

AGM - Monday 12th October 2026

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, Chantelle as vice-chair, Natalie as Treasurer, Jen as secretary, and Vicky as Sponsorship Officer and we gained 10 new members to the committee.

Now, usually I would hand over to Natalie, our treasurer, for a review of our finances for the last financial year, unfortunately she can't be with us today so i will be doing it on her behalf.

Treasurers Report

See report: any queries can be raised directly with Natalie

As we have received more than £25k we need two independent persons to review our accounts.

Chair Report:

Reflecting on the academic year just gone as this current committee's chairwoman, I am deeply grateful for everything our team has achieved together.

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 Festive Fun Afternoon, Glow Disco, Hythe Fest and our Summer Fayre raised £1241.07

Furthermore, the PTA increased school funds by implementing initiatives with New Forest Lottery, Stickins and the purchase of a new clothes recycling bin to raise more fund in the long term from Bags2school. Additionally, we took part in Hythe's community events, including a glow stall at the Hythe Community Fireworks organised by Hythe Alive and a games stall at The Scarecrow festival. We received grants from Waterside Scrapyard and Waterside Christmas Fire Engine both of which went towards benches, a Giant connect 4 and 2 football posts which were requested by the children through the school council. Vicky Rastall secured an impressive £2702.58 through matched funding.

The PTA's purchases include a wet-pour playground and sandpit for year R, The annual Christmas Pantomime and an additional production in the summer and Pulley mechanisms.

Goodbyes: We say goodbye to Diane as a full time member, I thank her for her hard work, dedication and support during the past year and wish her luck in her relocation to France.

Before we move onto elections and the closing of our current committee as previously discussed I would like to introduce a new role of Assistant Treasurer, Both myself and Natalie the current treasurer believe that this role would be beneficial for the operation of the PTA.

Also with the growing need for maintenance and improvements to the school's outdoor areas and play facilities, we feel it would be beneficial to introduce a new Grants Coordinator role within the PTA.

This position would focus on identifying and applying for grants and external funding opportunities to help secure additional funds for these important projects. This would allow more of the money raised through our PTA events to be allocated towards other activities, resources and experiences that directly benefit the children.

Now I bring this 2025/2026 committee to a close.

Elections will now take place for the next 2026/2027 Friends committee

The nominations are:

Grants Coordinator: Cath Smith

Assistant Treasurer: Sian Phillips

Sponsorship officer : Vicky Rastall

Secretary: Jennifer Mansbridge

Treasurer: Natalie Smith

Vice Chair: Chantelle Beaman

Chair: Lois Wellman

The Elections for the 2026/2027 committee have now come to a close.

Next on the agenda Special Business

Our constitution was changed and approved in 2024, but an administrative error means the Charity Commission still has the 2015 version on record. We therefore need to vote again to adopt the new constitution and update the Commission.

Preloved uniform sales have increased significantly since the introduction to our preloved uniform Zeffy shop - However I feel that ideally we need somewhere else to store it as it is

becoming damp.

As per our last AGM our meetings our meetings will stay the same as last year...

- One -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 Magic Show, Easter Egg Hunt & Mini fete, Sponsored Colour Run.

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. I look forward to the year ahead and our continued support for the children of Hythe Primary school.

Thank you!