

# Annual Report

2024/25



**Bishop Chavasse Primary School  
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

# Chair's Introduction



What an exciting first year for the new Bishop Chavasse Primary School PTA.

It was only about a year ago that a bunch of parents and school staff came together to form a new PTA, just in time for Christmas 2024. There was a genuine appetite from the school community to set up a PTA that would be inclusive and welcoming and aligned to our ambitious school, Bishop Chavasse.

The first year has been a steep learning curve!

I am so proud to see the outstanding relationship that we have with built with key stakeholders like our headteacher Mrs Hood, staff members, our local community, and importantly our parents and carers. We have been overwhelmed by the support with fundraising efforts, volunteering and donations - from parents, carers, grandparents, siblings, former pupils and teachers and school staff. Thank you also to local businesses for their ongoing support.

We are all doing it "for the kids". What a great, unifying purpose.

From the bottom of my heart I thank the PTA committee for the countless hours and donations that they have given over the past year. Because of this team of hard working and relentless individuals we have had a year beyond our wildest fundraising expectations. From discos to Taskmaster, the silent auction (including the highly sought after chickens!), Sports Day refreshments, our annual Summer and Christmas Fairs and a visit from the Easter bunny.

The children have benefitted greatly - one personal highlight was surprising them in an inflatable Easter bunny suit - in which I had to guard my basket of carrots unexpectedly!

It has been my absolute honour and pleasure to be part of this creative, fun and highly ambitious team. Enjoy the report with all the highlights of the last year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Annemarie", is located at the bottom left of the page.

Annemarie Roberts, Chair of the PTA



# PTA Highlights of 2024-25



Together we raised

# £11,575

Over 15 events & activities



Christmas Fair  
£3,119



Silent Auction  
£3,102



Together we have funded...



£5,000  
for new playground equipment



Summer Fair  
£2,765



Secondhand uniform Sales  
£500



£2,000 for library books



£150+ for breakfast club equipment

**70+**  
volunteers



It takes a team...



15 PTA committee members



Thank you to everyone who has helped out, taken part, or just turned up. It means everything



# PTA Committee members

## Trustees

**Chair: Annemarie Roberts**

**Co-Vice Chairs: Emma Spencer and Katie Smith**

**Treasurer: Sarah Holland**

**Secretary: Nicola Stanton**



## Elected member roles

**Communications Lead: Nicola Stanton**

**Events Leads:**

**Passent Horan**

**Susi Fabry-Crowe**

**Sarah Pullen-Underhill**



## Wider PTA Committee

### School staff:

**Mrs Hood**

**Mr Lucas (resigned at end of July 2025)**

### Parent/carers:

**Alexander Woods (special thank you for the governance support)**

**Mark Philpott**

**Vanessa Tiltman (parent and school staff member)**

### More recent members:

**Abimbola Onyekachi**

**Thanasis Chondrozoumakis**

**Elizabeth David**

**Billie Higson**

# Our Objectives



- 1 Fundraising**
- 2 Foster community**
- 3 Support nominated causes**
- 4 Enrich educational experience of our pupils**
- 5 Encourage volunteering culture**



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# School's feedback

## Message from our Headteacher, Mrs Becks Hood

I feel truly humbled by the incredible work and efforts of our newly formed PTA over the last year. Their dedication to supporting the vision of opportunity, experience and progressive education I have for the school, coupled with a deep understanding of our drive to foster a strong sense of community has been the most wonderful addition to our school.

The PTA is an immensely proactive group and forms a pivotal part of linking school to home ensuring the opportunities we offer our pupils really does mean every child fulfils their potential. Their welcoming and vibrant presence in and around school, and commitment to giving our children the best, is palpable at every PTA meeting; meetings that are filled with laughter, creativity and compassion. Thank you PTA for your exceptional hard work, the amounts raised, led by you, blew me away last year and I cannot wait to see how we work together to grow and build on that success this year.

“The PTA has been a huge supporter and advocate for our drive across the whole of Bishop Chavasse to promote the love of reading. They have reinforced this support through their creative ideas to raise funds for the library at Christmas fairs, as well as in our summer reading challenge. The PTA's donation to the school library has given us a much more current, broad and beautiful set of fiction, which the children are starting to embrace with passion through their daily reading activities in class. We welcome the continued support of the PTA as we strive now to improve our Non-Fiction element of the school library. What a great team we make!

Mrs Reynolds”

“Being involved with the PTA activities strengthens our community link between teachers and parents across the school. It provides exciting opportunities and showcases our fun-filled school spirit. The PTA runs a variety of successful events, which enables our school to provide the children with many resources and activities. As a teacher, it is great to see the children get involved with the PTA activities, as well as use the resources that they have provided. This has made a huge difference to the children in our school.

Miss Claire”

# Memorable snapshots



# Annual Accounts

## Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2025

<b>Income</b>	
Charitable activities	£16,401
Other	£27
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,428</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Charitable activities	£4,481
Other material expenses	£778
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,259</b>
<b>Net income</b>	
Net income for the year	<b>£11,169</b>
<b>Funding spent in financial year</b>	
Donation for library	£2,000
Anti bullying hi-viz vests	£80
Breakfast club toys	£160
<b>Total spent</b>	<b>£2,240</b>

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<b>Funds committed to items at school</b>	
Summer reading challenge award	£84
Climbing wall contribution	£5,100
Shed contribution	£500
<b>Total committed</b>	<b>£5,684</b>
<b>Balance of accounts</b>	
Current and savings account balance	<b>£9,929</b>
<b>Committed and restricted funds</b>	
Cash reserve	£1,000
Funds committed to items at school	£5,684
Funds held for shed received from corporate sponsor	£1,000
<b>Total funds committed</b>	<b>£7,684</b>
<b>Available funds for spending</b>	
Balance	<b>£2,245</b>

# Treasurer's Report

It's been a fantastic year for our PTA, and I'm delighted to share a snapshot of our finances and the difference your support has made. Thanks to the generosity of parents, carers, and our wider community, we raised a total of £16,428, with the vast majority coming from charitable activities and events. Every sale, raffle ticket, and event has helped us build a stronger, more vibrant school environment—so thank you!

## Expenditure

Our total expenditure this year was £5,259, which includes both direct charitable activities and essential running costs. That leaves us with a healthy surplus of £11,169, allowing us to commit to some exciting projects that will benefit pupils across the school. We've already spent £2,240 on items like new toys for the breakfast club, anti-bullying hi-viz vests, and a generous donation to the school library. These small touches make a big impact on daily school life for our children.

## Looking ahead

Looking ahead, we've committed £5,684 to upcoming initiatives, including a contribution to the climbing wall, support for the summer reading challenge, and funding towards the new shed which will host our new pre-loved uniform shop. With £9,929 in our accounts and £2,245 available for future spending, we're in a strong position to continue supporting the school in meaningful ways.

As always, we aim to be transparent, responsible, and ambitious with our funds. If you have ideas for future projects or ways we can make an even bigger impact, we'd love to hear from you. Here's to another year of collaboration, creativity, and community spirit.

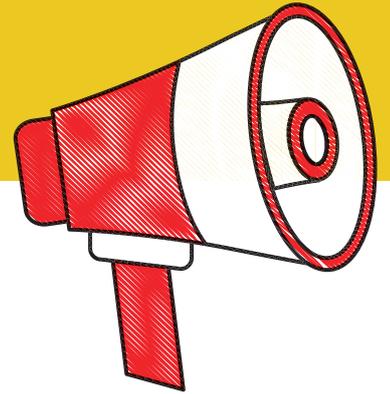
Sarah Holland, PTA Treasurer



# Volunteering fun



# What our volunteers say



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Volunteering with the PTA gives me the opportunity to give something back to the school community, get to know other parents, and be involved in enriching our children's school life. Events like the quiz, the Christmas Fair, and the summer fete don't just happen on their own – they take people getting stuck in. It's rewarding to see how much the children enjoy the results of our efforts, and I'd encourage anyone to get involved – the more of us there are, the more we can achieve together.

Alexander (parent and committee member)

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Seeing the children's faces during these events and hearing for weeks after about the fun they've had is what makes being on the PTA an incredible experience. Getting to know parents more and build this strong community really makes each event special with one of the biggest secrets being that the parents end up having more fun than the children!! We are here to make a difference for each and every child and I cannot wait to see what we achieve for in 2025-26!

Sarah (committee and school staff member)

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# Most important of all - the children



# Our sponsors



**Much of our fundraising has been made possible by generous contributions from our local business community. Let's continue to support them.**

**Health & Wellness:** Hampson Beauty, Karen Alexandra Beauty and Wellbeing, Body Wellness Pilates, Candice Yoga, MZ9 Fitness, Crossfit Tonbridge

**Family Fun & Activities:** Godstone Farm, Drusillas Park, Kent Life, Kidsbury Role Play Villages, Out to the Woods CIC, Caroty Wood, Willows Bird of Prey Centre

**Arts & Creativity:** The Ceramic Studio, Cygnets Art School, Manic Ceramix, Botanical Press, Kent Academy of Musical Theatre, Naomi Charlotte

**Food & Drink:** Frogs Hole Coffee Roasters, Zuzilicious Cakes, Kent Crisps, Squerryes Winery, Maidstone Distillery, Anno Distillers, The Candlemonger

**Fitness & Adventure:** Chimera Climbing, Tonbridge Golf Centre, Katie Bennett Tennis, Kent Paintball, West Kent Shooting School, Action Watersports

**Local Services & Retail:** Toni & Guy Tonbridge, The Carpet Cleaning Company, DLW Design & Interiors, Tell Vintage Jewellery, Ian Chatfield

**Entertainment & Culture:** Trinity Theatre, EM Forster Theatre, Oast Theatre, British Military Martial Arts, City Cruises London, Hollywood Bowl Tunbridge Wells

**Special Mentions:** Angela van Veen, Mrs Kyte and Miss Cane, Jennifer Truelove, Parrot Street