



TANWORTHIN ARDEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Chairs Report 19/2/2025-28/2/2026

Committee Members:

Chair Georgina Thompson

Treasurer Sarah Hoadley

Secretary Gemma Turvey

PTA formed 19/2/2024

Having completed our second year as a PTA committee it's lovely to reflect upon the journey and growth. The aim was always to bring a community feel between school and parents and to fundraise for important enrichments to enhance the learning of each child within the school.

Our core committee this year has been Georgina (Chair), Sarah (Treasurer) and Gemma (Secretary), with support from other committee members including Sue, Cat, Matt and Hannah, with several additional volunteers throughout the year. It has again been lots of hard work, continuing to learn as we reached charity status with regulations to follow and many challenging times (particularly with volunteer numbers) but despite the difficulties and time restrictions we all face as working parents, we are happy we've continued to build relationships, and met lots of new volunteers along the way. We have been raising funds for the art & DT room and outdoor classroom area. At the point of developing the art&dt room, school managed to raise funds from the MAT so we have helped with extra items needed such as stools, easels and continuing to add to the library area with additional bookcases. We therefore have funds still sat in account to continue to raise for the outdoor classroom. It was discussed and suggested an opal shed would benefit the growing OPAL resources and therefore some funds used to purchase and will soon be built to keep waterproofs and resources for OPAL dry to ensure it can remain operational all year round.. We have arranged events that have brought the community together (Circus/ Christmas fete) and have continued to build parent and school relationships.

We're happy with the continued achievement in our second year, raising a total of £17271.77. Although not all profit (see treasurers report for full breakdown!)

We're looking forward to another year of fundraising and fun events planned in the remainder of this academic year.

Our aims for year two were:

To raise money to fund the Art&DT room, outdoor classroom, book subscription.

Increase volunteer numbers

To create fun memories for the children.

To bridge the gap between school, parents and the local community.

Committee:

Georgina Thompson- Chair

Sarah Hoadley- Treasurer

Gemma Turvey- Secretary

Volunteers:

We have a PTA WhatsApp group for event volunteers which we are always looking to add to, our aim is to expand our committee and add to our event volunteer numbers too.

Recruitment

We are looking for more volunteers to help out at our events. This can include grandparents and friends too.

We are a small team that are down to earth and just want to raise funds to enhance the education of our children, we aim for any volunteering to be enjoyable and fun for those taking part and it's a great opportunity to see how the school works and see your children in their school setting too.

Interested parties can drop us an email to get involved. Pta3311@welearn365.com

Volunteers

We are very grateful to our group of volunteers who help out at events, and those that regularly put their names forward for all events, we are really grateful and couldn't do it without you!

We're a sociable bunch who are always happy to see new faces and have welcomed a few new ones this year and we'd love more parents to get involved. We'll be working on this again this year.

Events

This past year we've had several events, summer ones where we were still learning from the first year and continuing into winter where we changed our approach based on what we learnt in our first year. We've learnt quickly what works and doesn't, how we need extra volunteers to keep the PTA sustainable and to raise funds with little volunteer numbers.

Our biggest profit maker was the Circus, with profit over £2000. The event was a lovely community feel but lots of hard work, admin and last minute plans. We were supported by Umberslade who kindly helped us to relocate free of charge at short notice. We had to pull in lots of last minute volunteers. On reflection we were extremely lucky with the weather which contributed to its success, in future we would carefully need to consider the scale of the event and volunteer support and expenses.

We had great success with our sponsored pancake flip which was the next biggest profit maker! This was great fun for the children in school too and also meant our money spent on frying pans became resources for school. This was little volunteer numbers and low admin for the PTA!

Events that brought community spirit but didn't raise much were the events for parents, cupcake decorating and wreath making but were enjoyable for those who attended.

Events that are quick money earners without much outlay and volunteering needs are Treat Fridays- these work well and are something we'll continue to offer.

Events that haven't been as successful are tea and coffee and uniforms sales at plays or as extras, this is something we can look at to see if this is something parents still would like going forward.

Our disco this year was with a new DJ, we also replaced drinks with bottles and ran the disco with a more structured approach, it was a great enjoyable event for the children and although an event that has smaller profit margins, something we will continue to offer!

Mothers/Fathers/Christmas Shop is always a popular event and works well with children bringing in gifts and then purchasing them back. We often fall short for Male gifts and this is something we need to be prepared for for Father's Day. We usually have lots of volunteers for these events. We need to begin collecting gifts early to ensure we have enough.

Your School Lottery

in year 1 we only raised £150.47. This year we raised £504.20. This is a great improvement and something that requires no effort by the PTA and something we can continue to grow. We've seen a member of our community win a cash prize every single week and each month there's a fantastic prize up for grabs, as well as a jackpot. The more tickets we sell the more money goes to our school.

Becketts Farm Community Fund

Each quarter Becketts Farm offer community funds for 3 charities. We were nominated to be one of their chosen charities before Christmas 2025 and we received £424.86

Fundraising Priorities

We completed the library by helping towards the cost of the art mural on the walls, which looks amazing in the entrance of school!. We purchased the Reception class bears and school starting books in Sept 2025, and we paid for the coach for the Year 6 residential. This year we also purchased a chocolate reindeer for each child and organised the puppet show in church.

The Library Books are on a subscription which we have continued to allocate money for.

The Art & DT room was funded by school funds so we provided stools, easels, and looking to enhance the room with storage and decoration.

We have also purchased a large shed and allocated money for the build for OPAL.

Fundraising Ideas

Our main fundraisers will be for the outdoor classroom which will be over a longer period of time. We aim to work with school and use funds where necessary for essentials along the way eg OPAL she'd which can be discussed and voted on at meetings throughout the year where these arise.

Thank you's

The PTA is completely volunteer run and couldn't continue without lots of support. I know how busy life is for all families and therefore I'd personally like to thank every single person that has helped, whether volunteering your time, spreading the word or donating!

Id like to Thank Sarah Hoadley (Treasurer) who has continued to bring so much to the PTA in her role ! She finds us the best deals to keep spending down and she's the best at finding gifts, prizes and comes up with the fabulous ideas that bring our community together! Thank you for all you do including the planning and organising of our events! Another huge thank you to Gemma Turvey who goes above and beyond, no matter what, in her role as Secretary, from the admin, to being extra organised in the planning of events and making sure we always have what we need, including researching whilst listening to previous feedback and helping us adapt going forward!

Thank you to our regular volunteers, Matt, Sue, Dani, Cat, Hannah and to all of you that have at some point this year helped us, it is hugely appreciated! Thank you to each of you for bringing fun and enjoyment to our events!

Thank you to Mrs Bamford for allowing our ideas to come to life and supporting our events in and out of the school day!

Thank you to Sarah Jane, always a smiling face to help us from ideas to sending emails, collecting donations and helping with all of our printing!

We'll be holding our AGM (Annual General Meeting) 2/3/26, where we'll be discussing our second year, we aim to plan for the year ahead and voting in our committee. We hope you can join and add to our committee numbers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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