

AGM - Friday 17th October 2025

Welcome to our Annual Meeting of the Friends of Hythe Primary School Association.

We are a group of volunteer parents and teachers who work together to make the school a better environment for our children to learn in.

We raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events and much much more.

Review of last AGM -

During our last AGM, I was elected as chair, Beccy as vice-chair, Natalie as Treasurer, Jen as secretary, and Vicky as vice-secretary and we gained 6 new members to the committee. Since then however Beccy has stepped down as Vice-Chair and Chantelle was elected to proceed her.

Now, I'll hand over to Natalie, our treasurer, for a review of our finances for the last financial year.

Chair Report:

Reflecting on the academic year just gone as this current committee's chairwoman, I am filled with gratitude for all the collective achievements of our team.

As outlined in the treasurer's report, we have successfully raised an impressive amount of money over the last financial year, despite the challenges still posed with the cost of living crisis.

The most profitable fundraisers this year were the Fathers Day Gift Shop, Neon Disco, Hawaiian Party and our summer fayre raised £2446.32

Furthermore, the PTA increased school funds by implementing initiatives within the Wonka bar sale, Christmas raffle and the Christmas Gift Shop. Additionally, we took part in Hythe's community events, including a glow stall at the Hythe Community Fireworks which is now organised by Hythe Alive and a games stall at The Scarecrow festival and Hythe of Activity, although the profits were not as high as hoped, it provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the local community and a grant from NFDC towards the purchase of Big Cat phonics books.

The PTA's purchases include Big Cat Phonics books, enhancing the children's love of reading. The bike racks which promotes active lifestyles for all the children at our school and compost for the gardening club.

Goodbyes: We say goodbye to George as a full time member, I thank her for her hard work, dedication and support during the past 2 years.

Before we move onto elections and the closing of our current committee I would like to discuss the role of vice secretary currently held by Vicky Rastall, I believe that this current role is not necessary, and I suggest creating a new position of Sponsorship Officer, which would be more beneficial for the operation of the PTA. All those in favour of this new position

Now I bring this 2024/2025 committee to a close.

Elections will now take place for the next 2025/2026 Friends committee

The nominations are:

Sponsorship officer: Victoria Rastall

Secretary: Jennifer Mansbridge

Treasurer: Natalie Smith

Vice Chair: Chantelle Beaman

Chair: Lois Wellman

All those to join as committee members: hands raised.

The Elections for the 2025/2026 committee have now come to a close.

Next on the agenda Special Business

Preloved uniform sales have increased significantly since the introduction to our preloved uniform Facebook shop - However I feel that ideally it would've better served with one or two uniform assistants who would be in charge of the orders, stock taking and updating the Facebook page when stock becomes available.

Is there anyone that would like to take on that role?

While we have seen a positive increase in full time volunteers, We should aim to have a recruitment drive during the academic year. A suggestion could be to prepare care packages for new Year R parents to introduce them to the friends and the support we provide and maybe an adult only event one evening.

I recognise that our meetings have been arranged at short notice which has made it difficult for some members to attend due to commitments , however as stated in the constitution paragraph 6.7.3 committee members can not be absent from three consecutive meetings without prior notification so to insure everyone is included and stays in the loop, I have adjusted our meeting schedule as follows:

- Two meetings a month will be scheduled through a poll, with the date and time set in advance based on the highest number of votes received.

- Once a Term meetings will be on a Friday that's convenient with the school at 2:30pm.
(Subject to change)

Looking forward into the new financial year, we will carry on our efforts with the introduction of new fundraising events such as the Christmas Fayre. Additionally, promoting awareness on our social media platforms of stickins and the introduction of Astra ltd clothing bin to the playground.

These new fundraising events along side our regular events aim to increase community engagement and raise more funds to support our ongoing projects.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of this PTA committee this year and look forward to our continued support for the children of Hythe Primary school.

Thank you!