

MEADLANDS UNITED

Parent Teacher & Friends Association



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***Dear Meadlands Families, Teachers and Staff,
We wanted to thank you all for supporting the new
PTA in our first term. It takes a whole community to
raise funds and make events happen.***

***Some of the things we've all been up to and a few
people we would like to thank:***

Katie, Jen and Agueda for helping sort out uniform donations into their new large storage boxes donated by Wickes and running two sales this term.

Toria who designed Meadland's first official calendar with photos sent in by parents/carers and includes handy term dates.

Nadia for her continued support to the PTA by transforming our promotional posters/newsletters etc with her gifted graphic art designs.

Mrs Watts and Mrs Frank for giving their time to photocopy, store deliveries and handing out Christmas class fundraising orders and Jolly Jars!

Don for helping us with planning the Christmas decorations, answering lots of our questions and helping set up the fair!

The children, (and their helpers!) who made absolutely beautiful and very unique stars to fill the school hall with sparkle and light.

All volunteers who helped decorate the hall and provided cakes for the fair. Also to our local Palm Centre who once again donated a beautiful tree.

Bea, who created so many unique decorations, including a snowman made out of paper lamp

shades and a larger than life Gingerbread man! She also ran an amazing wreath workshop with Kitle for the kids at the fair which was well received.

Tiziana for helping to cook all the food at the fair and ran her sought-after Cupcake decorating workshop.

Thanks to Kevin for recruiting his local scout leaders to help out at the fair!

Viki, who ran a sold-out and popular Decoupage workshop at the fair (must do for adults one day!).

To all our parents who regularly donate to the PTFA on a monthly basis - Thank you!

All the staff at Meadlands for coming and helping, especially the SLT for covering the Welcome Desk and helping clear up after the fair.

Class Fundraising provided another opportunity for even more festive goodies to buy, customised by your child's own creative work.

We held a fun wreath / table decoration social with Julie, our local florist.

Doughnut day sold around 200 doughnuts.

We held three second-hand uniform & book sales.

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WINTER FAIR

A special afternoon that once again saw combined efforts from all and a real community spirit.

Some of the highlights included;

Our children making lovely 'Jolly Jars' that sold out completely on the day!

A bumper year of Amazon Wishlist gifts for the Children's tombola and very generous gifting for the Adults Tombola.

Quality raffle prizes from local businesses.

A very successful silent auction with over 40 lots (our biggest ever) and some amazing bargains for the bidders.

Tiziana and Yr 6 cooking & serving delicious food, including beef, pork and vegan hotdogs, pizza and freshly made waffles - shout out to Ping and family!

Thank you! - and a few new additions such as Jen's winter warmer soup and spicy samosas.

Yr 5 Dom and volunteers running a fun interactive games room, including 'find the teddy', Snowmen Alley and a festive treasure hunt.

Yr 4 Christina and volunteers 'smashed' another great tombola season!

Yr 3 literally kept the mulled wine and craft beers flowing.

Yr 2 headed up the Jolly jars, Candy canes, and Meadlands' first ever silent disco! The Human fruit machine was run this year by staff and volunteers from our local Scouts'

Y1 and school staff had the enviable task of trying not to eat the array of home-baked treats and keep up with the kids at the tuck shop.

R/N Katie again transformed the classroom into Santa's grotto and organised named books for each child. Massive thanks to our resident Santa, Tom.

We enjoyed local crafters and stall holders, including our own Tiziana, Tara and Yr 6 children selling Pokémon cards and toys.

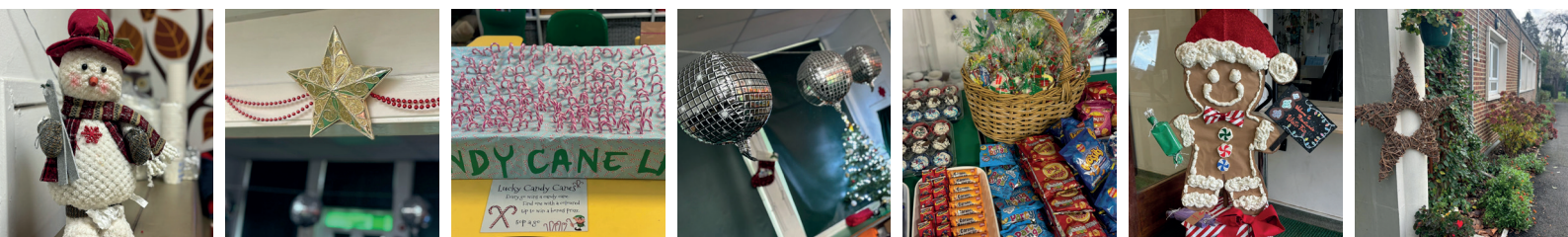
A huge thank you to our wonderful community!

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PTFA DONATIONS TO SCHOOL SEPT - DEC 2025

Following discussions with the Senior Leadership Team at Meadlands last October, the PTFA has contributed to the following projects and activities this term:

Antibullying workshops at the school covering every class: £605.00

LAMDA Exams Autumn Term: £669.00

Supporting the new Sustainability & Environmental education curriculum by purchasing litter pickers: £19

Contribution to the emergency maintenance for the boiler repair: £2,185

Contribution to PP pupils' EC activities: £1,808

Classroom Christmas Gifts: (Every class teacher were asked to choose gifts for their class for which the PTA donated £3 / pupil): £659

Christmas Crackers for the school Christmas Lunch: £76

This means the PTFA have contributed a total of £6,022 this term towards enhancing the Meadlands children's education.

Surplus Breakdown Sept - Dec 2025 (all inclusive of fees)

Winter Fair

Outlay: £1,106

Net Revenue: £4,780

Surplus: £3,629

(Break down: SUMUP - £536, Evo machine - £919, Cash - £931, Silent Auction - £1,594, Mervyn Smith Sponsorship - £800)

Doughnut Sale

Outlay: £140

Net Revenue: £233

Surplus: £93

Uniform Sales

Outlay: £0

Net Revenue: £92

Surplus: £92

Wreath Workshop (£5 donation to PTFA per person)

Outlay: £0

Net Revenue: £35

Surplus: £35

Other

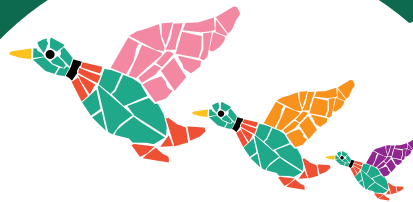
Regular Donations - £52

Easy Fundraising - £32

Class Fundraising commission - £352 (estimated and expected January 2026)

Evo Card machine cashback - £200 (expected January 2026)

Total Surplus raised in Autumn Term 2025 is £3885 (not including expected revenue)



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UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT

Meadlands United needs you to take part in next year's Winter Nuts Challenge - The Ultimate Mud Obstacle Race !

When: Saturday 7th March 2026

Whatever the weather!

Where: Dorking, Surrey

Age limit: 13+

Push your limits individually or in a group and deliver unforgettable muddy fun! Tackle this permanent obstacle course (5k, 10k or multiple laps) packed with over 100 natural and man-made challenges: crawling, climbing, trail running, cargo nets, tunnels, wading through mud and water, and raise money for Meadlands United at the same time.

The PTA have secured a charity discount to enter. We're asking you to raise this as a minimum (£44) and anything above that is greatly appreciated! You'll need to set up your own fundraising page in order to get match funding from your employer if they support this sort of CSR or charity sponsorship activity.

You can run solo or in a team, it will certainly be a test of endurance, strength, teamwork and mindset.

Ready to get muddy?

Please email us if you're interested so we can get you in touch with other potential participants. We need at least 10 participants for the charity discount.





MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would love to hear your feedback on what you enjoyed about the fair, other events, ideas for new events and how to spend money raised for 2026! We will also be holding a meeting early Spring term 2026 where we hope you can join us for an ideas-sharing session on how to raise money and types of events to run.

*Any ideas in the meantime please catch us in person or email if you'd prefer to **meadlands.united@gmail.com**.*

Once again a huge thank you to everyone and we'd like to wish you all a joyful Christmas and holiday time and peaceful and exciting New Year.

Very best wishes from us all

Katy, Vicky, Viki, Lou and Terri

