



**Chair Report  
PTA AGM  
Tuesday April 29th, 2025**

Good evening everyone, and a very warm welcome to our Annual General Meeting for the 2024/2025 academic year. It's really lovely to see so many of you here tonight.

I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you present. Whether you've dedicated countless hours on the committee, volunteered at events, offered support from afar, or simply attended our activities, your contribution has been invaluable to the success of our PTA this past year. Your collective efforts create the vibrant and supportive community that defines Woodborough Woods.

This year has been another period of positive momentum for our PTA. Building upon the strong foundations we've established, we've continued to foster a wonderful sense of school spirit. The unwavering support from parents, guardians, family members, friends, and our dedicated school staff has been truly inspiring. It's this collaborative energy, where everyone willingly steps forward to support our children and the school, that makes our PTA so effective.

As we look ahead, we are excited to welcome new families into our school community and encourage their active participation in the PTA. Getting involved is a fantastic way to connect with other parents and directly contribute to enriching the educational experience for all our students. Please do encourage fellow parents to join us!

Just as last year, the core purpose of our PTA remains the same:

- To generate funds that enable the school to provide enhanced resources and opportunities for our children, thereby supporting the dedicated teachers and governors in their mission to deliver the best possible education at Woodborough Woods.
- To organise and host events that create memorable and enjoyable experiences for the children, their families, and the wider school community.

As parents, grandparents, carers, teachers, teaching assistants, and school staff, your automatic membership in the PTA is a testament to our shared commitment to the children's growth and development throughout their time at Woodborough Woods. Your presence here tonight underscores that vital support.

The PTA is guided by a dedicated committee, elected annually at this AGM. This meeting serves as our key formal gathering, where we address committee elections, review our financial standing, reflect on the past year's activities, and outline our aspirations for the future.

Our current committee members are:

Meghan Hall - Co-Chair

Lisa Ford - Co-Chair

Michelle Hamilton - Treasurer

Jenny Swann - Secretary

Michelle, Jenny, Lisa, and I have continued in our respective roles this past year, navigating busy personal lives while remaining committed to the PTA's success. It's a privilege to work alongside such a capable team, and I'm incredibly grateful for their hard work in helping to bring our events to fruition.

As is the nature of the PTA, we sometimes see valued members move on, and this year is no exception. Lisa Ford, our Co-Chair, will officially be stepping down from her role this evening. As her daughter is in Year 6 and moving on to secondary school in September, Lisa's time with the Woodborough Woods PTA will be coming to a close. Over the past seven years, Lisa has been an integral part of the team, contributing to many of our biggest successes. Her dedication and unwavering commitment have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed. We extend our deepest gratitude to Lisa for her years of service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

In light of Lisa's departure, and in accordance with our constitution, all committee positions, including the Co-Chair role, are open for re-election. The election process will involve nominations, a seconder for each nomination, and will take place later in this meeting

Before we proceed with the formal agenda, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank some key individuals and groups:

Firstly, my sincere thanks to the incredible committee members. Their dedication, despite juggling numerous commitments, is truly commendable. I also want to give a special shout-out to Faye Jepson, who has been an invaluable support to me throughout the year. Her understanding and assistance have been instrumental in everything we've accomplished, and I truly appreciate her partnership.

I also want to extend our appreciation to Mr. White and Mr. Mac for their ongoing support and to Nicola Gell and Natalie Maher in the office who consistently provide assistance whenever we reach out.

Our gratitude extends to all the teachers for their unwavering support, especially those who generously give their own time to attend meetings and assist at our various events.

We are also incredibly grateful for the continued generous support of our sponsors. A huge thank you to Callum Haines and Adam Meakin for their joint sponsorship of our Summer Fair last summer and their continuous offers of support over the past years.

Our appreciation also goes to Kim at The Nags Head, who has consistently accommodated our meetings. We're particularly thankful for her generous £500 donation, which has been directly allocated to our playground project fundraising.

Furthermore, we extend our thanks to Leo Ford at Just Journey for his kind donation of a Nintendo Switch for our Christmas raffle, which was a very popular prize!

Giulia Oakes also deserves a special mention for her fantastic Elemis product donations. These undoubtedly helped to boost our raffle ticket sales.

Finally, we are immensely grateful to Jon Holt from Barnard Fencing for his crucial support with the buddy bench overhaul. His expertise and generosity in undertaking this work at (probably below) cost price saved us nearly double the expense. Thanks to Jon, the buddy bench has been given a new lease on life, ensuring it can be enjoyed safely by our children for many years to come

And finally, a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and helpers who bake delicious treats, staff our stalls with enthusiasm, assist with setting up and packing down, provide sponsorship, donate generously in our raffles, and volunteer their precious time. Quite simply, the PTA wouldn't exist without your incredible support.

### **A Look Back at the Year: May 2024 to April 2025**

Here's a brief overview of the fundraising events and initiatives we organised over the past year:

- **May 2024:**
  - After school sweet shop
  - Beach Party Disco
- **June 2024:**
  - Donuts with Dads
  - Sports themed non-uniform day
- **July 2024:**
  - 'Woods Wild West Fest' - summer fair
  - Junior shows refreshments (2 nights)
- **September 2024:**
  - New Class R parents coffee morning
  - Helped run the Macmillian afternoon cake sale
- **October 2024:**
  - 'Freaky Friday' tuck shop
  - Spooky Disco
- **November 2024:**
  - Bonfire Night 'Glow Shop'
  - 'Break the Rules' non-uniform day
  - Christmas Wreath Making Night
- **December 2024:**
  - Christmas Hamper Raffle
  - Nativity show refreshments (2 days)
  - Whole school pantomime trip contribution

- My Child's Art Christmas card sales
- Santa visit including gifts and treats for all the children
- Class Christmas parties donation
- **February 2025:**
  - Valentine's non-uniform day
  - Sweetheart Sweet Shop
- **March 2025:**
  - Readathon
  - 'Decorate a spoon' for World Book Day
  - World Book Day 'Books and Bakes' sale
  - Mother's Day cream tea and crafts afternoon
- **April 2025:**
  - PTA Easter Egg Hunt - children hunted for eggs and all received an easter treat bag
  - 'Decorate an Egg' competition - prizes donated to a winner in each class plus one 'grand prize'

#### **Ongoing Fundraising Initiatives:**

- Your School Lottery continues to provide a valuable and consistent stream of funds.

#### **Current Fundraising Initiative:**

Our current major fundraising focus remains a contribution to the much-needed upgrade to the Key Stage 1 playground equipment. We have made good progress already this year thanks to the success of our events and the generosity of the parents/family members, and we are excited to continue working towards making this important project a reality for our students at Woods.

In conclusion, my time as Chair this past year has been incredibly rewarding. It's been a privilege to witness firsthand the positive impact our collective efforts have on the children's experience at Woodborough Woods. The energy and enthusiasm within our PTA are truly inspiring, and I am confident that we will continue to build on this success in the years to come. Let's maintain this fantastic momentum and ensure Woodborough Woods remains a vibrant and enriching environment for all our children.

Sincerely,

Meghan Hall Co-Chair