SPELDHURST CEP SCHOOL PTA

SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRS' SUMMARY

Dear Speldhurst School families,

Phew! We made it! There's no denying it's been a very long and busy term, but also one full of fantastic achievements and a great deal of fun...we are sure you are as ready as we are for a break now though!

For us PTA-ers, there is never a dull moment during Summer term and this year has been no exception. We've packed in a whole host of events in just a few months, starting with the Mini Marathon after the Easter break and ending with the school discos on Friday. We even managed to squeeze in a Sunday Times feature too - one to tick off our bucket list!

It's been another truly successful term for our fundraising, with over £6000 raised since Easter. This brings the total we have raised so far in 2025 to £13,000. We are also spending big with a whopping £22,000 donated to the school since January. You can see the breakdown of where the donations were made on the next page. We hope this helps to give you an idea of the difference your support is making to the school and just how important it is.

From September, we will be looking to help in the school in a slightly different way. Where the past few years have seen us complete a number of large-scale building and renovation projects (the new school kitchen, the SEN hub and the Art Space to name a few...), we will now be looking to support the school by paying for items and activities which are no longer able to be covered by diminishing school budgets. Hopefully this will help to ensure our children continue to receive the varied and outstanding education they are so lucky to have at Speldhurst School.

As always, we can't do any of this without your help! Thank you to everyone who has given up their time (and money!) this year so far - we really are so grateful. We will be meeting as a committee again in September and would love to see some new faces! Please don't be scared off by thinking you have to make a big commitment - just a little of your time and a fresh pair of eyes can make a big difference to us.
Please do get in touch to find out more if you feel you can help in any way, big or small.

Until then, have a wonderful summer...let's hope the sunshine we have been blessed with for the past few months hangs around!

Becky Willis & Chloe Sammons (PTA Co-Chairs)

PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN TERM 2025

- ★Thursday 4th September - TEA & TISSUES FOR NEW PIPPIN PARENTS
- ★Thursday 18th September - PTA MEETING IN THE GEORGE & DRAGON
- ★ Friday 26th September - PTA COFFEE MORNING
- ★Friday 3rd October - QUIZ NIGHT
- ★Thursday 16th October -OWN CLOTHES/BRING TOMBOLA ITEMS (FOR FIREWORKS)
- ★Friday 17th October - GLADIATOR 'STEEL' COMES TO SPELDHURST SCHOOL!
- ★Friday 31st October - YEAR 1 'BUILD A GUY' AFTERNOON (2pm-3pm)
- ★Saturday 1st November - FIREWORKS NIGHT 🔥

CAKE SALE & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES DATES TO BE CONFIRMED IN SEPTEMBER!

How we have helped the school in 2025 so far...

Since the start of January, we have raised over...

£13,000

WOW!

...and we have donated...

£22,000!

to our wonderful school!

Here's how the money raised has been spent...

£7800
on 30 new iPads

£5000
towards new playground equipment

£3000
towards School Trips

£3500
on Counselling & Wellbeing

£430
RSE lessons for Years 4-6

£700
on Trim Trail & Running Track repairs

£137
Year 6 End of SATS treats

£460
Ofsted Commemorative Badges

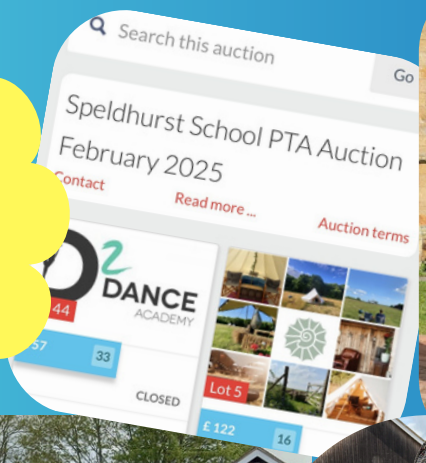
OUR SPRING & SUMMER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are so proud of all of the PTA events we run at Speldhurst School. Each event committee member works tirelessly to ensure everything runs smoothly - we really are so lucky to have so many talented parents in our midst who are willing to give up their time to help. THANK YOU, ALL!
Here's a few of our event highlights from the past few months...

THE ONLINE AUCTION

Amount raised:

£3652





THE MINI MARATHON

Amount raised:

£3431

Plus Gift Aid





FAMILY FUN FIESTA

Amount raised:

£2138





SPORTS DAY CAFE

Amount raised:

£471









OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY & EASYFUNDRAISING:

Our School Lottery continues to be a great source of regular 'income' for the PTA. 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! Just head to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/speldhurst-church-of-england to join.

You can also help us raise vital funds for the school by shopping through EasyFundRaising who are partnered with major retailers such as Amazon, 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!

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Our wonderful team of parent volunteers have continued to keep our library sessions at the school going this term, with a different class visiting each Monday afternoon.
The Orchard Library is such a calm and beautiful space for the children to enjoy, and we are so lucky to have it (another PTA project from back in 2019!).
From September, we are sadly losing a number of our current library volunteers so we will be on the lookout for new helpers! If you can commit to helping on one Monday afternoon every 4-6 weeks for the foreseeable future, please get in touch with us via the PTA email or speak to Emma Morris.



PRELOVED UNIFORM

Our incredible pre-loved uniform team continue to do a fantastic job of clothing our children and helping the environment whilst they're at it! Preloved sales have raised over £300 for our school so far this year too.

The next table-top sale will take place before October half-term, when you can hopefully stock up on winter uniform before the changeover.

NEW WHATSAPP PARENT PINBOARD

Hopefully you will have seen the email from school letting you know that, from September, we are trialling a system to reduce the PTA and school WhatsApp messages you receive and the number of different routes through which they are sent. This will also hopefully make it easier to keep on top of notices, avoiding duplication for those with children in multiple classes.



Announcements will now be posted on the Speldhurst School Parent Pinboard on WhatsApp. It's a virtual notice board only for announcements such as event dates, sign-up links, ticket bookings, and so on.

The School Office will continue to email you as normal, and class WhatsApp groups remain for individual class chats.

As with any new system, there will no doubt be a 'transition period' so please do bear with us whilst we find our feet with the new system. If you have feedback (good or bad!) or questions at all, please do get in touch with us via our speldhurstpta@gmail.com email.

OUR CLASS REPS:

Thank you so much to all of our outgoing 2024/25 class reps who have done an amazing job of keeping on top of everything this year!
We are delighted to confirm the new class representatives for the 2025/26 school year are:

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 means 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 (note, you do not need to attend every meeting!).
Our next meeting will take place on:
Thursday 18th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the George & Dragon Pub

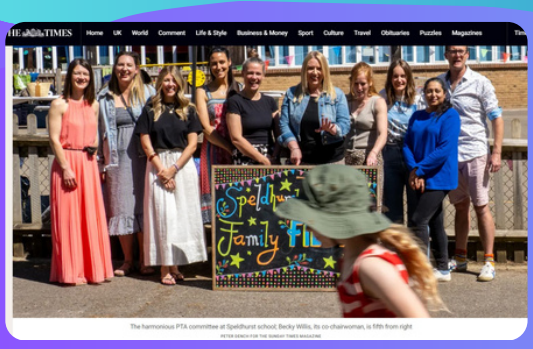
We do hope you can join us! If you can't make the meeting, why not pop along for a coffee on Friday 26th September or please do feel free to chat to any of our committee members in the playground at any time.

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
Stephanie Potter

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WINNER

HAVE A SUPER Summer