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Dear Parents, Carers, and School Community

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has achieved over the past 12 months. It's been a year full of fun, creativity, fundraising, and community spirit — all made possible by your support and involvement.

We will share our finances at the next meeting in September, however as of 9th July 2025, we raised just over £14,000 and this doesn't include the raffle, games afternoon and sports day BBQ! This is not including grants we have received for the library.

2024–2025 PTA Highlights:

Events & Fundraising:

- Organised a magical **pantomime for the last day of the autumn term**, giving the children a festive and fun-filled send-off
- Served **mince pies and mulled wine at the Christingle** service
- Hosted our **Christmas Market** and **Christmas Raffle**
- Ran popular **cookie, ice cream, and doughnut sales**
- Held a festive **wreath making workshop**
- Launched our first **adult Quiz Night**
- Put on an **Easter film screening** and an exciting **Easter Egg Hunt**
- Introduced our **first-ever Games Afternoon**
- Organised a successful **Summer Raffle** and memorable **Camp Night**
- Represented the school at the **Sydenham Fayre** by having a stall
- Offered **uniform sales** to support families
- Provided **welcome drinks** at the start of the term
- Supported the **KS2 play** with **hair and makeup**, and ran a **bar on both nights**
- Hosted a **bar at the Hedgehogs' Nativity**
- Supported **Sports Day** with a **BBQ and refreshments**
- **Supported Aston Rowant Church** in helping set up for Patronal Festival and helped serve on the day

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Support for Learning & the School Environment:

- Funded a series of **interactive experience days** for all classes, including **Mr Egypt**, the **Great Fire of London**, and **Transport-themed days**
- Purchased **fans for classrooms** to help during warmer months
- Purchased and set up **gazebos** to provide **extra shade** during outdoor play and school events
- Helped transform the **Hedgehog outdoor area** with a **new sandpit, walkable tyres, mud kitchen**, and **seating logs**
- Funded **classroom resources** by giving the school £800 from last year's treat Friday money, so the teachers can buy required equipment

Library Fundraising:

One of our key long-term goals this year has been to raise funds for the **new school library** — a vital resource that will benefit every child across the school. Thanks to your generosity, **we are well on our way**, and further details will be shared as soon as plans are finalised.

In addition to our fundraising events, we have also been working closely with **Laura Purse** to **support several grant applications** to help secure additional funding for the library project. We are excited about the progress and can't wait to bring this new space to life.

Community Spirit:

- Reached out to the school community — including a successful appeal for a **wheelbarrow for Miss Williams** and Forest School, kindly donated by **Florence Young's grandparent**
- Coordinated a fantastic team of **volunteers** who have helped with everything from decorating and event setup to refreshments and school maintenance

We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved this year — and deeply grateful for every donation, volunteer, and moment of support that you have shared. Whether you ran a stall, baked a cake, set up a gazebo, or simply turned up to cheer — **thank you!**

If you're interested in getting involved next year, in big or small ways, we'd love to welcome you.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer, and a great start to the new school year!

Kind regards

Georgia Wilson
PTA Chair

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