

PTA NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2025

Welcome From Wellington Community Primary School PTA (Charity Number 1213532)

Welcome back to Years 1 – 6 and a very warm welcome to our new Year R families. We would like to introduce you to the PTA and let you know a bit about what we do. Our aim is to raise money to support the school with specific equipment and give the children and their families an opportunity to have some fun along the way. We hope you will continue to support us in the amazing way you have done so far. We hope to see lots of you at our first event – The Halloween Discos on Thursday 23rd October (see poster attached). Many thanks, Rachael, Vicky, Simone, Antonia and Charlotte.

Purchases Last Year

Last year we provided wellies and coats for year R, a shed for year 1 and iPads for use throughout the school. We are looking to build on our success from last year and help equip the school with more equipment that will enhance the learning and experience that all our children have at this school. So far this year we have already agreed to subsidise the Sleeping Beauty pantomime that the children will be enjoying in January.

Fundraising Achievements Last Year?

Last year we had a successful fundraising year and managed to raise the following:

Halloween Discos £538 Bingo £92 IQ Christmas Cards £213

The Great Wellington Bake Offs £300 The Rotary Christmas Float £210

Spring Discos £410 Spring Fair £2,900 Easter Tombola £421

Asda Cashpot for Schools £167 Rushmoor Community Lottery £303

Easy Fundraising £42 Textile Bank £77

Total £5,673! Thank you Wellington families for all your support. That is an amazing total!

AGM -Tuesday 14th October 2025 8pm on Zoom

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 14th October at 8pm on Zoom and would love as many people as possible to join us. Please email <u>PTAwellingtonPTA@gmail.com</u> to request a link to join by Monday 13th October. Links to the meeting will be emailed on the morning of Tuesday 14th October. The roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer need to be elected as well as up to 3 general trustee committee members. If you are interested in being considered for a position please send an email to the same address for more information about what each role involves.

We are also looking to create a group of people would be willing to attend meetings and that we can contact to help plan and run specific events. If you would like to be added to this group please let us know.

Rotary Christmas Float 2025

Following the success of last year we are looking to assist the Rotary Club with their Christmas Float on Tuesday 2nd December (TBC) as we believe that is the day it gets closest to the school. If you are able to join us to help collect donations please let us know.

Christmas Card Fundraiser

We are excited to be offering the chance for you to purchase Christmas cards, wrapping paper, labels, key rings, fridge magnets and chocolate bars with a unique design by your child printed on them from IQ Cards.

All children will be given the opportunity to design a Christmas scene in Art Lessons by the end of September. These designs will be sent off and IQ Cards will scan the designs and send a personalised order form back to the school for each child. Parents will be able to place orders online directly with IQ Cards. All orders will be delivered back to the school by **18th November**, with plenty of time to distribute them before Christmas. Please have a chat to your child about this initiative and maybe discuss some ideas that they might like to use in their design.

Do you shop Online? Look out for our easy fundraiser banner?

By scanning the QR code you can support the school using Easy Fundraising when you shop online. You shop, retailers donate and we receive donations, all at no extra cost to you. Sign up at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wellingtcomprschl/?q=wellington%20community%20p &cat=cause-autosuggest

How Else Can I Help Raise Money?

Play the Rushmoor Community Lottery https://www.rushmoorlottery.co.uk/support/wellington-community-primary-school-pta

50% of your ticket money comes straight to us and you are in for a chance of winning a monthly prize yourself.

Clothing Bank

There is a clothing bank situated by the bike shelter where you can donate your used clothing, shoes, soft toys, linen, towels and accessories. We get money for the amount donated so we are keen for it to be used to turn your unwanted clothes, shoes and textiles into funds for the school.

A Plea for Help

This year, more than ever, we are in need of help. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment, a couple of hours a year, a regular task you can do at home, collecting donations on donation day, assisting at discos, setting up events, running events, researching ideas etc ... it all helps. You can do as much or as little as you are able to and the school really appreciate all that is organised.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer that we can contact for help or you would like to know more about things we need help with feel free to chat to us on the playground or drop us an emailat ptawellingtonpta@gmail.com.

Thank you so much, events won't run without more volunteers!

Dates for your diaries

- Tuesday 14th October AGM on Zoom
- Thursday 23rd October Halloween Discos
- Friday 21st November Bingo Evening
- Tuesday 2nd December (TBC) Rotary Christmas Float
- Friday 9th January Donation Day
- Friday 6th February The Great Wellington Bake Off KS1
- Friday 27th February The Great Wellington Bake Off KS2
- TBC in March Spring Discos
- Tuesday 24th March Easter Tombola
- Friday 24th April Donation Day
- Friday 15th May Donation Day
- Saturday 16th May Spring Fair
- Tuesday 19th May Left Over Cake Sale
- Friday 17th July Year 6 Leavers Celebration

Possible Future Events?

As well as planning to hold our usual events we hope to see if we can hold events like a quiz night, a colour run, a virtual balloon race

We are always looking for helpers to assist at events, please let us know if you are able to help out. Is there an event you think would like to see happen? Let us know how we can help you make it happen?

How to Contact Us

Pop along to our **Facebook group** for up to date news and information from around the school. We also have an email address for any queries or ideas you would like to share or discuss. We would love to hear from you.







Wellington Community Primary School PTA invite you to our

Halloween Discos Thursday 23rd October

£2

includes squash and biscuits

(dietary requirements cannot be catered for but you are welcome to provide your own if you like, please let us know when you arrive)

Year R, 1 and 2 – 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Children must be collected from their classrooms at 3.15pm. Once all the children have been collected parents may change their child in the classroom.

Years 3 & 4 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Years 5 & 6 - 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Fancy dress is optional. Coats cannot be left and all children must be collected from the hall at the end of the disco.



Wellington Community Primary School PTA Social Media Policy

This policy explains how our PTA uses social media. It is readily available and applies to all members of our PTA.

Details of the social media used by our PTA

Wellington Community Primary School uses a private Facebook Group.

You can find it here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/wellingtoncommunityprimaryschoolPTA

Access to the social media used by our PTA

The Wellington Community Primary School PTA Facebook page is a private Facebook Group. This means it can only be accessed with permission of the administrators for the Facebook Group (the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the PTA and a member of the school reception team). We will ask what connection you have to the school (parent, carer or staff member) and check before granting access. The page accepts postings from any member of the group after posts have been submitted for approval. Only members of the group can see posts made to the group.

Please enter *Wellington Community Primary School PTA* into your Facebook search and make a request to join the group. Please note that it may take time to deal with your request. We will endeavour to complete the request as soon as possible.

Permitted members

The Facebook group of Wellington Community Primary School PTA is only intended for members of the PTA, in this case the parents, carers and staff members of Wellington Community Primary School. This is regulated through this being a closed group and members needing to gain permission to join the PTA's Facebook group.

Wellington Community Primary School PTA does not want to encourage use of social media by children. No application to join our Facebook group will be accepted by anyone aged less than 13 years.

How this is used by our PTA

Wellington Community Primary School PTA uses its Facebook page exclusively for the running of the PTA. It is used to communicate with members, promote events or elements of events, to recruit volunteers to support the PTA's activities, thank local supporters, advertise donations from local businesses and canvass members' views.

Usage that is not permitted

The Facebook group of Wellington Community Primary School PTA does not allow any personal correspondence between members is not intended for discussing any aspect of the school other than the PTA and its activities and should not be used to promote any business other than where this is done for the benefit of the PTA and with its permission. Inappropriate posts, including any derogatory comments, can and will be removed by the administrator and the PTA retains the right to ban any user who continues to make inappropriate use of the group.

Photographs

The Facebook group of Wellington Community Primary School PTA allows members to post photographs. However, it is explicitly assumed that anyone posting a photograph will own the rights to the image and will have the permission of anyone featured to do so. Wellington Community Primary School PTA accepts no responsibility regarding ownership or permissions for any photographs posted by members of the group.

Application of this policy

By using the Facebook group of Wellington Community Primary School PTA you are accepting the terms of this policy. If you do not agree with any of the terms, please remove yourself as a member of the group.

Availability of this policy

This policy is sent to all parents and carers via the September PTA newsletter. It is also referenced as part of the information stated on our Facebook Group page.

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