

The end of another academic year is upon us... and it sees us end the year with our largest ever fundraising total!

This year, the PTA have raised £14,000, including £3,500 at our Summer Fair!

The biggest thank you to everyone involved with the PTA, Mr Kolb and the staff team, our awesome volunteers and to everyone who has attended an event or supported us in any way... be it coming along to wreath making, a quiz night, the golf day, the Christmas Fair, the Summer Fete... bought raffle tickets, Coughton cash, sent in a tombola item, contributed to bake sales, donated a raffle prize, had an advert in a brochure, queued up for a cake on a Friday afternoon...

We know it can feel a lot sometimes when it gets to silly season at the end of a term and the reminders from us are flying in daily about jarbolas and raffle tickets but we are always so grateful for your support! This money has had a huge impact on school and the children and has meant school have been able to tackle some big projects this year and give everyone fantastic experiences!

But the PTA isn't just about raising money - it is about enhancing and embracing the school community and bringing everyone together... and we certainly felt everyone together having fun and celebrating another successful year at school at the Summer Fair. Have a read below for a summary and some pics and a thank you to our sponsors plus info on what we have funded over the last term...

A full summary of 2024/5 and what was raised from which event and what we spent will be released ahead of our AGM in September

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable summer and we can't wait to see you all in September for another fantastic year.

WHAT HAVE THE PTA FUNDED THIS HALF TERM?

TRIP TO THE SEASIDE

We were so excited to be able to fund a trip to the seaside for years 2-6. We made a significant contribution to keep the cost to £10 per child. We know everyone had a super time and lots of fun playing on the beach with their friends. Everyone had an ice lolly... the seagulls provided lots of entertainment, as did games of beach volleyball and boules and there were some mega sandcastles on display and some mega hole digging! This will hopefully become a Coughton tradition and take place every few years.

The PTA also part funded the trips to Mary Arden's farm, Bodenham Arboretum and more, allowing school to cap costs at £10.

LIBRARY AND OUTDOOR IMPROVEMENTS:

We are pleased the external works on the library are now completed. The decking and surrounding area has been replaced and the library is now back in daily use and has proved a lovely shady spot for children to enjoy during the recent heatwaves!

BENCHES AND OUTDOOR FURNITURE

The picnic benches at school required urgent replacement after discovering many were rotten, so the PTA were pleased to be able to fund these plus other some additional outdoor furniture. They are well utilised during the summer term and allow children to eat lunch outside and use them for clubs, outdoor learning and more.

SAMBA DRUMS

The PTA were asked to purchase a set of samba instruments a while back and this term they were unveiled! A Samba drumming club has been running on Wednesday mornings and have they have been used during music sessions too.

HEART OF ENGLAND FOREST SCHOOL

The PTA have funded the Heart of England Forest School days. This slot with Heart of England will now remain so each class gets a chance to go across their time at Coughton.

FATHERS DAY KEYRINGS

After the success of the Mother's Day daffodils we were pleased to be able to provide blank keyrings for the children to decorate and gift.



EVENTS THIS HALF TERM

Quiz and Bingo Night... Another fab evening... thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the merriment! The evening raised **£471!**

Sports Day... we raised over **£538** which is Sports Day record! Thank you to everyone who sent a cake in, played money ball, bought a raffle ticket or refreshments from our stand!

Summer Fair... this really is the highlight of the PTA calendar and our biggest opportunity to fundraise... we made **£3,500!** We are eternally grateful to everyone who came to lend a hand - those who came *during the day to set up*, those who *ran a stall*, those who stayed behind to help us *clear away*, everyone who generously *donated and sourced raffle prizes*, our *external stall holders*, those who bought *business adverts* in the brochure and to everyone who came along with the *coughton cash tokens!*

The weather was scorching and we sold out of cold cans - twice! The pimps flowed, the BBQ was delicious - special thank you to **Mr and Mrs Gorner** and **Mr and Mrs Hemming** and **Mrs Gilmour** for running this in the heat! And thank you to **Paul Donnelly** and **Aldi** for donating all the BBQ rolls. The lorry was an awesome addition this year so thank you to **Josh from Keltruck Scania** and **Aaron** for organising and to **Alcester Police** for attending with their car, complete with blues and twos! Thank you to all the **staff for the lovely class stalls** and to the **Year 6 children** who all helped with set up and ran stalls too and to **Mr Kolb** who is always so supportive of our PTA and a good sport for going in the stocks!

Astwood Bank Carnival... We enjoyed taking the PTA on the road and attending the Astwood Bank carnival... we took some of our favourite games from the Fete and enjoyed chatting to prospective and current families. We hope everyone who swung by enjoyed their sweets!



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We get a donation back to our PTA for every ticket you buy... since we signed up we have raised over £2500 for the PTA!

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