

WOOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

ANNUAL REPORT



WOOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

Charity no. 1178983

2023/24



WOOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS

Fayre

MEET SANTA

**23RD
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**11:30
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FOOD . TOMBOLA . GAMES . RAFFLE
CRAFT . DONKEYS . PRIZES
AND MORE

MEET THE TRUSTEES



LAURA COSLETT, CHAIR

Connection to Woolton Primary School: Children in years 3 & 6

Best thing about volunteering for the PFA: The feeling that you're making a difference - and the friendships I've made.

JESSICA SLOANE , VICE CHAIR

Connection to Woolton Primary School: Children in years 2 & 5

Why I volunteer: Creating memories for my kids and their friends.



KATE TAYLOR, SECRETARY

Connection to Woolton Primary School: Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Best thing about volunteering for the PFA: Showing my kids I'm invested in making their school time the best it can be.

CHARLOTTE CARTER, TREASURER

Connection to Woolton Primary School: Child in reception and year 2.

Best thing about volunteering for the PFA: It's nice being able to give something back.



LYNNE WASLEY, SCHOOL LIAISON

Connection to Woolton Primary School: Works in the school office

We are always looking to welcome new committee members and volunteers. If you would like more information, please email wooltonprimarypfa@yahoo.com or fill in our online form at <https://bit.ly/pfavolunteersform>

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PURPOSE: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AT WOOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As Chair of Woolton Primary School Parents & Friends Association, it is my privilege to share with you our Annual Report for 2023/24. We have had an incredible year filled with community spirit, collaboration and achievements that would not have been possible without the continued support of the PFA committee, the school's dedicated staff, parents and guardians - not forgetting the many pupils who have given up their time to volunteer at our events.

Our goals this year were to raise awareness of the PFA and encourage as many people as possible to volunteer, and to spend some of the funds that have been building up in the charity's bank account since Lockdown.

Over the past 12 months we have funded school trips, gifted £150 to every class, built an eco-friendly bike shed, bought athletic kits, created a Christmas grotto and run a Spring Fayre. We have raised more than £4,000, plus a further £9,500 in grant funding.

None of this can happen without your support, so please consider giving up a small amount of your time to come to our meetings or to volunteer for an event. And if you have ideas for how you would like to see our funds spent, we'd love to hear them.

Laura Coslett

Chair

630

Pupils benefitted

£15K

Spent on improving pupils' learning experiences

£4K

Generated through fundraising



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR GOALS



TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE PFA

- Ensuring that all parents, guardians, pupils and teachers at Woolton Primary School understand the PFA's positive impact - and that they have a say in how we spend funds.
- Increasing the number of volunteers, without whom we cannot continue to hold events such as fayres.



TO SPEND FUNDS

- Since Lockdown, when the majority of previous committee members left, the PFA had been focussed on building its committee back up and learning to plan fayres for the first time.
- In 2023/24, we shifted our attention to spend funds raised to enhance the learning experience of Woolton Primary School pupils.

NEW COMMITTEE

A huge thanks to Michelle Murray (Chair 2019-23) and Sarah Curtis (Treasurer 2018-23), stepped down from their roles at September 2023's AGM, for their years of commitment to the PFA.

New trustees for 23/24 were Laura Coslett (Chair) and Charlotte Carter (Treasurer). Jessica Sloane was voted into the newly-created position of Vice Chair, while Kate Taylor (Secretary) and Lynne Wasley were voted back in as trustees.



HIGHLIGHTS



CHRISTMAS

With very few parent/guardian volunteers for the Summer Fayre in 2023, the decision was taken to cancel the Christmas Fayre while we built up a larger pool of volunteers.

But we didn't want the children to miss out on festive fun so we decorated the grotto and provided a book gift for Santa to give to every pupil in nursery and KS1. We donated prizes for the KS2 games afternoon and gifted every child in KS2 with a "Grow your own Christmas tree" gift.

We also ran a Christmas raffle, which raised £377.



POTIONS TRAIL

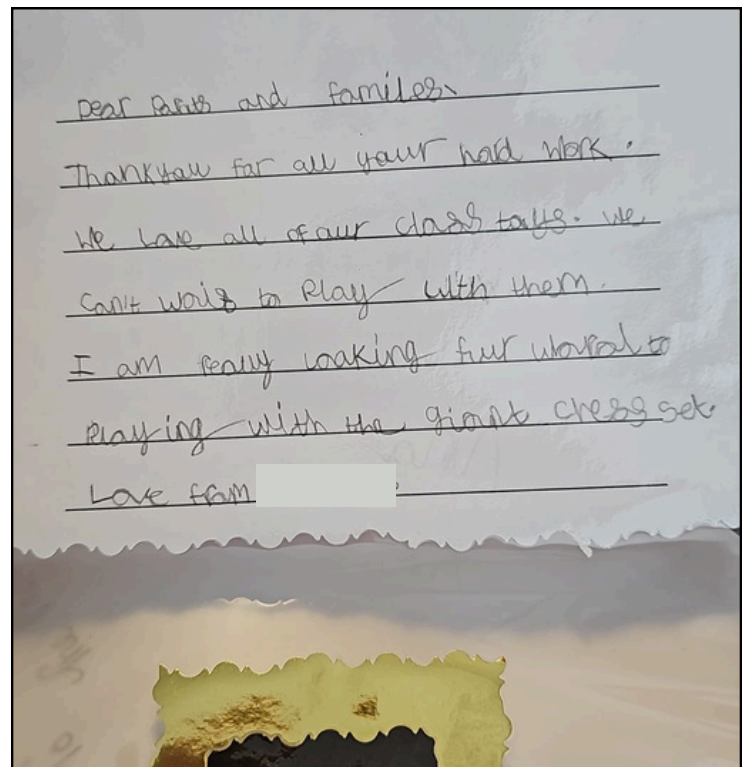
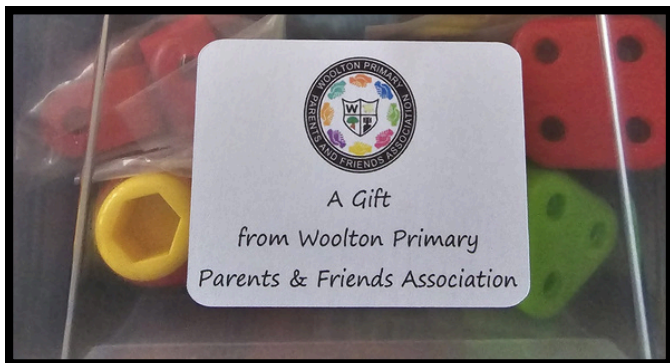
We held a potions trail around Woolton Village over the October half term holiday to raise awareness of the PFA.



CLASS GIFTS

In the autumn term, the PFA asked pupils, teachers, parents and guardians how they would like to spend a gift of £150 per class. Each class agreed their list and we delivered the items during the spring term. They included rainy day games, books, dolls, beanbag seating, toys to help children understand and express their emotions, Lego mats and basketballs.

Year 6 voted to spend their class gift on a circus skills session, which formed part of their end of year celebrations.



SCHOOL TRIPS

The PFA helped to fund the annual Year 4 history trip to Roman Chester, paying £1,080 towards the cost of the coach. We will continue to fund this each year so all pupils benefit.



ATHLETICS UNIFORM

The WPS athletics team were given a bright new kit, costing £690.



SPRING FAYRE

The sun was out for our spring fayre on 18th May and it was wonderful to see hundreds of families enjoying the activities, which included games, donkey rides, Boo Zoo, a tombola, raffle and performances by local dance groups and the WPS choir. A highlight was the Year 6 stalls, where pupils sold items they had made themselves.

A special thanks to all the volunteers, and to St John Ambulance for being on hand in case anyone needed First Aid. The event, including the raffle, raised £3,650.





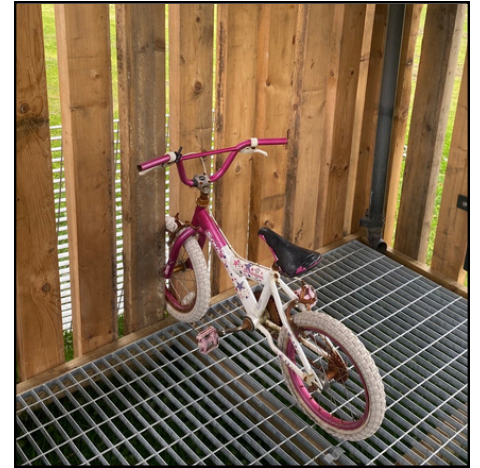
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BIKE SHED

Pupils returning to school after the summer holidays were greeted by the sight of school's brand new bike shed. Built to a sustainable design, using the existing metal frame, wood panelling and a living roof, the structure was designed and constructed by Woolton-based builder Simon O'Brien, a former parent at the school who also created the Book library. Funding was thanks to a £9,500 grant from Merseytravel, and a further £1,700 from the PFA.



AFTER



DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA THAT COULD BE FUNDED BY THE PFA?

We'd love to hear your ideas of things that would enhance the learning experience of pupils at Woolton Primary.

Email us at wooltonprimarypfa@yahoo.com or fill in the online form available at <https://bit.ly/pfarequestform> or by scanning the QR code



WHAT'S NEXT?



SAVE THE DATE

Woolton Primary School's Christmas Fayre will be returning this year - but we need your help to make it happen by...

DONATING TOYS/TOMBOLA PRIZES

Look out for dates in the school newsletter, when we'll be asking for donations of used toys, books, games and new tombola prizes.

VOLUNTEERING A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME

Put simply, without volunteers to help out on the day the fayre cannot go ahead. There are lots of fun ways you can help - cooking crepes, making candy floss, running a games stall, selling raffle tickets... Even just an hour of your time makes a big difference.

Get in touch if you'd like to know more by emailing wooltonprimarypfa@yahoo.com or by filling in our online volunteers form available at <https://bit.ly/pfavolunteersform> or by scanning the QR code



We'd like to thank the Woolton Primary School community - parents, guardians, pupils and staff - for your generous support this year

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THREE REASONS TO GET INVOLVED

1 FOR THE KIDS

Being active in the PFA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. When children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

2 IT RAISES ESSENTIAL FUNDING

We hold fayres and other events to raise money that is spent on the school. This year we have gifted £150 to every class for the children and teachers to spend on learning materials including footballs, books and games. We have also built an exciting new bike and scooter shed.

3 FOR YOU

Every parent has plenty to offer the PFA, whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or coming up with new ideas. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills.

