

**MEADLANDS
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Parent Teacher & Friends Association

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Welcome Back

Dear Meadlands United supporters,

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 Academic year! Hopefully everyone had an amazing summer break. Welcome to all the new students and parents coming into the Reception and Nursery classes.

We are excited to start a new term with events and sales. This newsletter will give an idea of events being planned this term and next, and lets you put some dates in your diary. It will also summarise the end of the last academic year.

Firstly though, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your support last year. As a new PTFA team we really appreciate everyone's help and commitment to our fundraising and new ideas.

We look forward to working with you all this year to create lasting memories for our children and fundraise for the school.

Katy, Vicky, Louise, Terri and Tamsin

Your MU PTFA Committee



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Katy



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Louise



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Vicky



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End of Summer Term 2026 round up

Apologies for the lateness of this but we would like to particularly thank a few people for support especially in the run up to the Summer Fair last July.

We would like to thank all the Meadlands staff for attending our Summer Fair and helping, especially in Soak the teacher! And special thanks to Jo, Sue, Jolene and Don for their support all year. Plus Helen and Kate for all the office admin support.

Thank you to Nadia for all her hard work making all our posters and newsletters and our new Summer Fair banner.

We want to thank Viki and Christina for all the background support they have provided over the last year. Flying solo has been scary so thanks for all your advice, and thanks for volunteering at our events.

Tiziana, Bea and Kitle - our workshop wizards! Thank you for running these at the fair, and Bea for her amazing Ice Cream truck! Better than the real thing. Thanks Tizina for all the food prep help, we really appreciated it.

Jen, Katie and Agueda for your help organising and running all the uniform sales over the year.

Thanks to Robert, Tom and Ian who made some amazing Summer Fair Games! Splat a rat, hoopla, soak the teacher - we will be able to use them in years to come. Thank you

Robert also for running the Hamdy Man stall at the fair, it attracted all the Architects who enjoyed getting handy with the wood work.

Thank you to Kev and the Ham Scouts for coming to the fair with their Axe Throwing, which was enthusiastically enjoyed by many of the kids.

Toria for kick starting the campaign to raise money for airconditioning at the school. Please keep donating those who would like to ([link below](#)).

All class reps - thank you for communicating to your groups for us and rallying the volunteers.

Finally, all parents who helped run the stalls at the Summer Fair (especially Lu who did A LOT of washing up at the end!). We appreciate all of your help to set up, run and close down the fair last week. We couldn't have done it without you.





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Superman - June 2026

In June we hosted a Superman Pop up shop for the children to select a gift for the special men in their lives. Children chose from a mug or a chilli plant to grow, plus a DIY keyring. Thank you everyone who donated towards these gifts. The children really enjoyed selecting something special for their loved ones.

Outlay: £320

Income: £564

Surplus: £244

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Summer Fair

Hopefully you all managed to make it to our Summer Fair extravaganza this year, where we had inflatables, games, stalls and a fire engine. Thank you everyone who came and helped. We know the weather was hot but that didn't stop many of you attending and we hope you all enjoyed it. A special Thank you to Mervyn Smith for donating £600 towards the inflatable hire.

Outlay: £2,038

Income: £4,978

Surplus: £2,940

(Break down: Zeffy - £1,720, Evo machine - £1,068, Cash - £912, Silent Auction - £1,148, sponsorship - £100, Commission - £30)

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Other income last term (since May)

Regular Donations - £346 (a big thank you to Chloe for the extra donation from her pilates classes)

Uniform/Book sales - £7

Easy Fundraising commission - £49

Total Raised since May 2026 is £4,725 (£4,323 in events and £402 from other sources).

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Assets

We purchased a few things this year that we feel are necessary especially with the hot summer weather becoming a recurring event.

Drinks Dispenser - £35

Gazebo weights - £39

Summer Fair Banner - £59

2 x Gazebos - £108

Total - £241

Ham Fair - June 2026

In June we ran a Meadlands Primary School stall at Ham fair. This was a great success, where we sold homemade lemonade, home baked cakes and second hand toys and books. The teachers also provided messy play activities to advertise our wonderful nursery. Thanks to everyone who baked and helped on the day.

Outlay: £156

Income: £1,043

Surplus: £887

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Year 6 Bar

This year the wonderful Year 6 put on Shrek as their end of year show. The PTFA ran the interval bar, providing much needed refreshment in the hot weather. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us run this over the two nights.

Outlay: £188

Income: £440

Surplus: £252

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PTFA Donations to the school (Summer Term 2026)

Year 6 Bowling - £225 (June 2026)

Lollies for sports day - £46 (June 2026)

Art cupboard - £1000 (July 2026)

Total - £1,271

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Events & Financial update

2025/2026

The PTFA Financial year ends 31st July 2026, so we would like to summarise our year end numbers.

TOTAL DONATIONS TO SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026 (Sept - July)

Autumn Term	£6,022
Spring Term	£3,068
Summer Term	£1,643

TOTAL £10,733

TOTAL SURPLUS MADE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026 (Sept - July)

Autumn Term	£3,924
Spring Term	£1,495
Summer Term	£5,675

TOTAL £11,094

Just Giving £1,771 (RING FENCED FOR AIRCONDITIONING FOR SCHOOL).

NEW TERM AND YEAR - AUTUMN 2026

We are starting the new academic year with a balance of £9,301. We have already had several donations from friends of the PTFA (£46) and Easy fundraising (£37.55). Thank you for all those using this when making online purchases (see below for how to sign up and help us).

PTFA Events

Upcoming 2026

These will be updated as we go through the term but please pencil these in your diary and look out for updates as we progress through the months.

 21 October Teachrex (in school event funded by PTFA)	 16 October Halloween Secret Cinema (Kids event)	 October Class Fundraising Personalised Christmas Cards & Gifts (Kids)	 20 November Quiz & Curry Night (Adults)
 24 November Wreath Making (Adults)	 27 November Seasonal Hall Decorations (Adults)	 05 December Christmas Fair	 December AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Fundraising

Christmas Project 2026 with Class Fundraising - A MU PTFA Fundraiser

This year we have again registered with Class Fundraising to turn your children's artwork into Christmas cards, mugs, baubles, soft toys, keyrings, photo blocks, tree decoration, story books, tea towel, tote bag and puzzle just to name a few of over 20 fantastic products you will be able to choose from. We will be sending home the templates towards the end of September so please check your child's bag. You can find further information on the below website.

The deadline for submission is 22nd October - return the artwork to the classteacher or office. A parent order card will be sent home with the children 7-10 days after this date (similar to the school photo order proof card). You will then be able to log onto the Class Fundraising shop using your login details printed on your card. The shop will stay open for around 2 weeks (date tbc) before production begins.

Meadlands United will receive 21% commission on every product sold.

FUNDRAISING FOR ANY OCCASION!

They also offer a 10% commission to Meadlands United on every order all year round when parents use their Photo Gift Shop. Please consider using them for your personalised birthday cards, calendars, mugs and keepsake gifts! You just need to register / login and select Meadlands Primary school in the drop-down.

Hope everyone is getting in the festive spirit this September! Thank you.



Other ways to help!

EasyFundraising - Turn cashback from online shopping into free donations

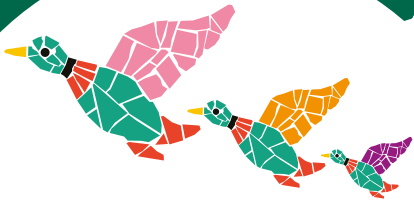
Please sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers, they'll donate to Meadlands United. It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - your favourite brands you shop with will donate, not you! This has been a silent source of income to the PTA so please do sign up. At the moment there is a Refer a friend and get a £5 donation running so please everyone refer someone in their class or the new parents!

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.'

To register please follow the link:

Parentkind



Air Conditioning Fund Raising

Last July a kind parent started a Just Giving page to raise money for some much needed air conditioning at the school. If anyone wishes to still contribute click the button on the right or you can donate directly to the PTFA on the above details (reference AIRCON). Thank you for your generosity so far!

