

Committee News

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Viki Bonta, who has stepped down as a PTFA committee member following the successful handover of all PTFA responsibilities.

Viki joined the PTFA in 2023 and, alongside Christina and Justine, played a key role in bringing the charity fully up to date with Charity Commission guidelines and requirements. Together, they organised many fun and successful events and raised a record amount of funds for our children.

Viki has now taken on a new role as a school governor, and we wish her every success. We are grateful that both she and Christina remain available as keen volunteers at events and to support us with any queries.

a huge thank you to Viki

At the committee meeting on 20 January 2026 the trustees unanimously co-opted Tamsin Beagen in recognition of her many years of experience with grant applications. Tamsin will take on the role of Grants Officer and trustee, serving until the next AGM in line with the PTFA Constitution.



Tamsin

I'm Tamsin - Mum to Ivy (Year 1) and Leo (age 2). I have a background in transport planning and grant writing, so I'm keen to help the PTFA identify and apply for external funding. While grants can be highly competitive and never guaranteed, I'm hoping to use my experience to help give the school its best shot. In my (rare!) spare time, I enjoy cycling and climbing when given the chance.

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Financial update

STARTING BALANCE 1ST JANUARY 2026: £5,808

CURRENT BALANCE: £5,935

Grants

Warbutons Community Grant - in late December we were informed that the PTFA had been successful in our application for **£400** to support pupil premium students access to after school clubs. These funds will contribute to summer term club provision. Many thanks to Warbutons for supporting our school

<https://www.warbutons.co.uk/goodstuff/financial-giving/>



PTFA funded donations to the school this term:

- 33 computing mice for school - **£140**
- Replacement snare drum, cymbals and pedal for the school drum kit - **£366**
- In progress circa £1000-£1500 - the PTFA will be funding an all school science curriculum based activity for this term. Over the last few years this has been ZooLab, but this year it will be something quite different - look out for the announcement in the school newsletter.

Upcoming confirmed support for next term - year 6 bowling party. We have agreed to fund the year 6 party on an annual basis.

Other income this term:

- Regular Donations - £23
- Evo Card machine cashback - £200
- Class Fundraising commission - £352 (still pending)



We have moved to a new fee free certified B Corporation fundraising and ticketing platform. **Zeffy** launched in the UK in October 2025 and is the only zero-fee, all-in-one fundraising platform for nonprofits. **Zeffy** covers all transaction and credit card processing fees.

The platform is funded by voluntary donations, these can be set to 0% by selecting 'other' in the drop down menu at payment stage and entering '0'

Help keep Zeffy free for Meadlands United PTFA ❤️ (optional)

Your generosity allows Meadlands United PTFA to use Zeffy's 100% free fundraising and emailing platform with unlimited support, making your impact even stronger.

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	17.00% (£0.51) ^
Total	17.00% (£0.51)
	20.00% (£0.60)
	22.00% (£0.66)
Payment method	Other

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Upcoming PTFA Events



Secondhand uniform sale



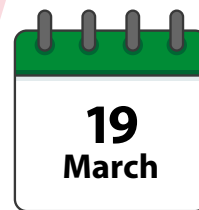
World Book Day Swap



The Winter Nuts Challenge



Wonder Woman Pop-Up Shop



Spring Concert

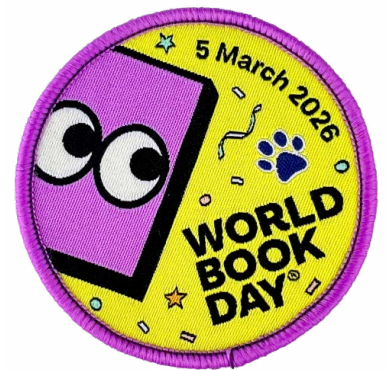


Amigo the Magician Fundraiser

World Book Day Book 2026 marks the National Year of Reading, and to celebrate we are inviting donations of unwanted children's books in new or good condition (suitable for Nursery to Year 6).

Books will be sorted and distributed to the school staff, who will hand them out on 5 March, ensuring every child receives a new (to them) book for World Book Day. Any surplus books will be offered to classroom libraries.

Please place donations in the plastic container inside the PTFA store next to the bike shed.



The Winter Nuts Challenge, Dorking Why not challenge yourself by taking part in the Winter Nuts Challenge – a 5km, 100-obstacle mud race! Expect plenty of crawling, climbing riverbanks, and tackling cargo nets in one of the most adventurous race challenges around. For the extra keen, the course can even be completed twice.

Meadlands PTFA has secured a charity discount for this event. Participants are asked to commit to fundraising at least the entry fee (£44). You can fundraise individually or as part of a team (please check whether your employer offers match funding).

For those who are interested but would prefer to get muddy in warmer weather there is also a family colour obstacle run (ages 6+) on May 30th or the Summer Nuts Challenge on August 29th. More info on these to follow.



Register your interest for Winter Nuts



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13 March – Wonder Woman Pop-Up Shop £3

All children will have the opportunity to visit our pop-up shop during the school day and select a gift for their mother, grandmother or caregiver from a selection of items to present to them on Mother's Day.

Tickets available to purchase now on our new platform Zeffy



19 March – Spring Concert

Once again, the PTFA will be supporting the Music and Art teachers by helping with decorations and running a bar and snack stall. All surplus funds raised will go towards funding a whole-school art experience. This year, we hope to welcome a comic book illustrator to run drawing tutorials (TBC).



16 April – Amigo the Magician Fundraiser

Amigo, a Magic Circle magician, will perform two shows on Thursday 17th April in the school hall.

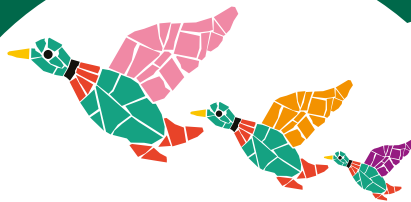
- After-school show (pupils only): £7 per ticket, including a snack
- 5.30pm family show: £6 per ticket (under 3s free)

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at the later performance. **Tickets on sale soon.**



Coming Up

- **May** – Virtual Duck Race Fundraiser (get ready to go quackers!)
- **30 May** - Colour Challenge Dorking AGES 6+. Get in touch if you and your family are interested in participating in the Nuts Colour Obstacle Course <https://www.colourchallenge.com/>
- **13 June** – Ham Fair
- **11 July** – Meadlands Summer Fair
- **3 September** – Chessington/Legoland PTA discounted tickets



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Sign up today here or scan the QR code on the banner on the school gate!



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Regular Giving

Please donate the cost of a cup of coffee (or two) every month if you are able to, by setting up a direct debit to our charity bank account. These micro donations can add up to thousands of pounds by the end of the year! Thank you to those families who have set this up already. We really appreciate your help!

Meadlands United PTFA :

Registered charity 1111542

Bank details :

Sort code: 55-50-39 / Account number: 71600477



ParentKind - free Parent webinar series back in session!

'At Parentkind, we support everyone in a parenting role. And let's face it, that's a challenging job. Tackling a wide range of topics, our webinars are designed to share insight on how you can support your child with a wide range of learning and life experiences, strengthen your understanding of education and school life, and foster solid parent-child relationships along the way.'

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