

FRIENDS OF Finchale

PTA PATTERN

UPDATE

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THANK YOU

Thank you to **everyone** who continues to support the PTA. Whether you have attended an event, volunteered your time, donated prizes, or helped spread the word, your support makes a real difference to our school community.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE 2025/26

- £ Total raised this year: **£4038.31**
- £ Total spent on school projects/resources: **£3,755.45**

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS:

Christmas Cards & Lego Keyrings	£271.49
Spooky Disco	£416.55
Christmas Fair + Pop-Up Shop	£951.32
Spring Disco + Pop-Up Shop	£248.48
Summer Fair + Prize Draw	£1476.36
Sports Day Drinks	£31.00
Lottery	£607.60
Easyfundraising	£35.51

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



At the AGM on 16th July, the following PTA Committee Members were confirmed for 2026/27:

Parent Chair – Claire Moore
Vice Chair – Ron Trickett
Secretary – Sarah Prescott
Treasurer – Kev Wills
Teacher Member – Mrs Marley

PTA FUNDS HAVE SUPPORTED: 2025/26

✓ Christmas VIP – A gift for every child	£285.66
✓ Easter Egg Hunt – A gift for every child	£96.23
✓ Reception Class Awning Cover	£331.00
✓ Summer Production (All School)	£699.00
✓ Brass Music Festival (All School)	£250.00
✓ Year 6 Leavers Hoodies	£579.00
✓ Year 6 Leavers Prom	£166.51
✓ Sports Day Ice Pops – One for every child	FREE
✓ Gardening Donation	£150.00
✓ Reception Bags (Sept 2026 starters)	£198.05
✓ Adam Bushnell visits	£500.00
✓ Captain Chemistry visits	£500.00



We are always keen to welcome new members and volunteers to join the PTA to help organise and run the various PTA events over the year, as well as considering joining the Committee Team to cover vital roles that ensure the PTA continues.

You don't need loads of time or experience – just a smile and a willingness to help!

'Our PTA is stronger with you in it, and together we can make a difference.'



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

- Come to a meeting** – they are informal, friendly and we can bring biscuits if you like.
- Volunteer at events** – even an hour makes a big difference.
- Offer your support** – Do you have a business or a job role that could help us? We would love to build a school community to support when needed.
- Answer the call** – Send in donations, cakes and participate.
- Have fun** – It is a great way to meet other parents and feel part of the School.



If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email the PTA at:

finchalepta@gmail.com



The PTA are always looking for new fundraising ideas, events and activities for the children, which will provide the opportunity to raise funds to support the school, which is important even more so now. If you or your child have any ideas on how we can use our funds for the school, then please feel free to let us know so these can be considered – after all, the purpose of the PTA is to add positivity and enhance the learning experience for the children.

We aim to hold regular PTA meetings, we would love to see you there to discuss or please feel free to drop us an email.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Exciting events planned from September:

Spooky Disco	Thursday 22nd October 2026
Christmas Fair	Friday 27th November 2026
Spring Disco	Thursday 11th March 2027
Easter Egg Hunt	Wednesday 24th March 2027
Summer Fair	Friday 11th June 2027
Year 6 Leavers Event	Thursday 8th July 2027



We are planning on continuing with the allocation of an event to a Year Group, we will share this soon.

If you'd like to help at any event, we'd love to hear from you.

Every volunteer makes a **difference**.



WITH THANKS:

Friends of Finchale would like to thank the following local businesses for their support at events and donating to the PTA:

- ♥ Sweet Hearts Treats, Events & Gifts – They have also asked us to say thanks to Staff and Parents, they really enjoyed the event.
- ♥ Local Icecream van
- ♥ Carnival rides
- ♥ And Thanks to Fram Pizza (Fram Front Street) – for offering a good deal to School to ensure our Y6 had a lovely celebration afternoon recently.

Thank You to the following businesses for their kind and generous donations to support our Summer Prize Draw, which was a huge success:

- ★ Sugar stash
- ★ Meeple world uk
- ★ Axeholics
- ★ Adventure valley
- ★ Durham city golf club
- ★ Hall hill farm
- ★ Broom house farm forest adventure
- ★ Freemans quay
- ★ Beamish
- ★ Little London boutique
- ★ Petite street play town
- ★ Pennine alpaca lodge
- ★ Rebecca's books
- ★ h2o riders
- ★ Yogi boards



And finally ...

A huge Thank You to all our Children, Families and Staff. Together, we're helping to create wonderful opportunities for our children.

'We see the magic in every child ... and help make them sparkle!'

We look forward to another successful year of fundraising, events and supporting the School in 2026/27.

We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday!



From Friends of Finchale PTA

