



## Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

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### **Newton Poppleford School Association: End of Year Financial Report**

#### *Treasurer's Report to the AGM*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025*

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### Introduction

This document provides a summary of the Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA) accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

Devon schools receive, on average, approximately £300 per child less Government funding than schools in other regions of the country and rural schools such as ours receive even less. Therefore, a vital role of the PTFA is to provide additional funding to enable our children to have the same experiences as other children throughout the country.

The PTFA committee take the role of fund-raising and management of these funds extremely seriously and are ever mindful of reducing expenses incurred whilst maintaining quality of goods and services and ensuring Teaching Staff have access to funding for school trips and events relevant to the curriculum plus any additional resources required.

This report aims to highlight not only the funds raised but also any achieved reductions in operational expenses.

### Executive Summary

The Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA) has had a highly successful year, both financially and operationally. Beginning the 2024/25 financial year with an opening balance of £26,717.64, the PTFA raised a total of £35,840.89, closing the year with £49,702.86 in the account. Of this, £27,785.00 is earmarked for key projects, including the sensory garden and climbing equipment for KS1 and KS2. After accounting for these commitments, approximately £15,000 remains unallocated and available for future initiatives.

### Fundraising & Income

The PTFA's fundraising efforts were outstanding, with £22,227.97 raised through events such as the Colour Run, Summer Fete, and Sri Lankan Night. Passive income streams, including Easy Fundraising and the school lottery, contributed £1,877.79, while successful grant applications brought in an additional £11,130.13. Generous donations from local individuals and organisations added £605.00 to the total.

### Spending & Impact

Spending this year focused on enhancing the school environment and enriching pupil experiences. Major projects included the construction of the sensory garden, installation of new climbing equipment, and improvements to the uniform and book sheds. In total, £7,608.77 was spent on completed projects, with £37,534.77 committed to reclaims of these installations.

Year group-specific funds, largely raised through cake sales, supported trips and classroom resources, with £4,588.05 spent across all classes. Whole-school initiatives such as the pantomime trip, African drumming workshop, and new PE equipment were also funded, totalling £2,920.48.



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### Income

The Newton Poppleford School Association has had a successful fundraising year, raising £35,840.89. The financial year began with an opening balance of £26,717.64 and closed on 31st August with a balance of £49,702.86.

Included within the 2023/24 accounts carried forward into the 2024/25 financial year is a secured fund of £11,000 allocated for the development of the sensory garden. The closing balance for 2024/25 also includes earmarked funds totalling £27,785.00, which cover both the remaining sensory garden allocation and the designated budget for KS1 and KS2 climbing equipment.

Additionally, a reclaim from Newton Poppleford School for Summer Term expenditure is pending, estimated at approximately £2,300.

After accounting for these committed funds, the association holds an available balance of approximately £15,000, which remains unallocated and available for future initiatives.

### Fundraising events

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of all PTFA members, this year has seen an outstanding level of fundraising. Despite facing some challenges—such as weather warnings impacting the Christmas Fair and damage to the book shed caused by high winds—the team has remained resilient and resourceful.

In addition to our regular events, we were pleased to introduce new and exciting initiatives, including the Rainbow Rush and a vibrant Sri Lankan Night, both of which were well received and contributed significantly to our fundraising success.

Fundraisers	Amount
Autumn disco	£353.10
Bonfire night	£961.74
Car quest	£14.00
Club Tropicana	£507.32
Preschool raffle	£209.50
Christmas cards	£374.21
Christmas Fair	£1,900.00
Quiz Night	£601.00
Teddy Raffle	£67.10
Break the rules	£146.50
Spring disco	£307.54
Easter Event	£1,243.58
Penny Wars	£286.08
Colour Run	£4,440.00
Summer Fete	£4,297.63



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Sri Lankan Night	£1,175.40
Cake sales	£2,737.25
Freezy Fridays	£404.00
Uniform and book shop	£292.46
Sports Day Refreshments	£165.62
Summer Disco	£290.69
School calendar	£1,453.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,227.97</b>

### Passive

Each year, the PTFA registers with selected third-party platforms that offer additional income opportunities with minimal ongoing involvement. These passive fundraising streams continue to provide valuable support to our overall efforts.

This year, three such initiatives were active and collectively raised the following amounts.

Passive Income	Amount
Bags clothing	£266.70
Easy fundraising	£252.89
School lottery	£1,358.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,877.79</b>

### Grants

Thanks to the proactive efforts and dedication of the Committee Chair, the PTFA has successfully secured a number of grants this year, resulting in a substantial contribution to our overall funding. These grants have enabled us to support a wider range of projects and activities, further enhancing the educational experience for all pupils.

Grant Received	Amount
Coop small grant	£150.00
Crowdfunder	£855.00
County Council Grant	£1,000.00
Asda cash pot	£180.13
Coop local cause	£500.00
Edwin and Joyce Hill Charity	£6,000.00
Sidmouth Lions	£200.00
Waitrose	£1,250.00
Gibbons family trust	£995.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,130.13</b>



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### Donations

Most importantly, we would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by all PTFA members and supporters. The most generous donation anyone can give is their time, and we are incredibly grateful to the many individuals who have volunteered throughout the year to make our events and projects possible.

In addition to this, we have also received generous financial and material donations from local individuals and organisations. These contributions have played a vital role in supporting our fundraising efforts and enhancing the opportunities we can offer to the students.

Donations	Amount
NP Table Tennis Club	£200.00
NP community Larder	£50.00
Shed donation	£200.00
Charity box in coop	£19.00
NP Tennis club	£136.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£605.00</b>

### Gift Aid

The PTFA is registered for Gift Aid which means that an additional 25% can be claimed from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) from any qualifying donations. Qualifying donations are those made by UK tax payers who pay enough UK tax.

It does not cost individuals anything to add Gift Aid to a donation and this should be promoted by the PTFA to encourage donations to include Gift Aid declarations.

Works are still ongoing with third parties to claim this for events held in the 2024/25 school year.



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### School Spending

Spending the funds raised through the hard work and generosity of parents and supporters is both a privilege and a responsibility. While routine “business as usual” requests can be agreed upon year after year, larger expenditures require careful consideration to ensure they deliver the greatest benefit to all pupils. Striking the right balance is key.

This year, the PTfA has achieved an exceptional fundraising outcome, and it is a pleasure to report on how these funds have been used to enhance the day-to-day experience of students across the school. From enriching learning environments to supporting wellbeing initiatives, every spend has been made with the aim of maximising impact and inclusivity.

#### Projects

This year has seen a significant increase in spending, reflecting the successful delivery of multiple large and small projects across the school. Thanks to the exceptional fundraising efforts, both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have benefited from the installation of new climbing equipment, promoting physical activity and outdoor play.

The sensory garden has been constructed, providing a valuable space for wellbeing and sensory engagement. The uniform shed has undergone a much-needed refurbishment, and a replacement book shed has been installed, made possible through a generous direct donation.

The school allotments have continued to thrive, supporting outdoor learning and sustainability initiatives. Additionally, a willow dome has been planted in the KS2 area, enhancing the natural environment and offering a unique outdoor space for pupils. A candy floss machine has also been purchased, adding a fun and festive element to future fundraising and school events.

PTFA Projects	Amount	Details
KS2	£413.99	Willow Dome
KS2	£16700*	Play Equipment - Ordered Not Paid
KS1	£11085*	Play Equipment - Ordered Not Paid
Whole school	£6,814.69	Sensory Garden - Paid
Whole school	£2141*	Sensory Garden - Ordered Not Paid
Whole school	£199.99	Shed Donation for book shed - The range purchase
Whole school	£53.98	Uniform Shed - Revamp
Whole school	£76.12	Allotment soil and tools
Whole school	£50.00	Candy Floss Machine
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,608.77</b>	
<b>Total *</b>	<b>£37,534.77</b>	

\*Note: While most items have been ordered and installed in the 24/25 year, the costs are yet to be invoiced or reclaimed.



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### Year Group Spends

As in previous years, individual year group cake sales have provided an opportunity for classes to raise their own funds. These funds are managed by the PTFA and allocated for use at the discretion of the class teachers, allowing them to choose resources or activities that best support their pupils.

In addition to these funds, the PTFA contributes up to £250 per class towards coach costs for trips, helping to increase the options available.

This year, a number of year groups have utilised their funds for various activities and resources. Any unspent balances will carry forward with the students into the next academic year, and their respective teachers will be informed of the available amounts.

A breakdown of this year's spending, along with the remaining balances to be carried forward, is provided below.

Class	Cake sale	Total	Spend	Carry Over	Spent on
Preschool	£358.45	£608.45	£600.20	£8.25	£40 on Christmas books £150 on Clive Pig £260 on Chris Johnson £150.20 on knex kit
Reception	£439.50	£689.50	£699.00	-£9.50	£255 on classroom resources £230 on Seaton Wetlands £75 on Sidmouth beach £139 on makedo + Party
Year 1	£308.00	£558.00	£350.00	£208.00	£350 on trip to the Golden Hind in Brixham
Year 2	£434.80	£684.80	£651.00	£33.80	£576 on Plymouth Aquarium £75 on Sidmouth beach
Year 3	£369.50	£619.50	£687.85	-£68.35	£100 on Steve Manning £140 on mosque visit £447.85 on trip to Lyme Regis
Year 4	£238.00	£488.00	£488.00	£0.00	£389.50 on trip to RAMM and visit from Clive Pig £98.50 on Hindu visitor
Year 5	£362.00	£612.00	£612.00	£0.00	£185 on trip to Escot £427 on Eden Project
Year 6	£227.00	£477.00	£500.00	-£23.00	£500 on RAMM WW2 trip
Total			£4,588.05		



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### Whole School

In addition to project-specific spending, the PTFA has been proud to support a range of enrichment activities for students throughout the year. Some of these initiatives were targeted at specific year groups, while others were designed to benefit the entire school community.

A key highlight was the whole-school trip to the pantomime, which provided a memorable experience for all pupils. As Preschool were unable to attend, they were instead treated to a visit from Professor Bumble, ensuring they too had a special event tailored to them.

Further contributions included the purchase of new PE equipment, an engaging African drumming workshop, and several other activities aimed at enhancing the curriculum and student wellbeing.

School year	Amount	Activity
Whole school	£1,000.00	Panto trip
Preschool	£125.00	Professor Bumble
Whole school	£240.00	Christmas crafting
Whole school	£75.00	East Devon Band Christmas concert
Whole school	£185.48	PE equipment - basket balls and hoops
Whole school	£325.00	African drumming workshop
Y4/Y6	£150.00	Hindu community speaker
R/KS1	£190.00	Clive Pig storytelling workshop
Y4/Y5	£45.00	Print making workshop
Preschool	£185.00	Leavers gifts
Y4/Y5	£100.00	Sports week- Olympic hockey player
KS2	£300.00	Windrush speaker
Total	£2,920.48	

### Expenses

This year's fundraising success exceeded previous years, thanks to the exceptional dedication, time, and financial contributions of our volunteers. The commitment shown by individuals has been instrumental in achieving these results.

However, the increase in volunteer activity has naturally led to a rise in expense claims, reaching Approximately £9,100, which has made tracking and reconciliation more complex. To improve transparency and ensure continued support from PTFA members, we are introducing a new expense tracking system.

From this year onward, each expense form will be assigned a unique ID, generated by a committee member. This will help streamline the process and maintain a clear audit trail, while not altering the current process too severely. The updated system will be implemented following the AGM and made available to all members thereafter.





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### Closing Summary and Recommendations

The Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA) began the 2024/25 financial year with an opening balance of £26,717.64. Through a combination of dedicated fundraising, successful grant applications, and generous donations, the PTFA raised £35,840.89, closing the year with a balance of £49,702.86.

Of this closing balance, £27,785.00 is earmarked for specific projects including the sensory garden and climbing equipment for KS1 and KS2. After accounting for these commitments, the PTFA retains an unallocated balance of approximately £15,000, available for future initiatives.

This year's achievements reflect the incredible commitment of volunteers, staff, and the wider community. The PTFA has not only raised substantial funds but has also ensured that spending decisions were made with care, inclusivity, and impact in mind.

#### Recommendations for 2025/26

- **Maximise Gift Aid Claims**  
Continue working with third-party platforms to ensure Gift Aid is claimed on all eligible donations.
- **Strategic Allocation of Uncommitted Funds**  
Engage with staff and pupils to identify high-impact projects that could benefit from the available £15,000, ensuring alignment with school priorities.
- **Implement Expense Tracking System**  
Roll out the new expense ID system post-AGM to improve transparency and maintain a clear audit trail.

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