

4th April 2025



PTA+
The home of school fundraising

10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

- SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**
The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.
- IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**
Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.
- MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**
Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.
- BE BETTER CONNECTED**
Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.
- BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**
Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.
- LEARN NEW SKILLS**
Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.
- CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER**
Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.
- IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**
Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them.
- IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**
Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.
- CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**
Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

Our PTA needs you! As you will be aware, schools rely on additional financial support from fund raising. At our school the PTA have raised thousands of pounds for your children and we have all benefitted from the fundraising that they have organised. Many of our existing members will be leaving this summer and we are now looking to inspire a new generation of parents to help and take over much of the fundraising activities that enhance what we have on offer. Buying classroom and outdoor resources, subsidising school trips and organising school events like the Halloween Disco and the Summer Fair are just some examples of what the PTA do for us. Please come along to our next meeting which is on 7th May at 7.30pm in the Royal Oak, Dacre Banks.



- 4 Apr - break up
- 22 Apr - Back to school
- 22 Apr - NSPCC assemblies
- 28 Apr - NSPCC workshops
- 1 May - Y5/6 Job interviews
- 5 May - Bank Holiday
- 12 May - Y6 SATS week



Our whole School Attendance this half term:

95.1%

This is a great effort considering the amount of illness that has been in school this term!



And finally...We break up **TODAY** and return to school on **TUESDAY 22nd April**. Have a wonderful Easter break whatever you get up to. All the very best wishes to you all.

This half term our whole school topic is: 'British Settlers'