

LITTLE BOWDEN PTA NEWSLETTER



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Hello and welcome back!

This is our first newsletter of 2024. It's been a busy few weeks for the PTA with our annual Movie Night, first ever Family Race Night and non-uniform day. We are also busy planning some big events for later on this school year, watch this space! Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who donate their time and always bring the energy to make our events a success, and to you the school community for supporting and engaging in them.

What is the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?



The Parent Teacher Association is a registered charity run by a committee of volunteers and supported by event volunteers. The main purpose of Little Bowden PTA is to advance the education of pupils in the school. Through developing effective relationships between the staff, parents, and wider school community. We engage in activities and provide facilities or equipment to support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

What have we been up to this Half Term?

Family Race Night - Friday 9th February

On Friday 126 people filled the school hall to take part in our first ever Race Night. The event was a huge success and really brought the school community together.

The hall was electric with energy as adults and children alike cheered their horses over the line. **The event raised a whopping £644** for the PTA charity which will be spent on events and resources for the children at Little Bowden School. Thank you so much for supporting!



Movie Night - Monday 22nd January

We hosted the annual movie night at school. Over 230 children watched one of three films, whilst enjoying drinks, crisps, and popcorn. Children were well behaved and seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to the PTA volunteers and staff members who gave up their time to supervise the event which **raised £540** for future school activities. Special thanks to Coop, Tesco, and Aldi for donating snacks to help keep costs down.

Feedback from the kids at Race Night:



"Absolutely loved it."

"It was the best thing of my week!"

WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE



LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL PTA

Wear What You Love (Non-Uniform Day) - Wednesday 14th February

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the non uniform day. A wonderful array of colour and individuality on show in school. Happy Valentine's Day to you all. **The event helped raise £206!**



We will be collecting any unwanted gifts for future PTA events next half term. If you're having a winter clear out over the holidays and find anything suitable, please put it aside. It must be new and unused and suitable for PTA events e.g. raffle, tombola, lucky dip. Details for drop offs will be advertised later.

What has the PTA funded this Half Term?

Every member of school staff can apply for funding from the PTA for activities, events, and resources. Requests are discussed and voted on at our PTA monthly meetings.

£300 Young Voices Trip

On Tuesday 23rd January 25 KS2 pupils, two staff and the PTA Chair and Secretary joined 5,800 singers at Resorts World Arena - Birmingham. An afternoon of rehearsals followed by a concert in the evening where everyone sang their hearts out. The pupils performed alongside MC Grammar, Nandi Bushell and Natalie Williams. Money from the PTA contributed towards the coach to reduce the cost to parents. We hope the pupils had an amazing day and will treasure the memory of being involved in such a magical experience. We can't wait for Young Voices 2025!



"It was an amazing experience & I loved that I got to enjoy it with my friends. I had so much fun doing rehearsals at school & at the concert it felt like we were part of something magical!" Year 6 Pupil

**£48 Water Bottle Carries**

5CM are currently trialling a set of water bottle carriers purchased by the PTA for use at break, lunch and during PE. The aim is to try and increase the intake of water during the school day. If the trial is successful, we hope to roll out to KS1 & KS2.

Support Little Bowden School PTA: Funding and Volunteer Opportunities

Calling all parents, community members and local businesses!

We have embarked on an ambitious drive to improve the education and wellbeing of the pupils at Little Bowden School. We believe that a vibrant and engaging learning environment not only nurtures the mind but also the spirit of every child.

We are seeking your support to bring these projects to life. Do you have a trade and could donate a few hours of your time? Does your employer offer match funding for volunteering or make donations to local charities? Every contribution, big or small, will make a significant impact on our progress towards these enhancements.

We promise that volunteering at Little Bowden School will be a fulfilling and rewarding experience, directly contributing to the joy and development of our children. Plus, it's a fantastic way to meet other parents and become more involved in the local community.

We Need You!

To our local companies and business leaders: your support is invaluable to us. We offer gratitude, recognition, and the opportunity to invest in the future of your community.

To our generous parents and school community: your time is the greatest gift to our children. You can help by becoming a PTA Volunteer. Lend a hand during school events, your time can make a difference.

Meet the Team

LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL PTA Meet the Team



ANNA
CHAIR PERSON

Hi, I'm Anna & mum to two boys in Year 7 & 4. I work as a Secondary Teacher. This is my second year as the PTA Chair. I really enjoy helping raise money for Little Bowden School & am looking forward to building links with the wider community this year.

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MEGAN
VICE CHAIRPERSON

My children are in Years 1 & 6. I work in SEND improvement and am passionate about children having a fulfilling & enjoyable school experience. I love creating events for children & families to enjoy while raising money to help the school community.



DATES 2024 FOR YOUR DIARY



Event	Date, Time, & Location
Froggie Fun Day & Cake Sale	Thursday 29 th February LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL
PTA Meeting	Thursday 29 th February 3.45pm LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL
Pre-Loved Uniform & Doughnut Sales	Tuesday 5 th & Thursday 7 th March PARENTS EVENINGS - LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL
PTA Meeting	Thursday 21 st March 7.30pm THE THREE SWANS
FundRaisin Challenge	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL
Easter Fun Day	Friday 22 nd March LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL

*Have a relaxing
half term!*

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