

PTA Chairs' Annual Report 2024/25

It has been another brilliant year of fundraising for the school and that is thanks to both the PTA volunteers for giving up their free time to plan and execute events, and also all of the parents, carers and children who take part in the events making them enjoyable and successful.

This annual report details monies raised through fundraising events held in the year 2024/25.

Our aims

To raise money to fund resources and experiences that enrich the children's education and increase enjoyment of their time at school.

To work closely with school to make sure we raise money for items required by school and specifically asked for by the children.

Fundraising – main priorities

Forest school

This year we continued to help fund St James' Woodland Forest School on site. This continues to be a huge success and the children all look forward to their sessions.

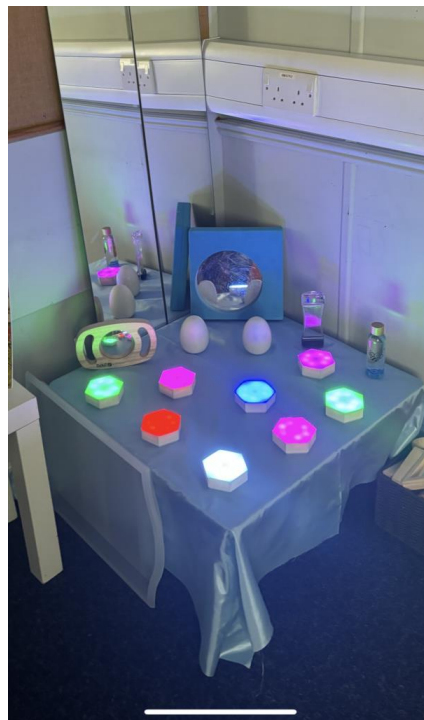


Sensory Room – The Den

During the summer holidays last year, we were contacted by Mrs Freeman to discuss funding a sensory room in the school. We were more than happy to oblige.

“**The Den** is a safe space which aims to provide any child with the individualised sensory input they need to self-regulate so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others.

The Den offers a safe space for relaxation, exploration, independence, and social sessions. The resources in **The Den** can be used to stimulate, soothe, entertain and distract, depending on the child’s requirements.”



We also continue to provide the pupils with Easter gifts and Christmas gifts

See 'Donations' below for more items donated to school with funds raised.

Income

School Lottery	£1,018.05
Easy Fundraising	£205.78
Back to School Bounce	£522.36
Asda Cashpot for Schools	£145.80
Christmas Disco	£689.03
Uniform	£32.88
Wreath Making	£117.21
Christmas Raffle	£290.91
March Disco	£729.17
Easter Competition	£68
Half of Maths Sponsorship money	£332.65
Summer Fayre	£1,592.89
Summer Raffle	£504
	£6,248.73

Expenditure

Generic Banner	£21
Rail dividers	£9.99
Envelopes	£16.57
Storage box	£9.32
Plinko game to use at events	£83.98
Spin wheel game to use at events	£11.98
Parentkind membership	£162.00
Small society lottery fee	£20
Clothes rail for preloved uniform	£29.99
	£364.83

Donations

Sensory Room Items	£397.70
Fidget Toys	£39.58
Christmas presents	£179.78
Slack line for forest school	£21.99
2 sets of Dog Man books	£79.98
Money towards new bench	£217.50
Recorders	£97.60
Microphone and speaker	£120.32
Musical instruments	£300
Donation for xmas party food and supplies	£120
Easter Treats for all pupils	£70.58
Year 6 Leavers Hoodies	£340.57
Forest School Contribution	£1,700

School Stationary	£50.00
New Hula Hoops	£126.43
Ice lollies for the whole school inc teachers	£29.75
	£3,891.78

Sponsorship

Hunters very kindly continue to sponsor our Summer Fayre.

We are also very lucky to receive some sponsorship from local companies:

- ❖ Hannah Maria Yoga
- ❖ Pink Leaf Words & Graphics
- ❖ Crazy Tykes
- ❖ Revival Nidra

Next Year

Since our first year of fundraising in 2022/23 we have almost doubled the total amount raised from our events.

We are so proud of the work we are doing and the impact it is having on school and we hope to be able to match or increase this amount as we move forward.

Next year we will continue to fund St James' Woodlands as a priority and we will work with Miss Beatson and the Junior Leadership Team to decide on other fundraising priorities. We are also hoping to raise £10,000 to buy some new playground equipment.

Committee Roles & Responsibilities for 2025/26

Chair – Lisa Gray

Secretary – Sarah Blackburn

Treasurer – Lyndsey Smith

School Lottery & Sponsorship – Heidi Moment

Easy Fundraising – Jayne Bathgate-Roche

Social Media – Jo Smith

Bargain Hunters - Lisa Gray, Lea Gentry

Master Baker and Poster Creator – Hollie Kozaczek

First Aider & Person of many skills – Julie Freeman

Volunteers

Helen Hesketh
Hayley Wood
Rebecca Warner
Nina Welton
Sally Marland
Victoria Imrie
Gill Tatterton
Kevin Gray
Mandy Pirolli

Anthony Pirolli
Becky Lawn
Sarah Gray
Gareth Marland
Hannah Mistry
Beth Metcalfe
Phuong Pham
Louise Sacre

Vacancies - we are always looking for more volunteers to help with events

Recruitment

We're always looking for people who have experience planning and running events or anyone who has any good event ideas and has the time to plan and run an event in our annual calendar. We're also looking for more volunteers to help out at our events. This can include grandparents too.

Interested parties, please drop us an email to get involved stjames.ptateam@outlook.com.

Thank yous

A massive thank you to all the committee members for their dedication and hard work setting up and running the events and thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who help out at our events. You are all super stars and we couldn't do this without you.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to come to the events and spend their hard earned cash. You are making such a difference to the children's primary school experience.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer and we'll see you for more fun and fundraising in September.

Lisa Gray

Friends of St James' Chair

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Treasurers Report 2024/25

Opening Balance

£4,475.03

Closing Balance

£6,467.15

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