impressive £2580. This has meant that every child at School has benefited from an external trip. We are thrilled and so grateful for your support bringing this dream to life.

Please come to our AGM to find out more about what we have funded this year in School - you can also keep track of our committed spends on our website - click **here** to read more! To fund wonderful equipment, experiences and everything else the PTA provides, you can donate to the PTA at any time by clicking **HERE**.

Call to Arms

We are always looking for more hands on deck to help make the events for our children the best they can be! Please join our whatsapp Volunteers chat if you think you would be able to help in any way - an hour can make the world of difference! JOIN **HERE**

Final Note

At our AGM in October, we will be we will be having a little shake up of the Committee as I will be stepping down as Chair but remaining a part of the Team. When working full time I feel I cannot commit fully to the duties the Chair should take on so the time is right to pass the baton on. Stay tuned for more info on this!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy and sunny Summer Holidays, enjoy the kids being at home it will go by in a flash! We will have some hints and tips going around on our Instagram page and possibly Whatsapp on things to keep them entertained this summer!

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PTA Chair