

# Woodgate Primary Academy PTA NEWSLETTER

July 2025



## Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2025

October TBC

Fri 24th Oct

Mon 27th to 31st Oct

November TBC

Tue 16th December

Fri 19th December

AGM

Cake Raffle (Donations needed)

Half Term

November Event

Pantomime Trip to The Hawth Theatre (R, Years 1-6)

Cake Raffle (Donations needed)



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## What a Year It's Been!



As we wrap up another fantastic year, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA – whether by volunteering, donating, or simply turning up to events. It's been a busy and rewarding year, and we couldn't have done it without you.

From the Bright Colours Party and the Panto Trip to the Hawth, the Christmas Hamper Raffle to our Wonderlicious World Book Day, every event was made special by your enthusiasm and support.

We'd also like to say a special farewell and thank you to Rebecca and Roma, who are stepping back from the PTA. Your time, energy, and dedication have been so appreciated, and you've made a real difference.

We'll miss you on the team, but we're glad you'll still be part of the school community!

We hope everyone has a well-deserved, relaxing, and sunshine-filled summer holiday. We'll see you in the new term, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year!!

## Recent Contributions - Supporting Our School Community

This term, the PTA has been proud to support a number of exciting initiatives around the school, including:

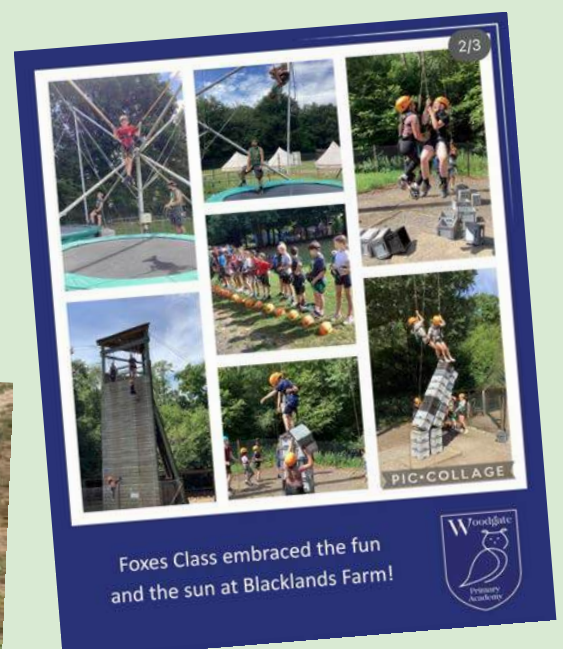
-  **New Starters Gift:** We have funded a new bookbag for every child starting Reception this September – a cheerful welcome as they begin their school journey!



-  **Storage for OPAL:** A brand-new storage shed to support the school's OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme – helping keep outdoor play equipment safe, tidy, and ready for action!

-  **School Trips:** This July, the PTA supported two exciting trips that gave our pupils unforgettable experiences. Reception and Nursery leavers visited Godstone Farm, where they enjoyed a hands-on day with animals and nature. Meanwhile, Years 5–6 headed off to Blackland Farm, taking part in outdoor activities, team building, and plenty of fun and adventure!

Thank you to all parents and carers who help make these contributions possible through your ongoing support!





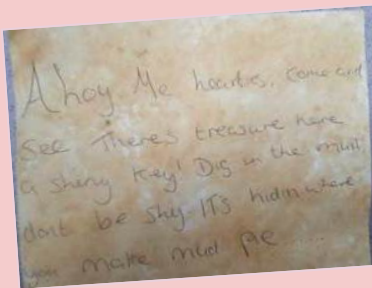
## *Little Pirates, Big Fund-Raisin!*

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent fundraising event - it was a great success and full of energy and smiles! Together, we raised an amazing £38.06 to support our school – a huge well done to everyone involved!

A big congratulations to our winners, Ladybirds, who are the youngest class and absolutely smashed it!

They celebrated their win with a fun-filled pirate adventure day, hunting for treasure and enjoying a well-earned ice lolly treat at the end.

Ahoy, Ladybirds – you were brilliant!



## *PTA Survey - We'd love your feedback!*

As we start planning for next year, we'd really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our short survey about this year's PTA events. Your thoughts and suggestions help us understand what worked well and how we can make things even better. Whether you came to every event or just one, we'd love to hear from you!

Please click on our link to the [PTA Survey 2024-2025](#).

Thank you!



## ☀️ Summer Fayre Success! ☀️

What a day! Our Summer Fayre was a fantastic celebration of sunshine, community spirit, and school fun. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special event - from the amazing volunteers and staff, the stall holders, the fantastic students to the families who came along and supported us.

The field was buzzing with excitement as children enjoyed games, face painting, lucky dips, and our ever-popular tombola. There were delicious treats to enjoy, from cakes and ice cream to BBQ bites, and plenty of stalls to browse with handmade crafts, books, and more. One of the highlights was our brilliant raffle - thank you to all the local businesses and families who donated such generous prizes! A special mention goes to the brilliant student-run stalls, full of creativity, enthusiasm, and entrepreneurial spirit!





## Summer Fayre Success!



We were also treated to a fantastic set by Shrapnel, who kindly gave their time and talent and closed the day with an amazing set - Thank you for ending the fayre on such a high note!

Together, we raised an incredible £1700, all of which will go straight back into supporting the school and enriching our children's learning experiences.



Whether you helped run a stall, donated items, bought raffle tickets, or simply joined us on the day, thank you. We couldn't have done it without you!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the local businesses listed below for their generous support of our Summer Fayre raffle!

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McTAGGART**



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HOSPICE**



**BOCKETTS  
FARM PARK**



*Tilgate  
Bakery*



**HOBLEDOWN**



**EXPLORERS**



**SQUIRES  
GARDEN CENTRES**

**DORKING  
HALLS**



**MEAT  
THE CHEF**

**AVON**  
Danielle Lindgren



**Caddies**

**Turtle Bay**  
Caribbean social



**AARON RUSSELL**



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PART OF THE HALL & WOODHOUSE FAMILY



**Nymans**



**COTTESMORE**  
HOTEL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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**LAZER WORLD**

**Cakes By Karen**

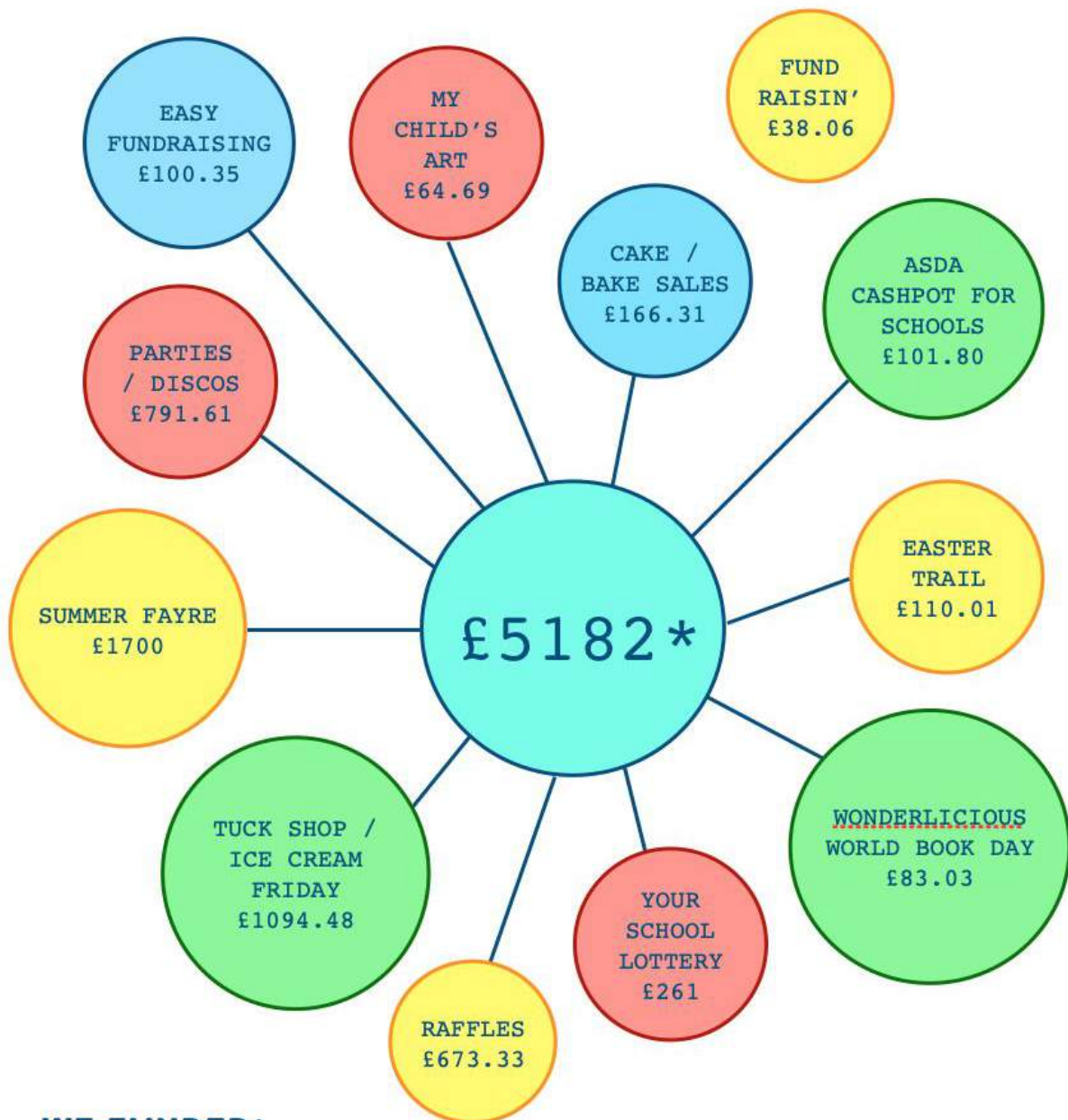


**The Dolphin**



## Fundraising Overview 24-25!

Take a look at our fundraising total for the year – it's been an amazing effort!  
Here's a breakdown of how much we've raised together! 📌



### WE FUNDED:

- A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PANTOMIME DEC 2024
- HEDGEHOGS PARENTS WELCOME PACK SEPT 2024
- CHRISTMAS SELECTION BOXES AND SANTA'S VISIT
- MY HAPPY MIND
- CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS LEAVERS HOODIES
- CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CLASS TRIPS
- HEDGEHOGS NEW STARTERS 25 BOOK BAGS
- OPAL STORAGE SHED

\* AMOUNT RAISED AFTER GENERAL EXPENSES. FINAL ACCOUNTS YET TO BE COMPLETED,  
(END OF YEAR 31ST AUGUST 2025)



## *Exciting News: OPAL is Coming in September!*

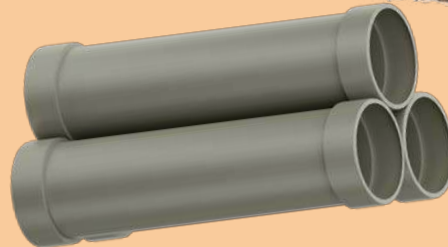
We are delighted to announce that the OPAL programme is coming to Woodgate! This is a wonderful opportunity that will bring lasting benefits to our children. OPAL focuses on developing vital life skills through play. By encouraging creativity, cooperation and independence. It helps children learn important lessons in a fun, engaging way, from problem solving to building resilience the skills gained through play support their growth both in and out of the classroom.

We are excited for the journey ahead and look forward to seeing the children thrive through this exciting new approach to outdoor learning.

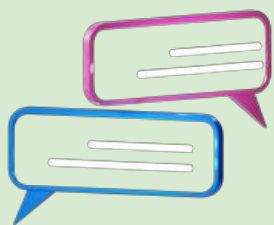
From September there will be stations for donations for materials we need to help build and shape this project. All children will require wellies to be able to access OPAL at all times throughout the year.

Here are some of the materials we're currently looking for:

- Wheels
- Natural loose parts - sticks, pine cones, shells
- Suitcases
- Junk Modelling - toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, recycling materials
- Big cardboard boxes
- Tricycles
- Spades
- Buckets
- Traffic cones
- Chalks
- Planks of wood
- Ribbons
- Tents
- Play food
- Fabric (sheets/saris/curtains/blankets)
- Plastic crates
- Cuddly toys
- Pots and pans
- Wheelbarrows
- Pipes / Guttering
- Pallets
- Scooters
- Pegs (help make dens)
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- Toy plastic animals
- Board games



Thank You!

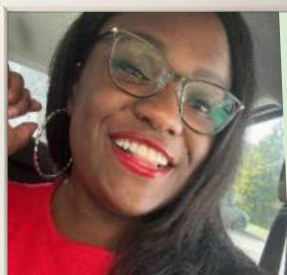


## *Meet Your Class Reps for Next Term!*

We're excited to introduce our Class Reps for the upcoming school year - a fantastic team of parents who help keep communication flowing between families, the PTA, and the school.

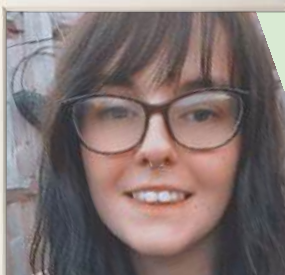
Class Reps play a key role in building our school community: They act as a point of contact for parents, helping ensure that everyone stays informed and engaged. They also support the class teacher by coordinating volunteers for activities or class trips if required.

They're a friendly point of contact if you have any questions or ideas throughout the year.



*Whitney*

**Nursery,  
Ladybirds**



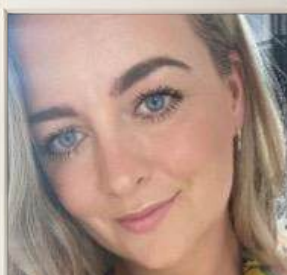
*Georgia*

**Reception,  
Hedgehogs**



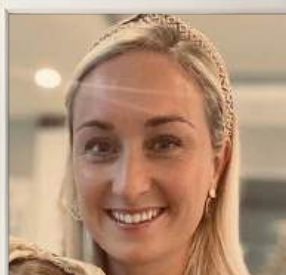
*Leigh*

**Year 1,  
Woodpeckers**



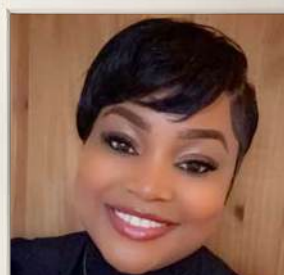
*Kayla*

**Year 2,  
Squirrels**



*Abby*

**Years 3-4,  
Otters**



*Mary*

**Years 5-6,  
Foxes**



## *Pre-loved Uniform - Uniformerly*

We will be using Uniformerly, a convenient platform for buying, selling, and donating second-hand school uniforms within our community. This initiative promotes sustainability, reduces waste, and offers an affordable solution for managing uniform needs.

We encourage parents to donate any outgrown or unused uniform items to support this effort. However, please note that any uniform with a logo on must feature the newer blue and white Academy logo. (We will not be selling uniforms with the older blue and red school logo. By adopting Uniformerly, we aim to help families, foster environmental responsibility, and strengthen our school community.

We welcome used items that are clean and in good condition.

Please visit this link for further details!



[Woodgate Primary Uniformerly Page](#)

# Meet our PTA!

*Join us for a cuppa  
and a chat!*



**SAM B**  
*Chairwoman*



**ANN-MARIE**  
*Secretary*



**NIKKI**  
*Treasurer*



**LEIGH**



**ABBY**



**WHITNEY**



**KAYLA**



**GEORGIA**



**SAM K**



**OLGA**



**MARY**



**JAMIE**

## Come Be Part of the Fun!

We're always looking for fresh ideas, helping hands, and friendly faces to join our PTA team. Whether you can spare an hour now and then, have a great idea for a fundraiser, or just want to get more involved in school life – we'd love to have you on board!

No experience needed – just enthusiasm! If you're interested, come and chat to one of us or drop us an email at [woodgateprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:woodgateprimarypta@gmail.com).

# WHY JOIN?

## 8 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA

### 1. YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. We support the school by helping to provide things like new books, school trip contributions, new playground, sports equipment and much more.

### 2. TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. Our PTA organises the School disco's, Easter events, Raffles, Summer Fair, along with many more fun events. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.

### 3. FEEL INVOLVED

As a parent or carer in our school you are already a member of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new faces. Please consider coming along to our meetings, or volunteer an hour of your time at an event.

### 4. IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working 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 like putting up a poster, helping sort uniform or running a stall keeps everything running smoothly.

### 5. 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 hair-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

### 6. BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head teacher, 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.

### 7. IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, grandparents, aunts or uncles 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 other dads.

### 8. KEEP THE PTA GOING

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents, to keep the PTA going, year after year.

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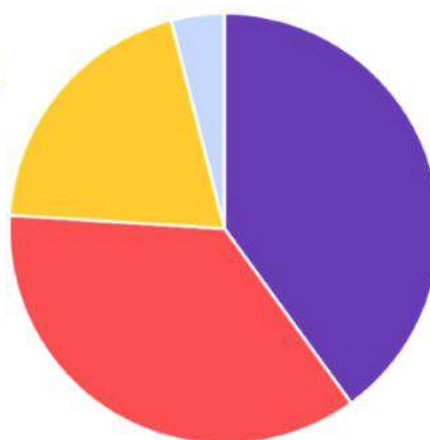
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- 40p** goes to our school
- 36p** goes to cash prizes
- 20p** goes to admin costs
- 4p** goes to VAT

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Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

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