

Pencombe PTA AGM

Registered Charity No: 1082355

Thursday 3rd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our 2026 PTA AGM.

What a fantastic year it has been, filled with fundraising events, community support and memorable experiences for our children. We are incredibly proud of everything that has been achieved, and James will share more detail about our fundraising activities and finances after my report.

Over the past year, we have raised an amazing amount of money for the school. This would not have been possible without the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of our wonderful PTA team. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every committee member, volunteer and supporter who has given their time throughout the year. I would also like to thank the school staff for their continued encouragement and support, which has been invaluable in helping us achieve so much together.

While fundraising is a key part of what we do, our role is about much more than raising money. One of the PTA's most important aims is to support the school community in whatever way we can. Whether that means providing resources, helping at events, or lending a hand when needed, we are proud to work alongside the school to enrich the children's experiences and support their learning. By funding additional resources and opportunities, we can help ease some of the pressure on staff and ensure that our children continue to benefit from the very best experiences possible.

Highlights from the Year

We began the festive season with the beautiful Christmas wreaths kindly provided by Lower Hope. As always, they proved extremely popular and sold out quickly. The children also enjoyed creating their own Christmas cards, and the whole school attended the annual pantomime, which was a wonderful experience and a perfect way to celebrate the run-up to Christmas. The special 'Santa Drive-by' and Rudolph Run helped create a magical atmosphere for everyone.

One of the year's standout events was the Mud Run at Eastnor Castle. It was inspiring to see teachers, parents and children taking part together, supporting one another and crossing the finish line with smiles on their faces. Not only was it a great community event, but it also raised a fantastic amount for the school.

The refreshments provided at the School Show were warmly received, and we were delighted to support such a successful event. The children were exceptional in both performances and made us all incredibly proud.

Our school discos continue to be a real highlight of the year. Providing snacks, prizes and treats is always enjoyable, but the greatest reward is seeing the children having fun, making memories and spending time together.

The raffles, auction of promises, Easter event and many other fundraising initiatives have all been successful. These events simply would not happen without the generosity, enthusiasm and hard work of so many volunteers, donors and supporters.

As part of our commitment to supporting learning, every class received £250 towards items on their wish lists. We were also pleased to provide funding for ASH and ELM Clubs as well as Forest School activities.

In addition, we have continued to contribute towards the cost of school trips and transport, helping to keep these experiences affordable for families. This year we supported a full week of swimming and contributed towards the cost of a new school sign.

Our Year 6 pupils were presented with their leavers' hoodies, providing a lasting memento of their time at Pencombe. Along with their leavers' party, we hope these special memories will remain with them for many years to come.

Ice Lolly Wednesdays have remained a popular tradition and were especially appreciated during the warmer weather! We are also extremely grateful for the ongoing support we receive from parents who may not be committee members but are always willing to help when needed.

Behind the scenes, initiatives such as Roberts Recycling and Easyfundraising continue to generate valuable income for the school, providing a steady contribution towards future projects and activities.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA throughout the year. Whether you have volunteered at an event, donated prizes, attended a fundraiser or simply offered encouragement, your support makes a real difference.

Together, we continue to enhance opportunities for our children and strengthen our school community. We look forward to another successful year of working together to support Pencombe School, its staff and, most importantly, its children.

Kind regards,

Kathy James

Chair, Pencombe PTA