



A message from St Gregory's PTA

Who are we?

The PTA is a group of friendly parents and carers who are passionate about raising funds for activities and resources that the school budget cannot accommodate. Our objective is to enrich every child's experience of school in ways big and small, not least bringing together the whole school community at the upcoming Summer Fair on Friday 12th July!



What do we do?

This is our second year as a PTA and, since we formed back in October 2022, we have been beavering away behind the scenes, tapping into funding streams, gaining support from local businesses, and organising a range of events and activities to raise money and bring the school community together.

Since we started, we have raised over £5,000 via a range of events, including:

- Cake sales
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Break the Rules and dress-up days
- Christmas market
- Providing refreshments at school productions and events like this one!
- A PTA stall at Picnic in the Park at Warley Woods (come and see us again this year on Sunday 7th July)
- And to round off the school year again, we have our Summer Fair, taking place from 3pm to 5.30pm on Friday 12th July. We're keeping everything crossed that the weather will be kind to us this year and we will be able to have it outside. But whatever the weather, there will be lots of fun, games, activities and prizes, as well as stalls from local businesses and crafters.



Where does the money go?

All money raised goes either directly towards funding experiences for the children or to support further fundraising activities. Since we started, we have spent funds on:

- Santa's Grotto
- Party snacks for every child at their class Christmas party
- Easter treats for all
- Resources for Early Years
- Reading corner resources for all classes
- Providing refreshments at the Year 3 Holy Communion celebration
- Part-funding the Year 6 leaver's event
- Stocking the mini 'food bank' table (donations always welcome!)
- Subsidising all school trips by £10 per child



How can you help?

There are four ways you can get involved:

1. Support our fundraising activities and attend our events where you can.
2. Sign up to easyfundraising <http://efraising.org/99CtQQuEmS> so retailers donate a percentage of your online purchases to the St Gregory's PTA fund, at no cost to you.
3. Join our very own **school lottery**! As well as donating to our worthy cause, you will be in with a chance to win in the weekly draws.
4. Donate pre-loved uniform at the drop-off point at the front of school.
5. Volunteer your time (as much or as little as you are willing and able).

Want to find out more, or just have an idea you'd like to share?

- Get in touch with us via e-mail: stgregoryspta67@gmail.com.
- We also post details of what we're up to on the parent Facebook page 'St Gregory's RC Primary School Bearwood – Parent Page!'
- Come and speak to us at a PTA event or in the playground.
- Look out for our PTA survey coming out at the end of the year and let us have your feedback to help shape what we do for our school.



And finally...

We would just like to say a huge **thank you** for the overwhelming amount of support that we have received so far from all the families at St Gregory's – we could not do what we do without your generosity and support.

Thanks again, and we hope to see you at our Summer Fair on Friday 12th July, from 3.00pm!

