



Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

Newton Poppleford School, School Lane, Newton Poppleford, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0EL
Register Charity N^o: 1015155



Chair's Report to the AGM 2025

About the PTFA

The Newton Poppleford School PTFA (Parents, Teachers, and Friends Association) exists to support the school and its pupils, primarily through fundraising initiatives. Funds raised are used to enhance educational experiences, including school trips, classroom resources, enrichment workshops, and play equipment. The PTFA also organises community events designed to bring children, parents, staff, and local residents together to socialise and celebrate.

Membership is automatic for all parents, carers, staff, and governors, and additional friends of the school are welcome to join. The PTFA operates as a registered charity (No. 1015155), managed by a committee elected annually at the AGM, following a model constitution provided by Parentkind. Meetings are held both in person and via a WhatsApp group, ensuring effective communication and inclusivity. Any member may join the WhatsApp group by contacting the Chair at 07967 017726. All members are invited to PTFA meetings, where proposals for activities are considered and significant expenditure approved by those present.

A new committee will be elected at the AGM on 11th September 2025. We encourage all parents and members to attend. Special recognition is extended to Anthony Tribble (Treasurer), Teri Murphy (Co-Chair), Henry Odbert (Deputy Chair), and Janine Rudling (Secretary) for their dedication during the 2024/25 year.

From the Chair

The 2024/25 academic year saw extraordinary effort from our school community, resulting in a record fundraising total of **£35,840.89**. I am immensely proud of the PTFA team whose dedication made this possible. The busy schedule of events and initiatives relied entirely on the commitment of our committee, class representatives, and volunteers.

In accordance with Charity Commission requirements, having raised over £25,000 this year, we appointed an independent accountant, Marcus Venness, to review and report on our accounts at no cost.

We are also deeply grateful to the local businesses, grant funders, and community groups whose support has enabled us to fund enrichment across all year groups and invest in major projects, including the Sensory Garden and new KS1 & KS2 playground equipment. Together, we are making a lasting difference to the children's school experience.

PTFA Income 2024/25

Events (£22,227.97)

- Colour Run – £4,440.00
- Summer Fête – £4,297.63
- Sri Lankan Night – £1,175.40



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- Christmas Fair – £1,900.00
- Discos (Autumn, Spring, Summer) – £951.33
- Cake Sales – £2,737.25
- Freezy Fridays – £404.00
- School Calendar – £1,453.25
- Other raffles, quizzes, refreshments, uniform sales – £1,000+

Passive Income (£1,877.79)

- Bags of clothing – £266.70
- EasyFundraising – £252.89
- School Lottery – £1,358.20

Grants (£11,130.13)

- Edwin & Joyce Hill Charity – £6,000.00
- Waitrose – £1,250.00
- Gibbons Family Trust – £995.00
- Co-op, Asda, Sidmouth Lions, County Council & others – £2,885.13

Donations (£605.00)

- Newton Poppleford Table Tennis Club – £200.00
- NP Community Larder – £50.00
- Shed donation – £200.00
- Co-op charity box – £19.00
- NP Tennis Club – £136.00

Grand Total Income: £35,840.89

Projects Funded 2024/25

Class Trips & Experiences (£4,588.05)

- Y1 Golden Hind trip – £350.00
- Y2 Plymouth Aquarium & Sidmouth Beach – £651.00
- Y3 Fossil & Lyme Regis trip – £447.85
- Y4 RAMM & Hindu visitor – £488.00
- Y5 Escot & Eden Project – £612.00



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- Y6 WWII RAMM trip – £500.00
- Reception resources, Seaton Wetlands, Sidmouth Beach – £699.00
- Preschool Christmas books, workshops & kits – £600.20

Whole-School Enrichment (£2,920.48)

- Pantomime coaches – £1,000.00
- Professor Bumble (Preschool) – £125.00
- African drumming workshop – £325.00
- Clive Pig storytelling – £190.00
- Hindu community speaker – £150.00
- Windrush speaker – £300.00
- Christmas crafts & concert – £315.00
- PE equipment – £185.48
- Printmaking workshop – £45.00
- Sports week (Olympic hockey player) – £100.00

Major Projects (£7,608.77 spent, £37,534.77 committed)

- KS1 Play Equipment – £11,085.00 (ordered, not yet paid)
- KS2 Play Equipment – £16,700.00 (ordered, not yet paid)
- Sensory Garden – £6,814.69 (paid) + £2,141.00 (committed)
- Willow Dome (KS2) – £413.99
- Book Shed donation – £199.99
- Uniform Shed revamp – £53.98
- Allotment soil and tools – £76.12
- Candy Floss Machine – £50.00

Acknowledgements

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents, carers, staff, governors, and friends of the school for their invaluable support. Special recognition is given to:

- Committee and event working groups for their creativity and organisation
- Local businesses and charities providing grants, raffle prizes, and sponsorship, including:
 - Southcoast Liquid Screeding – Rainbow Rush Colour Run sponsor



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- The Cannon Inn – event host and supporter
- Sian Pond – Tropic raffle organiser
- Sri Lankan Night dinner working group – Harshika, Dishan, Sarah, Johann
- Jody Hall – Christmas cards and school calendar portraits
- Judy Wolley – funding the new book shed
- Drakes School PTFA – lending candy floss machine
- Steve Filer – quiz night support, donations from tennis & table tennis clubs
- Laura Broughton – hosting Christmas Cake Raffle Draw and donating treats for the Christmas Fair and Colour Run
- Newton Poppleford Community Larder – donation from Christmas café and Summer Fête support
- Jo White & Becky Proctor – donating a percentage of sales

Looking Ahead

In 2025/26, the PTFA will focus on a major new project: creating a dedicated STEM classroom and transforming the library/twilight space into a flexible, multi-functional learning area for all classes.

- **Estimated project cost:** £9,000
- **Grants applied for already:** Tesco, Hays Travel, John Rayner Charitable Trust, Eden Project
- **PTFA fundraising target:** £7,500 through:
 - Events (Christmas Fair, Summer Fête) – £5,000
 - Local business sponsorship and donations – £1,000
 - Direct donations (“Sponsor a Table” £128, “Sponsor a Chair” £30) – £1,500
 - Other small grant applications – £3,000

The aim is to complete fundraising by Summer 2026, enabling installation and launch by Autumn 2026. This new STEM classroom will provide a long-term, flexible learning space, supporting curriculum delivery and community engagement.

While 2024/25 was an exceptional fundraising year, the PTFA will aim for a more sustainable pace in 2025/26, maintaining high-quality outcomes while ensuring volunteer efforts remain manageable and enjoyable. We also want to reduce WhatsApp communications (which have become overwhelming for many volunteers) and instead use SharePoint and the new PTA Events platform for ticketing and volunteer sign-up, making event organisation smoother.

PTFA Events Calendar 2025–2026



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Autumn Term 2025

- 11 Sept – AGM
- 25 Sept – Year 6 Cake Sale
- 23 Oct – Year 5 Cake Sale
- 20 Nov – Year 4 Cake Sale
- 21 Nov – Adult Event: Tropic Night
- 6 Dec – Christmas Fair

Spring Term 2026

- 23 Jan – Break the Rules Day
- 29 Jan – Year 3 Cake Sale
- 6 Feb – Quiz Night
- 26 Feb – Year 2 Cake Sale
- 2 Mar – Book Fair
- 26 Mar – Year 1 Cake Sale
- 1 Apr – Easter Egg Hunt

Summer Term 2026

- 7 May – Reception Cake Sale
- 11 Jun – Preschool Cake Sale
- 26 Jun – Summer Fête

Together, we have delivered our most successful year to date, and we now look forward to the next chapter: creating a new STEM classroom for the children of Newton Poppleford School.