



FRIENDS OF HILDENBOROUGH PTA

Hildenborough CE Primary School
Friends of Hildenborough PTA AGM
2nd October 2026 7.00pm

Meeting Open 7.02pm

Present:

Ruth Ardery (Head Teacher), Larry Ridges (Chair), Jess Crawshaw (Secretary), Emily Hook (Treasurer), Krystal Bain (Vice Chair), Avarnia Grace (Craft Club Lead) Sarah Buckland (Committee Member), Guy Buckton, Rachel Forward, Sam Bowers, Ramona Palmer, Joanne Morami, Julie McDonald

Online: Straun Bourquin, Charlotte Dewsnap, Daniel Williams, Caitlin Hillary, Holly Page, Gen Lunn, Dominique Van Per Poll, Jemma Grieve Combes, Kelly Blackburn, Catherine, Michelle, Sayyid & Mili Alam, Oli Crawshaw

Apologies: Sarah White

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies received.

2. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous AGM

The minutes from the 2025 AGM were reviewed and unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Chair's Annual Report

The Chair reflected on a highly successful year for the PTA and thanked parents, carers, volunteers, teachers, school staff and the PTA Committee for their continued support and commitment throughout 2025/26.

During the year, the PTA successfully raised **over £23,000** for the school. The Chair noted that, while fundraising remains an important part of the PTA's work, the focus throughout the year had also been on providing enjoyable opportunities and experiences for the children and bringing the school community together.

A wide range of successful events and initiatives took place during the year. These included the **Quiz Night** and **Wreath Making Evening** for adults, **School Discos**, the **Headteacher for a Day raffle**, **Break the Rules Days**, seasonal **Fairs**, the **Year R Tea Towel sale**, and the continued management of the **clothes recycling bank**.

The **Summer Fair and BBQ** were highlighted as particular successes and as excellent examples of what can be achieved when the whole school community comes together. The Chair expressed his appreciation to everyone who volunteered their time throughout the

year, recognising that the success of these events would not have been possible without their support.

Special thanks were given to the teachers and school staff for their ongoing support and, in particular, to the PTA Committee for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year.

The Chair expressed great pride in what the team had achieved together and in the contribution they had been able to make to the school.

Looking ahead, the Chair wished the incoming Committee every success and encouraged the PTA to continue building on the achievements of the past year. He emphasised that the PTA is about more than simply raising money; it is also about creating opportunities for the children, strengthening the school community and bringing families together.

The Chair concluded by thanking everyone who had contributed to the PTA's success during 2025/26.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report

The Treasurer presented the financial summary for the 2025/26 year.

Thanks to the generosity of parents, carers, teachers, and sponsors and the amazing efforts of our volunteers the PTA enjoyed a very successful year.

Key Financial Highlights

- **Gross Income: £23,253.09** (up from £21,899.08 in 2024/25)
- **Operating Expenses: £5,180.67** (direct event costs & running overheads)
- **Net Fundraising Surplus: £18,072.42** raised prior to school donations
- **Direct Contributions & Donations to School: £14,730.32**
- **Net Surplus for the Year: £3,342.10**

Event Performance

- **Christmas Fair:** Generated **£4,252.60** in income with direct costs of **£656.14**, yielding a net profit of **£3,596.46**.
- **Summer Fair:** Raised **£3,594.94** with expenses of **£1,662.89**, resulting in a net profit of **£1,932.05**.
- **Costa Rica Raffle and Wine and Cheese night** raised **£3,388.50** with a net profit of **£2,954**
- **JustGiving Campaigns:** Raised **£4,066.39** in net donations. Before platform fees, the Flourish Fund raised **£2,172** (plus **£542.88** Gift Aid), the Colour Run raised **£1,037** (plus **£241.88** Gift Aid), and donations for the wall art brought in **£516** (plus **£95** Gift Aid).
- **School Discos:** Brought in **£2,281** in revenue with profit of **£1,887.59**

- **Wreath making:** Brought in **£1,190** revenue, net profit of **£803.31**

Direct Support to Hildenborough CEP School

During the 2025/2026 academic year, the PTA committed **£14,730.32** directly back into school projects and student enrichment:

1. **Trim Trail (Accrued Allocation):** £11,208.68
2. **iPads, Bike Sheds & Clicker Software Licences:** £2,745.80
3. **Year 6 Leavers' Trip Coach:** £650.00
4. **Gardening Club Support:** £101.84
5. **School Council Clocks (Ice Cream Sales Proceeds):** £24.00

Financial Health & Formal Vote

- **Closing Cash & Bank Balance (at 31/08/2026):** **£20,465.73**
- **Available Reserve:** After accounting for committed liabilities (like the Trim Trail donation) and our standard £2,000 safety buffer, we have **£6,575 in unallocated working funds** for next year.
- **Formal Proposal:** Treasurer formally proposed that the 2025/2026 accounts be accepted by the PTA.
- Accepted.

6. Adoption of Parent Kind Constitution

Current committee voted in to adopt the Parent Kind Constitution. Voted as a committee, 6 votes for, 0 votes against. Passed.

The new constitution will be made available to all.

5. Election of Officers

The following officers stepped down from their roles:

- **Chair:** Larry Ridges
- **Secretary:** Jess Crawshaw
- **Fundraising Lead:** Sarah White

Newly elected officers:

- **Co-Chair:** Genn Lunn/Nat Hilstrom/Sarah Buckland
- **Secretary:** Joanne Mariani
- **Committee Members:** Sam Bowers (Fundraising), Julie McDonald (Events), Ramona Palmer (Events) Avarnia Grace (Craft Club), Guy Buckland (Ordinary Committee Member) Krystal Bain (Ordinary Committee Member), Rachel Forward (Ordinary Committee Member)

6. Head Teacher's Comments

The Head Teacher expressed sincere thanks to the **PTA committee, volunteers, parents, carers, staff and wider community** for their continued dedication, generosity and support throughout the year.

The PTA delivered a successful programme of events, including the **Christmas and Summer Fairs, discos, Wreath Making Workshop, Wine and Cheese Evening, raffles and Flourish Fund campaigns**. Particular thanks were given to the PTA committee and volunteers for the significant time and effort involved.

The PTA has committed **over £14,700** to school projects and resources this year. Funding has supported the **Trim Trail development, iPads, bike sheds, Clicker software licences, Year 6 leavers' trip, clubs and School Council initiatives**.

The **Flourish Fund** continues to support the school's vision and improvements to the school environment.

The PTA's contribution extends beyond fundraising, helping to **strengthen relationships, bring families together and create positive experiences and lasting memories for children**.

On behalf of staff, governors and pupils, sincere appreciation was expressed for the PTA's achievements and positive impact on the school community.

The school looks forward to **building on this success in the year ahead**.

8. Any Other Business

Avarnia raised the issue of Air Con. Which is noted and will be discussed as a committee.

Meeting closed at 7.34 pm.