



Orchard Primary & Pre-School

Your School Needs You!

Becoming a Friend of Orchard Primary School (the PTA)

Who are we and what do we do?

In the past, we have been very lucky to have a great group of volunteers - parents, grandparents, carers and teachers – who organised and ran various events throughout the school year. These events raised lots of money to fund the “extras” that school is unable to provide through the budget, making the children's learning experience even more fulfilling and exciting.

Inevitably, as children move on to High School, some of our parents have now left and we therefore have an exciting opportunity to invite current parents, grandparents, carers to join us in re-building the PTA!

We are holding an AGM on **Friday 12 April 2024 at 3pm** in school and would love you to join us to find out more about our fundraising plans. We are also requesting nominations for the following positions:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Is it just about fundraising?

The good news is that it isn't all about hard work! Fundraising is of course a really important part of what we do, but the PTA is much more than that. The PTA strengthens the link between home and school, bringing staff, parents and children together socially to support the school. It is a great way to get to know other parents, carers and school staff.

In the past we have held termly discos for the children, baked cakes, served refreshments at school events and organised a visit from Santa at the Christmas Fayre! Whatever the event, we work together and have lots of fun along the way.

When does the PTA meet?

We usually meet about once each half term and sometimes, when there is an event to be organised, a sub-committee may arrange to meet more frequently. Meetings are usually held in the evenings at a local pub!

How to be involved!

We are always looking for new parents and carers to become involved and bring new ideas to the group. There is no expectation for you to give more time than you are able to. There are many ways you can be part of the Friends, including design, social media, event coordination or helping at events, plus much more!

The Friends also have their own Facebook page – Friends of Orchard Primary – where you can keep up to date with events and activities they are organising.

Unable to attend the AGM but would like to help?

If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to support the PTA at other events, please complete the slip below and return it to the office. The PTA will contact you before events to find out what support you are able to offer.

Parent or carer's name	
Child's name and class	
Contact telephone number	
Contact email	