

Welcome to Our School

**Saint Wilfrid's Primary
School,
Parent Teacher
Association**

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Welcome to Saint Wilfrid's Primary School.

This information has been put together by **Saint Wilfrid's Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** especially for you, as a new family joining our school community or an existing family whom wants to know more about the PTA.

Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start! This booklet provides you with information about **Saint Wilfrid's PTA** and lets you know how you can join in and support us.

Why do we have a PTA?

We are fortunate at our school to have a PTA that's an integral part of the school community. Over the last few years, we have raised funds which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

Our association is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of the PTA when their child joins our school and it's completely up to you what time you can spare, what events you can support at or indeed you may have creative skills and ideas that we always really value!

Role of the PTA Committee

Our PTA Committee consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, The Head of School and Committee Members. Nominated committee roles are undertaken by;

Head of School & trustee of the charity - Mrs D. Evans

Chair & trustee of the charity - Jenny Cole

Vice Chair - Rhona Murphy

Treasurer & Trustee of the charity - Lenka Duran

Secretary - Jessica Beecher

The Committee meet approximately every month with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events such as discos/summer fayres.

Anyone can come along and find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

Volunteers Group = “PTA Lite”

We welcome any help from parents, carers and of course grandparents. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at event or wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable.

We always need volunteers to take part in events and we welcome with open arms anyone whom can join in or even run an event no matter what size; from a Santa’s Grotto to a Pie & Pea Race night! We want our school children and community to have great memories of being at St Wilfrid’s and we know these events are also the things the children remember.

- **Contact your Class Rep or the Chair (Jenny Cole) to find out more.**
- **Join the “St Wilfrids PTA – Events” Facebook Group** to keep up to date on social media on events.

Class Representatives

Our class reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PTA committee. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to communicating events, asking for volunteers or organising events, from selling tickets to organising rotas of help. We really could not manage without them.

Some classes use Facebook as methods of communication others WhatsApp, if you want to be part of any of these groups your class reps are below for 2023, get in touch, no commitment, just so you’re aware and up to date of anything happening;

Reception	Rhiannon Pettinger
Year 1	Lizzie Carroll
Year 2	Marvic DeBarro
Year 3	Martha Cooke
Year 4	Sophie Hudson
Year 5	Caroline King
Year 6	Jenny Cole, Chair PTA.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in September and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members and class representatives. Next one is September 2023.

We are looking for a new Chair from July 2023 to replace the current outgoing Chair as she leaves school as her son in Y6. Get in contact with Jenny Cole if you want to find out about the role (07876 350890).

Support from Parentkind

Our PTA is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips

Parentkind also provide resources for Parents, if you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

How we raise money / Donations on ParentPay

The majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are:

The Summer Fayre, Curry and Quiz Nights, School discos and movie nights.

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes and auction lots or offers of services and skills.

We also have a regular giving option on ParentPay where we are grateful for any ad hoc donations to support us in fundraising for the school. Keep an eye on the school newsletter where we let you know what we've raised at the end of the year and what school have spent the funds on. All are great things that the school couldn't do without your extra support.

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually the School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We also invite input from children and parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

How we keep you up to date

On the Parent tab of the school website we have a new PTA tab where we will store important information. This will include information on upcoming events and dates plus as well as details of the help we are looking for at larger events. We are all generally busy, working parents whom do this in our spare time so please bear with us as we aren't professionals at this, we do the best we can with the time we have.

We have a **PTA noticeboard** situated in the school playground where you'll find all our posters and news.

If you have access to Facebook, please join **St Wilfrids PTA – Events**

If you would like to join our **PTA Committee Group** let the current **Chair Jenny Cole** know **(07876 350890)** or to be added to a **Class Reps Group** please the relevant or class representative know (see above for contact numbers).

Thank you.