

Newsletter

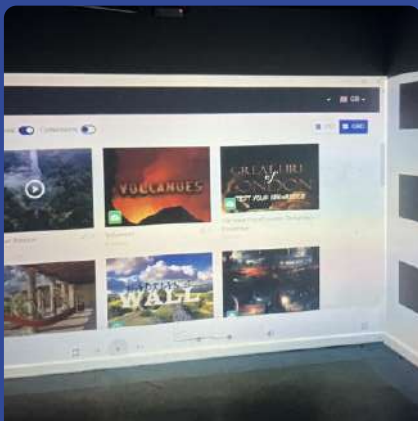


HELLO FROM THE PTA!

Hello from the PTA team. After a brief 'hiatus', we're back and ready to hit the ground running as we approach the busiest time of year for all of us...Christmas.

A special welcome to those who have joined the school this year. We will be sending out a monthly newsletter going forward, giving you a round-up of what's coming up, how you could help and how the PTA is making an impact at Ashdene Primary School.

WHAT DOES THE PTA FUND?



Immersive classroom



Sheds for equipment



Playground gym equipment



A VIEW TO 2026

From the glamour of the immersive classroom, to the not so glamorous sheds for the playgrounds, PTA funds are used across the board to finance and support whatever the School Leadership and Ashdene team decide is the priority for the school and children.

We've managed to raise £65,000 over the last four years and, as always, we'd love to add and improve on this for 2026.

How You Can Help

YOUR TIME

First and foremost, we'd love your help across the year; please do support when you can. The next event is the Christmas Fair (5th December).

The PTA committee then have their next meeting on the 5th January, if you'd like to join, please do! Email ashdenepta@gmail.com for details.

MATCHED FUNDING

Did you know some employers will match the money you help raise for charity or school events? It's a simple way to double the impact of our efforts! Check with your HR to see if your company offers a matched funding scheme. It's an easy win for our school community.

The PTA Committee will help with your application.

YOUR SUPPORT AT EVENTS

Simply showing up makes a huge difference! Come along to our events, bring family and friends, and help spread the word. The more people who take part, the more funds we raise and the more fun we all have!

Key Questions

What is a jolly jam jar?

We're so glad you asked... It's any jar (with a lid) which has been cleaned, decorated and filled with goodies - such as wrapped sweets, hairbands, bouncy balls, stickers. Please remember not to include any sweets with nuts. Class teachers are collecting & the class who collects the most jars will win a prize.

What will the Christmas fair be like?

The fair kicks off at 3.45pm, so straight after school, entrance to the fair costs £2. Please bring cash with you for the entrance fee. We'll have stalls run by the school and some stalls run by local businesses.

Stalls run by the school are as follows:

- Reception: Chocolate tombola (raffled chocolate prizes made up of the donations from non-uniform day (no nuts please!))
- Y1: Santa's grotto - £5 to meet the big man and get a little present too.
- Y2: Jolly Jam Jars tombola
- Y3: The Bar - serving mulled wine, prosecco, beer and Baileys hot chocolate.
- Y4: Tuck and Tat stall
- Y5: Christmas Games & Fun
- Y6: Bottle tombola (raffled bottle prizes made up of the donations from non-uniform day.)

Other stalls will include:

Meg's Kitchen - where you can get a bite to eat.

The choir will be performing during the evening and warm up your vocal chords as parents /guardians /guests will be invited to get involved with some carols too.

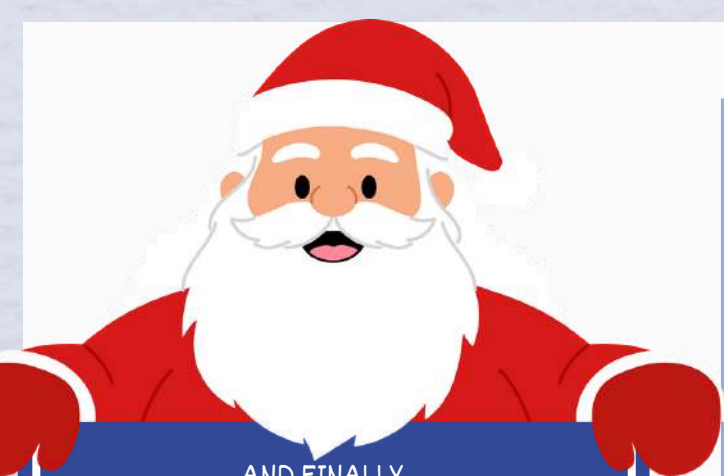
To get us all in the Christmas mood, some very special musical guests will be there to play our festive favourites.

We'll wrap up at 6.30pm.

I don't have time to help - any other ways I can help the PTA?

Don't despair! We totally understand not everyone can help out - a few ideas we have include: Charity days, some businesses have these for employees and as the PTA is a charity - this is an option.

We'd love to take advantage of any other skills we have across our wonderful group of parents - and, now and again, you'll see a plea for things like a gazebo for example - so please keep your eyes peeled for requests.



AND FINALLY...

Fancy the most important job at the Christmas Fair?

We need a Santa for our Santa's grotto, from 3.15pm - 6.30pm on the 5th December.

We have the suit, we just need the man!

Any volunteers, please email ashdenepta@gmail.com.

KEY PTA INFO & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 21st November - non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola.
- Friday 5th December - non-uniform day in exchange for bottle donations.
- Bring in your Jolly Jam Jars (see above for more info) by Thursday 4th December.
- Complete, boxed jigsaw puzzles can be donated and dropped at the school office until 5th December.
- Friday 5th December - PTA Christmas Fair.



SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS AT ASHDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

FROM 3:45 - 6:30 PM

**LAST FEW
STALLS
REMAINING**

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES

Join our Christmas Fair, welcoming over 400 excited visitors for a donation of just £25.



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