SPELDHURST CEP SCHOOL PTA

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRS' SUMMARY

Dear Speldhurst School families,

Well, here we are again - the end of another term and another fun-filled year of fundraising & events! It sounds so clichéd but the months really do race by & it feels like only yesterday we were signing off our 2024 newsletter. It's always a mad scramble to the finish line at the end of term but it does feel so important to take a moment to take stock of all we continue to achieve as a small team of parents trying to make a big difference to our incredible school, and to reflect on all the magical moments we have created.

This year, with your incredible help and support, we have been able to donate an AMAZING £28,000 to the school. The next page outlines how this money has been spent & really highlights quite how vital the PTA is to so many different aspects and areas of school life - whether it's providing urgent funds to fix the trim trail, supporting the children's wellbeing, or purchasing new iPads & essential equipment for classrooms, we are so fortunate to be in a position to help as & when the school needs us.

And, with budgets being the tightest they have ever been, they really do need us more than ever.

As you will already be aware, 2026 is going to bring a number of changes within the PTA but it is essential to ensure we still have a strong team in place to continue to support the school.

At the time of writing, we are still on the look-out for parents who are willing to take on the roles of Chair/Co-Chair & Treasurer from our next AGM on 28th January. Without these roles filled, the PTA simply cannot exist. We have a fantastic schedule of events already in place for the new year (see below!) and hugely talented teams ready to lead them all...now all we need are the people to pull it all together at a higher level. If you think this could be you, now is the time to speak up!

We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 9th January & Mrs Hayward will be joining us - please do come along for a chat & to find out more if you feel you can help in any way, big or small.

It really is so rewarding being part of the PTA team and great fun too (you may even find yourself hiding in a kitchen with a Gladiator one day!).

Until then, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy start to 2026!

Thank you to everyone who has given up their time, energy and money this year - we really are so grateful and proud of all we have achieved✨ .

With thanks, Becky & Chloe

2026 PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⭐Now until 30th January - LEGO COMPETITION
- ⭐Friday 9th January - PTA COFFEE MORNING (9am)
- ⭐Friday 16th January - EMPIRE CAKE SALE
- ⭐Wednesday 28th January - PTA AGM @ 7.30pm
- ⭐Friday 6th February - BRAMLEY CAKE SALE
- ⭐Monday 9th February - KS1 ART EXHIBITION
- ⭐Tuesday 10th February - KS2 ART EXHIBITION
- ⭐Friday 13th February - OWN CLOTHES DAY & VALENTINES PARTIES after school
- ⭐Friday 13th March - PIPPIN CAKE SALE
- ⭐Friday 27th March - CREATIVE HAIR DAY
- ⭐Friday 24th April - MINI MARATHON (MORNING)
- ⭐Saturday 9th May - FAMILY FUN DAY
- ⭐Friday 22nd May - RUSSET CAKE SALE
- ⭐Friday 5th June - GALAXY GALA CAKE SALE
- ⭐Friday 12th June - JAZZ CAKE SALE
- ⭐Friday 10th July - END OF YEAR DISCOS

How we have helped the school in 2025...

In 2025, we are extremely proud to have raised **£21,000** through our events and fundraising!

WOW!

Since January, we have donated a total of... **£28,000** to the school!

Here's how just some of the money raised has been spent...

£5900 Counselling & Wellbeing

£3000 towards 2025 School Trips

£750 One Goal Mental Health Programme

£7800 30 new iPads

£420 Trim Trail repairs

£5000 Play Equipment

£885 Life Education & RSE workshops

£315 A set of 35 'Growing Friendships' books

£500 Classroom Visualisers

£650 Year 6 Leavers' Books, Dictionaries & End of Exam treats!

£650 Christmas Pantomime Performance

£460 Ofsted Celebration badges

£288 Materials for Running Track repairs

OUR AUTUMN & WINTER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are so proud of all of the PTA events we run at Speldhurst School. Each event team member works tirelessly to ensure everything runs smoothly. THANK YOU, ALL! 👏

This time, we need to give an extra special mention to Claire Fox who is handing over her 'Mrs Christmas' hat after over a decade as a Speldhurst parent. She will be greatly missed by us all!

Here's a few of our event highlights from the past few months...

FIREWORKS

Amount raised:

£7170

QUIZ NIGHT

Amount raised:

£765

























OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY:

Our School Lottery continues to be a great source of regular 'income' for the PTA, raising over £700 since the start of the year.
There is a winner from the school every week so if you haven't purchased tickets yet, now's the time...remember, you need to be in it to win it! To join, just head to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/speldhurst-church-of-england

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

easyfundraising

You can also help us raise vital funds for the school by shopping through EasyFundRaising ,who are partnered with major retailers such as Argos, John Lewis, M&S, Tesco and around 7000 more! All you need to do is download the app, choose Speldhurst School as your recipient and shop away! It's as easy as the name suggests!

ACTIVE DIGITAL - RECYCLING YOUR OLD DEVICES:

We have already had a fantastic response to our new tech recycling scheme, run in partnership with Active Digital- thank you to everyone who has donated old phones and iPads so far!
If you haven't had a chance as yet, it's very simple...locate any old devices which are gathering dust in your drawers at home, make sure you clear them of personal data and log out of your iCloud/Google account, and then drop them into the school office.
We will then pass them onto Active Digital, who will recycle the devices and let us know if they have any value - if they do, a donation for that amount will be paid into our PTA fundraising pot and we will get in touch to let you know how much you have helped us to raise!
We hope you agree this is such a great offering, both in terms of sustainability and fundraising, and we hope to make a real success of it! Huge thanks to Jazz parent, Jo Wimble-Groves, and her team at Active Digital (www.activedigital.co.uk) for their hard work to get this up and running.



OUR JANUARY LEGO COMPETITION:



Our PTA Lego Competition is back for 2026!
If you're looking for a way to keep your children entertained over the Christmas break, here's the answer.
Entries should be emailed into the PTA by the end of January - the more original and creative the build, the better, although anything goes!
Mr Howe and Mrs MacNaughton are all set to judge the winners after all entries are received.
Happy building!

OUR CLASS REPS:

Our Class Representatives do an amazing job all year round but especially at this time of year when staying on top of all of the reminders is a challenge for even the most organised mind!
Thank you to you all for doing such a brilliant job.

Pippin Class - Anna Jenkinson & Jody Clapham
Jazz Class - Katy Mason & Kelly Kyte
Galaxy Gala Class - Amy Fryday & Tamara Knight
Bramley Class - Alex Martin & Melanie Goddard
Empire Class - Beth Lucas & Sam Pagani-Simpson
Crispin Class - Sarah Ward & Weezie MacPherson
Russet Class - Claire Fox & Emma Hart

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE PTA

There are so many way you can help the PTA - we promise it does not need to be a big commitment! The way our PTA is structured you can choose to just get involved with one event once a year, or you may want to be part of the wider decision-making process and join our main committee.
We meet every half term to discuss upcoming plans. spending and ideas.
Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and this will be place on:
WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2026 at 7.30pm the G&D pub
We do hope you can join us!

PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairs – Becky Willis & Chloe Sammons
Vice Chair – Katherine van Gijn
Treasurer – Steph Elliston
Secretary – Lucy Greenidge

Committee Members:
Deviani Parekh-Jones
Emma Morris
Kelly Christmas
Louisa MacPherson
Olivia Mills
Sean Willis

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WINNER

Merry Christmas