
Welcome

PTA Annual General Meeting
7th October 2025



Why do we need an AGM?

We are a registered charity

We are governed by a constitution

We value an open, collaborative and
welcoming structure

Changes to committee members must be
voted in

What will I take away?

How the PTA work and who we are

What we've been up to

What we want to do in 2025/2026

Ways we are looking for extra support

The way we work

The School

Provide priorities, direct funds to where they are needed most, support the PTA in fundraising and contributing to the community of the school

The Committee

Provide the main liaison point with the school, help to coordinate PTA activities across the year and ensure the PTA is supporting the school in the best way possible

Funding Committee

Meets once a term to discuss funding requests put forward by the school. Oversees the allocation of funds raised

Class Reps

The main liaisons between the committee and the rest of the school. A critical part of helping to communicate, recruit and organise!

Project team

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Your PTA Team

	24/25	25/26
Chair	Caroline McCartney	Caroline McCartney
Treasurer	Ruth Sutton	Charlotte Harvey (pending vote)
Secretary	Anna Bowes	Frances Gill (pending vote)
PTA Champions		Ruth, Anna, Bex
School Liaison	Rosie B	Rosie Brammer
Socials	Rosie B	Felicity Burgin
Grants Secretary	Sarah Farrell	TBC
Funding Committee	Emily B, Rosie B, Matt M, May F, Steve R, Becky A, Cathy K, Helen S	Rosie B, Matt M, May F, Becky A, Cathy K, + TBC
Project Leaders	Various for each event	Various for each event
Volunteers	Various for each event	Various for each event
Year Reps	R – Charlotte H., 1 – Louise R., 2 – May F., 3 – Cathy K., 4 – James D., 5 – Helen S.	R – Anna N. 1 – Louise R., 2 – Charlotte H., 3 – Louise R., 4 – May F., 5 – TBC 6 – Cathy K

PTA Objectives 25/26

01

Enhance our children's learning by fundraising for new resources and activities

02

Bring families together through fun, inclusive events

03

Support the school in creating a positive and nurturing environment

04

Encourage more parents and carers to get involved in PTA activities—no commitment is too small!

05

Strengthen communication between parents, staff, and the wider community

New Termly Newsletter



Great Bowden Academy PTA Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025 – Bringing Our Community Together

Welcome from the Chair

A very warm welcome to our Autumn Term PTA Newsletter! Whether you're joining us for the first time or are a familiar face in our wonderful school, we're thrilled to have you on board for another exciting year. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is all about making our school an even better place for our children to learn, grow, and have fun. We couldn't achieve all that we do without your support.

We're looking forward to a busy term packed with events, initiatives, and opportunities to get involved. This is also the term where we host our AGM which is a great opportunity to come along and learn more about our fundraising efforts last year, and our plans for the 2025-2026 academic year. Read on to find out what we've got planned, meet the team, and discover how you can connect with us.

Caroline McCartney, PTA Chair

Our Objectives for 2025-26

At the end of the last academic year, the PTA committee came together to not only create an exciting calendar of events, but also set clear objectives to guide us moving forward. These objectives include:

- Enhance our children's learning by fundraising for new resources and activities
- Bring families together through fun, inclusive events
- Support the school in creating a positive and nurturing environment
- Encourage more parents and carers to get involved in PTA activities—no commitment is too small!
- Strengthen communication between parents, staff, and the wider community

Could you support us?

We'd love for more parents to consider volunteering with the PTA. Most of us are juggling busy lives, balancing work, family, and countless other responsibilities, but even a small contribution of time can make a big difference. The current committee is made up of people just like you, doing their best to support the school community while managing their own commitments. As the saying goes, *many hands make light work*, and with more help, we can achieve even more for our children and their school.

Thinking of setting yourself a challenge? Whether it's a fun run, a hike, a swim, or something completely unique, we'd love to hear about it! If you're planning a sponsored challenge, would you consider using it as an opportunity to raise money for the PTA? Every contribution helps support our school community, and we'd be thrilled to cheer you on. Just drop us a message if you're interested!

Event Calendar – Autumn Term 2025

Date	Event	Details
12/09/25	Preloved Uniform / Tuc Shop	A chance to stock up on some good quality clothing. Donations always welcome.
07/10/25	Annual General Meeting	An evening session in the school hall where we reflect on the previous year, summarise the financials and look ahead to fundraising events.
15/10/25	Christmas Cards Artwork	Christmas Card artwork deadline. A proportion of sales goes towards the PTA.
30/10/25	Spooky Disco	Easily the children's favourite event of the year. Fancy dress at the ready. KS1 / KS2 separate sessions.
05/11/25	Bonfire Night Celebrations	Family event in collaboration with The Red Lion, Great Bowden.
28/11/25	Christmas Pop-Up	After school/evening event kicking off the Christmas festivities with stalls, warm drinks, mince pies and music.
w/c 1 st Dec (TBC)	Christmas Grotto	For one day only the library is <u>transformed</u> and the children all get to visit Father Christmas.

We hope all planned events can go ahead, but this will depend on securing enough volunteers for each one. Without sufficient help, some events may not be possible.

Easyfundraising

You can raise FREE donations for Great Bowden Academy PTA every time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising! Over 8,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

Scan the QR to go to the PTA cause page and learn more.



Meet the PTA Team

- Chair: Caroline McCartney
- Treasurer: Charlotte Harvey
- Secretary: Frances Gill
- School Liaison: Rosie Brammer
- PTA Champions: Anna Bowes, Ruth Sutton-Brownlee
- Socials: **Vacant**
- Class Reps: Reception – Anna Northall, Year 1 – Louise Robinson, Year 2 – Charlotte Harvey, Year 3 – Louise Robinson, Year 4 – Mayumi Forsberg, Year 5 – **Vacant**, Year 6 – Cathy Keen / Rosie Brammer
- Funding Committee Chair: Becky Ainscough
- Grants Secretary: **Vacant**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports our PTA. If you have a skill you think would enhance our team, don't hesitate to reach out.

Stay Connected

Don't miss out on the latest news, event updates, and volunteer opportunities. Follow us on instagram and reach out anytime via your PTA class rep or on email.

Instagram: @greatbowdenacademypta

Email: gba.pta@gmail.com

Financial Overview



Financial Developments

Objective: Minimise platform fees and maximise fundraising opportunity

Now registered for GiftAid

Moved to online payment platform 'Wonderful'

Moved from Zettle to SumUp

2024/2025 Highlights

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Fundraising
events

Including cake sale, uniform sale, spooky disco, Cauliflower Christmas cards, the quiz night, year 6 show and sports day and summer fete

£4208

Funds raised

xxxx

£6532

Funding requests
granted

Residential trip bus, Easter Eggs, VE Day ice cream, Hall lighting and sound system, Quinn's book wishlist

Fundraising Events

*Income Summary
2024/2025*

Event	Income	Expenses	Profit
Doughnut Sale	£ 229.10	£ 47.00	£ 182.10
Spooky Disco	£ 407.50	£ 48.43	£ 358.07
Christmas Pop-Up	£ 73.86		£ 73.86
Cauliflower Cards	£ 104.90		£ 104.90
Christmas Raffle	£ 555.90		£ 555.90
Valentine's Bake Sale	£ 186.72	£ 25.58	£ 161.14
Quiz Night	£ 1,236.39	£ 619.30	£ 617.09
Quinn's / sweet sale	£ 461.95	£ 86.23	£ 375.72
Sports day refreshments	£ 186.54	£ 82.52	£ 104.03
Uniform / doughnut sale	£ 323.87	£ 36.14	£ 287.73
Break the rules day	£ 270.00		£ 270.00
Summer fair	£ 1,032.28	£ 212.50	£ 819.78
Y6 Show	£ 297.94		£ 297.94
	£ 5,366.95	£ 1,157.70	£ 4,208.26

And some events were just for fun...

*Christmas Grotto
Easter Egg Hunt*



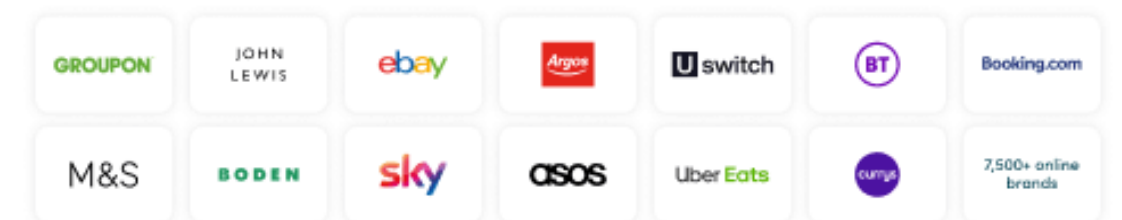
Spending

*Expenditure Summary
2024/2025*

Expense	Value
<i>High-vis</i>	£ 52.93
<i>Class 1 Notice board</i>	£ 85.20
<i>Parentkind Subscription</i>	£ 162.00
Easter Eggs	£ 137.20
Residential Bus	£ £500
VE Day Ice Cream	£ 372.00
Book Wishlist	£ 320.42
Hall Lighting	£ 4219.00
Hall Sound System	£ 984.00
	£ 6832.75

The easiest way to support!

Easyfundraising is a cashback scheme – install the addin to your browser and you will be prompted when a retailer you use supports our cause.

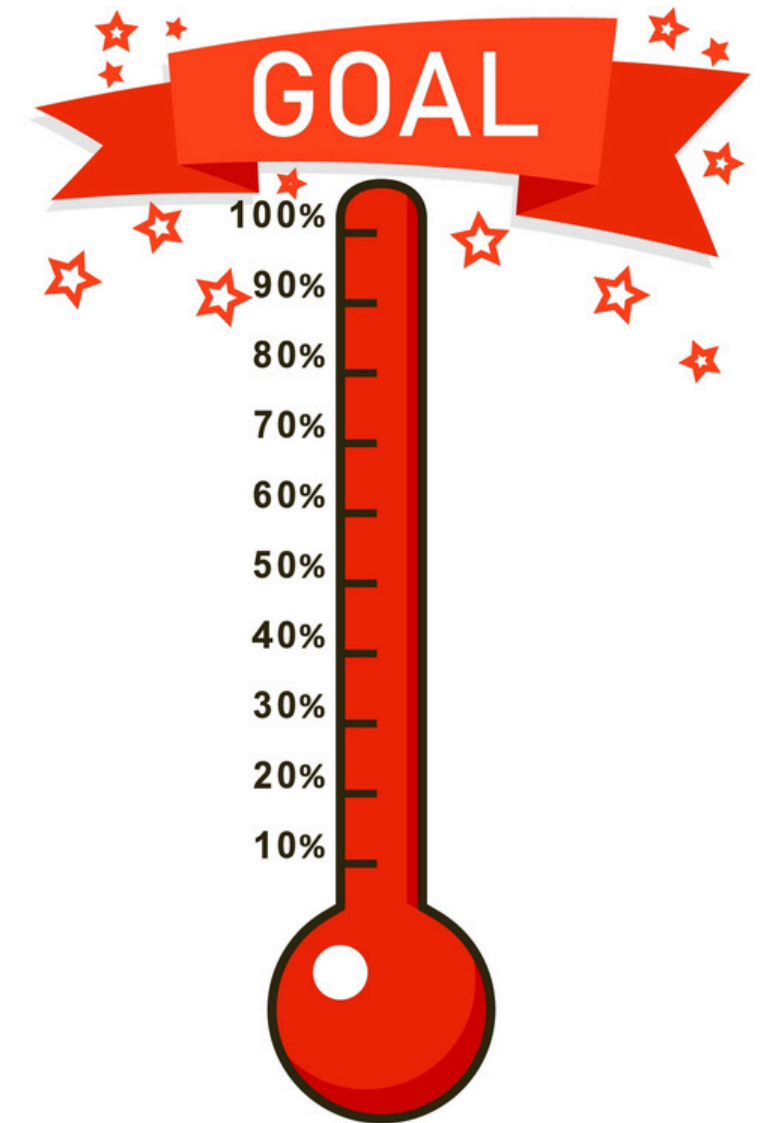
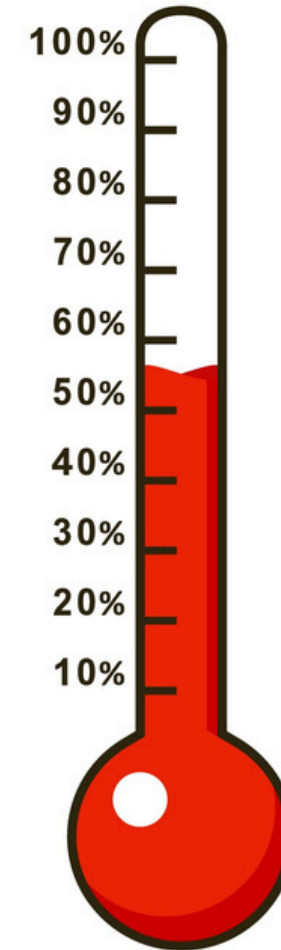
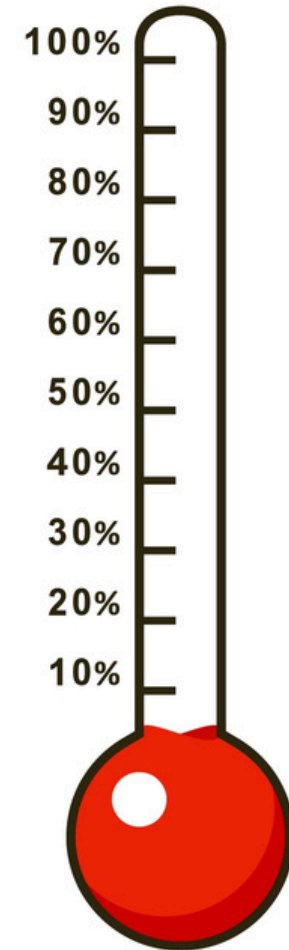


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Ambitions

Continue to support ad hoc events

Identify a significant project as our north star i.e. outdoor classroom



Plans for the year ahead

Autumn Term



12th SEPT
Uniform and
Doughnut
Sale



15th OCT
Cauliflower
Christmas
Cards



30th OCT
Spooky
Disco



5th NOV
Bowden
Bonfire Night



28th NOV
Christmas
Fair



1st DEC
(tbc)
Christmas
Grotto

Spring Term

				
TBC Uniform Sale	22nd JAN Movie Night	13th FEB Valentine's Cake Sale	6th MAR Quiz Night	27th MAR Easter Egg Hunt

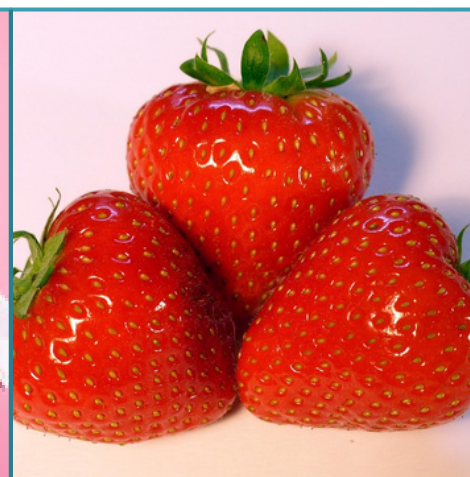
Summer Term



MAY TBC
Family Bingo
night



MAY TBC
Uniform Sale



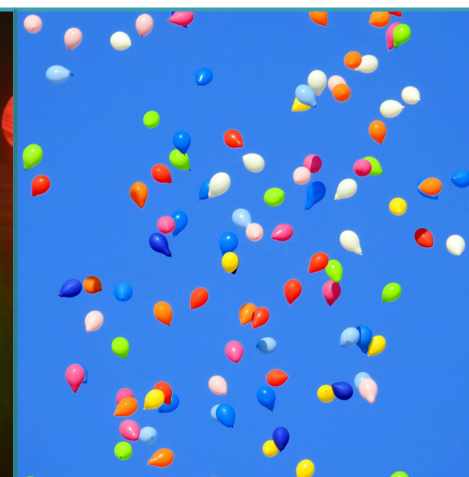
MAY TBC
Sports Day
Strawberries
& Cream



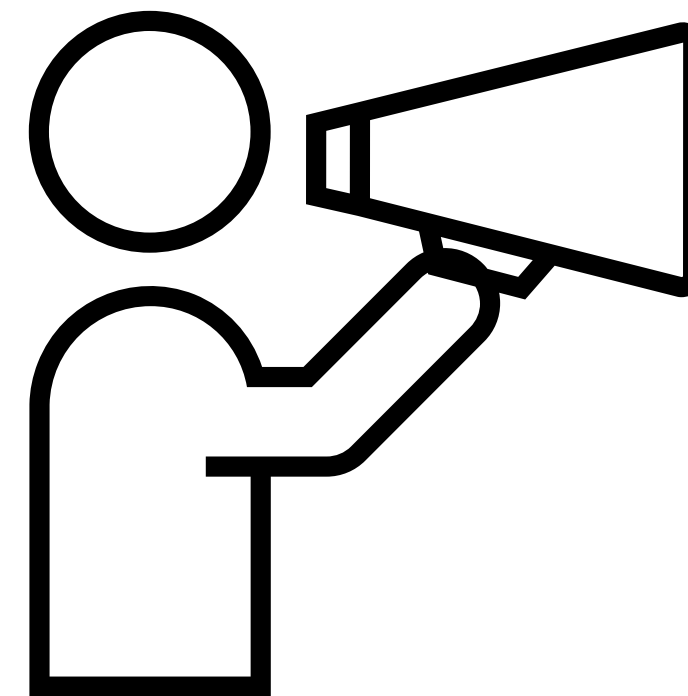
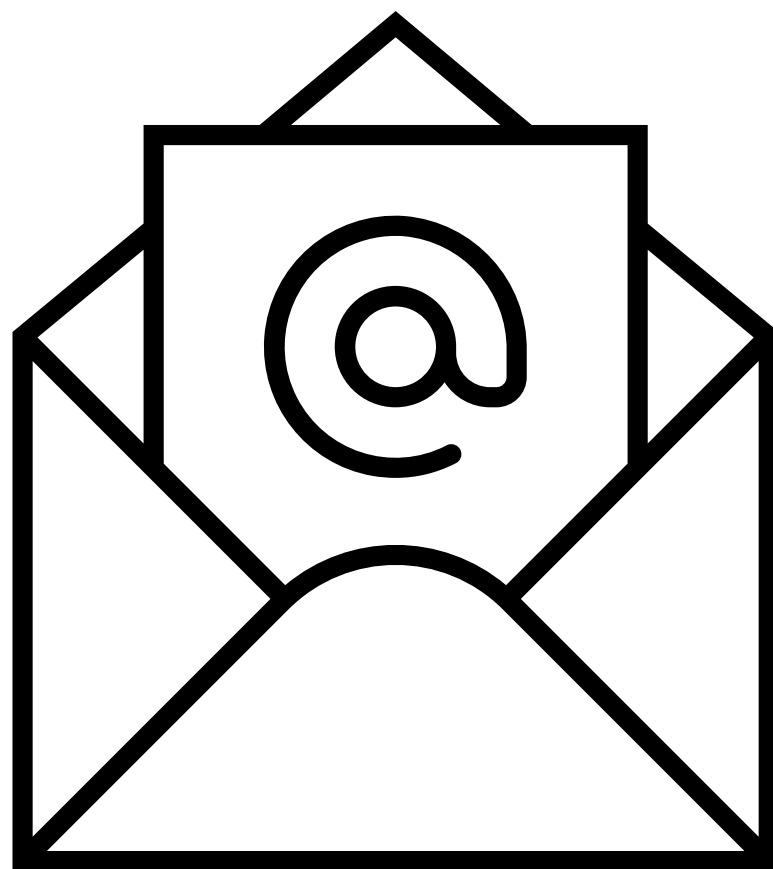
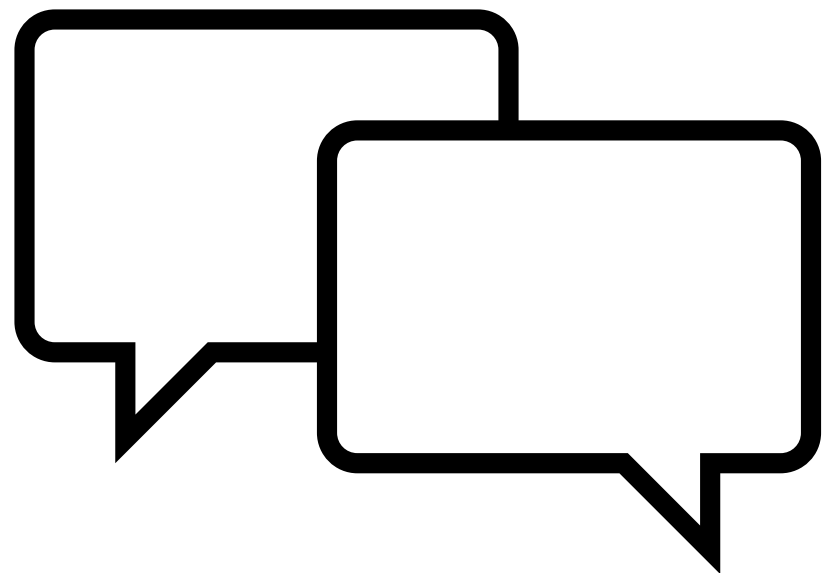
JUNE TBC
Fun Run /
Rainbow
Raffle



JUNE TBC
y6 Show



JUNE TBC
Summer fete



How to keep up to date with PTA activity

Upcoming events will be shared through class WhatsApp groups / School e-newsletter / social media / face to face / webpage / notice boards

Thank you
for listening!