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#### **Chair report 2024-2025**

As we come to the end of another amazing year at Hartford Primary School PTA, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved together.

It has been an absolutely fantastic year for the PTA. We've come together as a school and as a community to create wonderful memories and raise vital funds to support our children's learning experiences. I am incredibly proud to have been part of this journey.

As Chair, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the PTA committee, members, parents, and school staff for your ongoing enthusiasm and hard work throughout the year. Your commitment and energy have made all the difference.

The role of the PTA is to provide a friendly and welcoming space for parents and staff to work together in developing fun, engaging ways to raise funds for the school. These funds allow teachers and children to enrich their curriculum through special activities and opportunities. Teachers are always welcome to approach us with funding requests, and we do our best to support them.

## PTA Activities (2024/25)

Thanks to your support, we've been able to run a brilliant range of events and initiatives this year, I have listed a few:

- Christmas Market
- Christmas Raffle
- Colour Run
- School Discos
- Sports Day Refreshments
- School Uniform Sales
- After-School Sales
- Elfirdges
- "Design a Stick" Competition

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These events not only raised vital funds but also helped to build our school community—and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

# **How We've Spent the Funds**

Your generosity has helped us contribute to a wide range of activities and resources for the children:

- Bubble Football
- Drumz Aloud
- Lion Salt Works Trip
- Ukulele Lessons
- Year 4 music lessons
- No outsider books
- ELSA Supplies
- Tenpin Bowling & Transport
- Theatre Trip Transport
- EY Christmas trip Transport
- Playground Markings
- Leavers' Hoodies

We've received fantastic feedback from both parents and staff about these contributions. One brilliant suggestion for the future has been to encourage each class to take on a smaller event during the year—such as a bake sale, book sale, or uniform sale—freeing up the main committee to focus on larger events. This is something the new committee might wish to explore further.

## Looking Ahead - 2025/2026 Ideas

Although some members are stepping down tonight and we will be forming a new committee, we are already planning some exciting events for the year ahead:

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- October Zactiv with Steel from Gladiators visiting the school for the day
- **28th November** *Christmas Event* fireworks are already booked; the rest of the event will be decided by the new committee
- **Spanish Week** we'd love the PTA to get involved in supporting this themed week
- Increased "Out of Uniform" Days these are a simple way to raise £300–£400 each time with minimal effort

#### Thank You

I want to take a moment to thank a few very special people:

- Kate and Chloe thank you for making this year so exciting and enjoyable.
- **Shelley** You have been an incredible part of the PTA for the last 4–5 years. Even after your child left the school in February, you stayed on to support us—and for that, I am truly grateful. Your passion and drive have helped the school achieve so much. You will be missed deeply.

#### **Stepping Down as Chair**

After much thought, I've made the difficult decision to step down as Chair. It hasn't been easy, and I will absolutely miss it, but I believe it's the right time—for both myself and the future of the committee.

That said, I would still love to stay involved! I'd be happy to run one event each year, in the same way Amanda has in the past, and take advantage of my employer's £4£ match-funding scheme.

Here's to the next chapter—thank you all for being such a big part of this one.

With heartfelt thanks

**Becky Farley** 

PTA Chair