



PTA Newsletter – February 2025

This Year's Big Fundraiser Goals

Amphitheatre revamp

As you may have seen, our beloved school amphitheatre is in a dire state. Years of wear and tear have taken their toll, and recent strong winds have even taken the roof! This space has been a cornerstone for countless activities, performances, and outdoor learning, and we're determined to bring it back better than ever.

Our Vision:

We've budgeted £50,000 for a complete restoration as part of a 2-year heritage project, with plans to enhance the amphitheatre so it can be used year-round for a variety of events and educational opportunities.

How You Can Help:

We have had the quotes in and hope to start soon but we are seeking sponsorship and support from local businesses to help make this project a reality. If your company would like to contribute, we would love to hear from you.

Given the scale of this project, all our major fundraising events this year will be focused on supporting this cause, along with other ongoing projects that benefit the school.

Thank you for your support in helping us revive this cherished space for our students and community. Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss sponsorship opportunities - stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Soccer Darts Challenge – Monday, 3rd March

We're excited to announce a fantastic fundraising event for our school - the Soccer Darts Challenge! This fun-filled activity will help us raise funds to revamp our amphitheatre, a space that will benefit all the children.

What is Soccer Darts?

Imagine a giant inflatable dartboard - but instead of throwing darts, players kick a ball

to hit targets! It's a great way for the children to get active, have fun, and challenge themselves.

How You Can Help:

- Sponsorship Forms: Forms will be sent via email after the school assembly on 12th/13th February to kickstart the fundraising effort. Over half-term, we encourage children to seek sponsorship from family and friends.
- Fundraising Page: A digital sponsorship link will also be shared with parents for easy online donations.
- You can click on the QR code via the poster for our unique page.

Important Dates:

- Sponsorship Deadline: Please ensure all sponsorship money is submitted by Wednesday, 27th February at 8 pm.
- Event Day: Monday, 3rd March, during school time.

Every child will have the chance to participate and will receive a certificate to celebrate their involvement. Depending on how much sponsorship they raise, they will get 1 to 3 shots at the challenge.

To add to the fun, children are invited to come to school dressed in sports clothing - whether they're channelling Mohamed Salah, Mary Earps, Jean-Philippe Mateta, Simone Biles, Luke the Nuke, or Emma Raducanu. From football kits to leotards, tracksuits to tennis gear - all sportswear is welcome!

There will be lots of prizes to be won including a trophy for each boy and girl from each class who achieves the highest score.

This is run by Soccer Star coaching; all staff are FA Qualified coaches - each class will have 20-25mins to play.

Let's make this a huge success for our school and give our amphitheatre the upgrade it deserves!

Thank you for your support!



FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

We are fundraising to...

REPLACE OUR AMPHITHEATRE (OUTDOOR CLASSROOM)

HOW MANY POINTS
CAN YOU GET?



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EVENT DATE

MON 3RD MARCH 2025

SPONSOR DEADLINE

THURSDAY 27TH FEB 2025 | 5:00pm

To ensure your child receives their prizes on the day of the event, all sponsor money must be donated online before the date and time shown above.

Adult Social: Music Bingo Night - Friday 28th March 7.30pm

Join us for a night of nostalgia, music, and laughs! It's time for parents to let their hair down and enjoy some well-earned fun.

- Theme: We're taking you back to the 80s and 90s, so dust off those neon outfits, funky props, and iconic looks — costumes are totally welcome!
- Music Bingo: From Spice Girls to Boyzone, U2 to Queen, you never know which throwback hit you'll be singing along to!
- Drinks & Good Vibes: Plenty of drinks will be available for purchase, so grab your friends and join the fun.
- Ticket Price - £8 to include 2 bingo cards.

Don't miss this chance to relive your youth and show off your music knowledge. See you there!

Doors open from 7pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Easter Event

We haven't forgotten about our Easter celebrations! As Easter falls so late this year, we've decided to move our event to the start of the Summer Term.

The school will also be hosting its annual Bonnet Parade, and we're excited to announce that the Easter Bunny will be back to entertain the children with fun and surprises!

More details will follow soon - thank you for your understanding.

OTHER NEWS

Pre-loved Uniform

Please note that we've decided to bring back the suggested pricing for preloved uniform to help be more consistent and keep the scheme running successfully! We take cash and electronic donations and as always you can reach us at pta.uniformstmarys@gmail.com with any requests, and at our after school preloved sales (one will be announced soon)

Thank you for your support!

Preloved Uniform

Preloved uniform requests can be sent to our team of volunteers at pta.uniformstmarys@gmail.com Please note all items have been donated so whilst we try and make sure every item is in good condition, some items do have small marks or signs of wear. A suggested donation below can be paid in cash or by a payment link.

Price List 2025/26

School Jumpers - £2 each	Rucksack- £2
Skirts, Shorts - £1 each	PE bag, Bookbag- £1
Pinafore, Trousers- £2 each	Branded summer Polo - £1.50 each
Summer Dresses- £3 each	Accessories (winter hat/summer hat, scarf/tie, socks and bundles of tights) - £1 each
White button shirts- 3 of same size for £1	Rain coats- £2
PE Items (tracksuits/shorts, hoodie) £1 each	PE tops- £1 each

If the cost of uniform is a concern or poses difficulty, please contact the office and they can help in confidence.

PTA Lottery

Many numbers have been purchased for the PTA Lottery!!

The most recent draw at Christmas was drawn and the lucky winners were -

1st Prize £89.00 - Fran Fear

2nd Prize £53.40 - Chengyun Liu

3rd Prize - £35.60 - Katie Hutley

Congratulations to you all!!

The PTA Lottery is raising essential funds to support the KS1 phonics programme, classroom libraries and our very lovely school crossing patrol officer (lollipopper), Mrs Durling!

The more people that join...the higher the prizes!

Joining fee is £25 per number and available via parent pay.

Roles and Responsibilities

2026 Calendar Project – We Need You!

Are you a parent who loves getting involved and has an eye for detail? We're looking for someone (or even a dynamic duo!) to take the reins on our much-loved School Calendar Project, which raises an impressive £3.5K for the school every year.

The role –

- Connect with 12 sponsors (most are long-term supporters) to confirm their participation and arrange payments.
- Work with the photographer and printers to bring the calendar to life.
- Review photos and proof read the calendar before it goes to print -we're counting on you to spot any errors!
- Need to be available from September to November to keep things on track.

Fear not - you don't need to join the PTA (although we really are a lovely bunch and would love to have you!). Plus, there's a handy handover folder and plenty of PTA members who've been involved before to help you along the way.

This is a fantastic chance to keep a cherished school tradition alive and make a big impact. Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

QUICK AND EASY WAYS TO HELP US FUNDRAISE

There are many ways to support our school PTA and even schemes that don't have any additional personal cost to you, such as

-Sponsorship

Would you like to help support our school by sponsorship?

You can donate a prize towards one of our raffles from you or your business! You can also sponsor our school calendar and advertise your business. If you are interested in sponsoring our school, please contact the PTA via email: stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com

- **Matched Funding** through your employer - An easy win, just ask your employer if they participate in this scheme and you can go from there.

- **Easy Fundraising:** Who doesn't shop online these days!

How does it work, it's very simple, shop as normal with over 7,000 retailers, just start your shopping journey first at easyfundraising.org.uk, or get our App or browser extension Donation Reminder which reminds you when a donation is available.

Once you make a purchase, our retailer partners will make a small donation to your chosen cause to say 'thank you'. Get started now!

LOST PROPERTY

We all know how easily school uniforms and belongings go astray. That's why labelling your child's items is so important!

If you order name labels from Stickins at www.stickins.co.uk and enter our School Fundraising Number:35724 at checkout, the PTA will receive 30% commission from your purchase.

Thank you for helping us keep track of clothes and raise money for the school!