

Malmesbury Primary School Parent-Teacher and Friends Association



End-of-Year Report 2024 - 2025

September 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Teachers,

The Parent-Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) is delighted to share our end-of-year report. It has been another successful year, marked by incredible community spirit, dedicated volunteers, and numerous successful events that we hope have enriched our school community.

September 2024 saw big changes to the Malmesbury PTFA team. At last year's AGM we said farewell to Secretary Aline Reed and Treasurer Rachael Cunningham. Aline and Rachael were the guiding force for the PTFA through COVID and reintroduced the Winter and Summer Fairs after Lockdown. In January 2025 Co-Chair Joleen Johnstone also stepped down and her energy and enthusiasm is sorely missed. Despite these losses we have continued to work on the foundations they built.

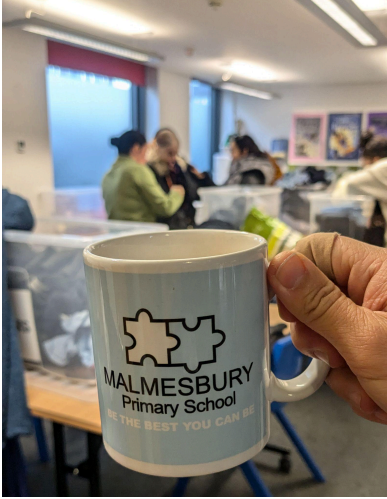
An Outline of 2024 - 2025 Events and Successes

This past year, the PTFA organised and supported a wide range of activities that supported our school community and raised vital funds. Our calendar was packed with events including:

- **Uniform Giveaways** - These almost monthly events have not only been an opportunity for uniform to be passed on, parents and guardians have had the opportunity to catch up over tea and coffee. We have a great supply of uniform from the school community, thank you to everyone who donates. These will continue this year.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** - This was a lovely event bringing the school community together to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our next is planned on Monday 29th September.
- **Winter Fair** - With the threat of bad weather, the format of the Winter Fair was changed to an indoor event. There was quite a buzz in the games hall - thank

you Brian for being such a good sport in Shave Santa's Beard. Middle Hall became the place to mingle with our food and drinks stalls having a dedicated seating area this year. This was also our first event taking card payments helping to raise **£3,152.02**.

- **World Book Day Costume Swap** - This was a first for the PTFA and follows on from the uniform giveaway idea. We also received some voluntary donations. We are exploring how this could work for Halloween costumes and Christmas Jumpers too.
- **Eid Bake Sale** - Delicious cakes, savouries and chai raised **£433.67** in 30 minutes after school. We have plans for the same event this year.
- **Toys and Books Sale** - Giving another life to pre-loved toys and books raised **£121.41**. Thank you to our volunteers who always help set up and sell.
- **Summer Fair** - Our Raffle sponsor WJ Meade, kindly sponsored the bouncy castle this Summer, which meant we could spend money on other fair expenses. Mr Ali cooked up a storm with a fabulous BBQ, feeding long queues. We also had our first parents' market area. The Slime the Teacher Raffle was once again the talk of the Fair. Our quartet of potential Slimees - Abdul, Brian, Josh and Tim - go above and beyond to create a fun event the children love so much. This Summer we raised **£2,779.12**.
- **Sponsorship** - In Summer 2024 local estate agents WJ Meade were approached to sponsor our raffle tickets. Since then they have supported 3 raffles and this Summer they sponsored the bouncy castle too.
- **Card readers for event payments** - Finding a suitable card payment solution has been challenging. Thankfully the technology is constantly improving and we now have 3 card readers to take payments at events. Whilst there is a small transaction fee this is a small price to pay for the added convenience of taking card and contactless payments.
- **Event feedback** - It is important to the PTFA that our events are what the school community wants to attend. We held a general meeting for parents and guardians to come forward with ideas. A Parents' market was proposed for the Summer Fair, with 3 stalls selling their wares for table fee.



Financial Summary

Thanks to your incredible support and generosity, we have had a very successful fundraising year. Here is a brief financial overview:

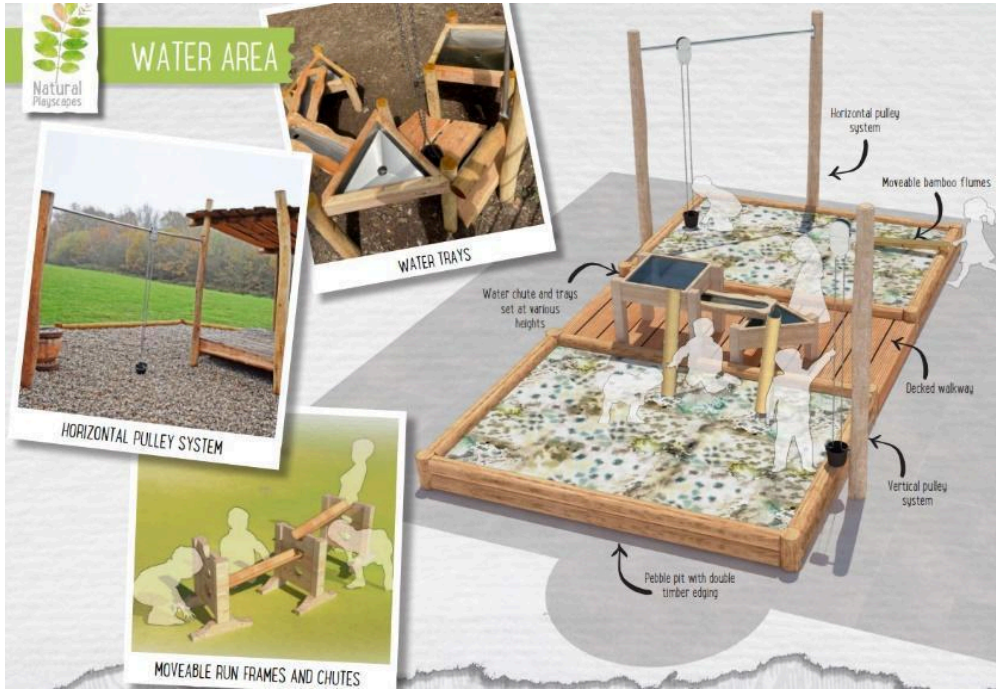
- **Total Funds Raised: £6,781.32**
- **Major Income Sources:** Summer and Winter Raffles, Winter and Summer Fairs.
- **Total Funds Spent on school projects: £5000.00**
- **Major Expenditures:** All funds raised have been directly invested back into the school to benefit the students. Expenditure this year has included - Enrichment activities for pupils, Early Years playground improvements, Trees for Schools investment.

Benefits to Pupils

The funds raised by the PTFA this year have mainly concentrated on improvements to the playground areas.

- **Early Years Playground improvements** - Building scheduled for this October half-term for a new climbing area and water area.





- **Trees for Cities partnership** - Plans have been proposed and will be confirmed at a later date.



A Huge Thank You to Our Volunteers

The success of the PTFA is entirely dependent on the goodwill and hard work of our volunteers. To every parent, guardian, and Malmesbury staff member who gave their time, energy, and expertise—whether by running a stall, baking a cake, helping to set up, or simply offering a new idea—we extend our sincerest thanks. Your dedication and contributions have a profound impact on our school community.

Huge thank you to Malmesbury dad Sadequl Haque for his continued generosity with savoury food donations for our events.

Community Plans for the Future

Looking ahead to the new academic year 2025-2026, we are excited to build on our achievements and introduce new initiatives. Our plans include:

- Continuing our popular annual events while exploring new ideas to engage the community. A parent has already suggested raising funds for more bike racks for the reception outside area.
- Finding out more about the parent community, your skills and interests, and how you may like to support and engage with the school community.
- Working closely with the school to identify and support the areas of focus.
- **Easyfundraising** - We want to promote this amazing website that generates free donations from over 8000 brands when you shop online. To find our fund raising page click this link - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
- **Sponsorship** - The PTFA are currently working on further collaboration between WJ Meade and the school.

How to Get Involved

As a parent or guardian at Malmesbury you are automatically a member of the PTFA. The PTFA Committee is always looking for new members and volunteers to join us and help make a difference. Whether you have a lot of time to spare or just a little, your contribution is invaluable.

- **Become a Committee Member:** Attend our short monthly meetings to help plan and discuss upcoming events.
- **Volunteer at an Event:** Sign up to help at one of our events throughout the year - bake a cake, help sort uniform or host a games stall.

- **Share Your Skills:** Do you have a special skill or talent? We are always open to new ideas and expertise.
- **Join the Malmesbury Community WhatsApp group:** An online group open to all Malmesbury parents and guardians where PTFA plans, updates and requests are shared throughout the year. Click this link to join the group - https://chat.whatsapp.com/IMx2No86w0aHJeVGlh8Lym?mode=ems_share_t

For more information or to get in touch, please contact us at malmesburyptfa@gmail.com or see our webpage on the school [website](#).

Thank you once again for your incredible support and we look forward to welcoming our new families into the school community. We wish you and your families a wonderful start to the new academic year.

Sincerely,

The Malmesbury Parent-Teacher and Friends Association

PTFA Committee Members

Siew Jin (Jinny) Wickes - Chair
Hollie McDonough - Secretary
Kerstin Henson - Treasurer
Shaheda Chowdhury - PTFA School Lead