



# PHA

## A school built by the community for the children of our community

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over the last 10 years, our PHA (Parent and Helpers Association) have worked tirelessly alongside all of our families to support school in raising funds to make a real difference to the lives of all our children. The funds have been raised at many events such as our summer fairs, Easter Bingos and Discos. Without the funds raised each year, our children would not have the opportunities they currently have every day in school. Alongside providing **sports and P.E equipment**, supporting **the costs of visits** and paying for experiences such as the **visits of reindeers and drama productions**, the PHA have funded some significant whole school projects to transform our grounds for all children. Take a look at how some of the funds raised have been used! None of this would have been possible with the support of our PHA and our families. I'd like to take this opportunity in offering a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported our school in this way. We wouldn't have achieved what we have today if it wasn't for you!

Mr Kennedy



Ten years ago, our school field had much less opportunity of learning and play. With the support of the PHA, this has changed. The PHA **fully funded** the design and creation of a wonderful forest space which forms the centre of so much outdoor learning, play and forest school for everyone in school. The children helped design it and name it Friendship Falls. The PHA also contributed to wider grounds development through supporting the funding of the running path and picnic spaces. Alongside funding new football goals and play equipment, the PHA have helped to ensure our vision of outdoor play and learning is the best it can be for all children.



A recent project which has been **fully funded by the PHA** has seen the transformation of the back of school with new surfaces and pathways, the creation of an outdoor theatre and a brand new library that can now be accessed from an outside door. Reading and performing is another aspect of school life which supports all children in their development. We are delighted with a new performance space which allows children to perform there themselves and also experience performances outside.



Outdoor provision is an essential part of a child's start at school. With the support of the PHA, we have been able to develop a new and larger outdoor space for children as they begin school. This is an amazing resource which our current Reception children are benefitting from and all children who enter our school in the future will have access to.

## Current Spending 2025/2026

This year our PHA have donated an amazing **£14,000** for us to develop school. This is a tremendous amount and I wish to offer a sincere thanks to the PHA and our whole community in working together to raise this money. This will have a hugely positive impact on all children in school. During the summer term, all children will benefit from this amazing donation as we are now organising for the following things for the children:

- (i) New storage Zones for Reception, KS1 and KS2 for playtime with games in for the children. I have spoken to the Year 6 school council leaders who will be meeting to help decide what these look like.
- (ii) Further development of our grounds with more seating and picnic spaces.
- (iii) A new mud kitchen and climbing zone for Reception.
- (iv) Further development of Friendships Falls to ensure more den building and outdoor learning opportunities.
- (v) Development of our school chapel as a space for reflection.

We are also currently exploring installation of new iPads to support learning across school. We look forward to updating you



### Future Project – KS2 playground

In 2024, we had a new KS1 playground installed which has been invaluable. We are now working with the PHA on a new project for 2026 and 2027 to replace and develop our existing KS2 playground. This is a play surface used by everyone during their time at school and all children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 daily. We are exploring a range of surfaces at the moment along with the design of the area so children have the best play experiences every day and wider P.E experiences too.