ST PAUL'S SCHOOL PTA Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM · 2026-27

Welcome back!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break! A very warm welcome back to all the children, families and staff for the second half of the autumn term – always one of the busiest and most magical times of the school year, with the festive season just around the corner.

I'm Rachel Farrington and I'm delighted to be writing to you for the first time as Chair of St Paul's PTA. Having been part of the Committee last year, I've seen first-hand what a difference this community makes to our children's school experience.

A huge thank you to Lubka Dimitrova for her brilliant leadership as Chair – we're so pleased she is staying on the Committee. And a warm welcome to our newly elected Committee and Class Reps for 2026-27 – it's been wonderful to see so much energy and so many fresh ideas already!

Our first PTA initiative of the year, the Halloween Trail, has already taken place – we hope you enjoyed it! Thank you to everyone who took part, and to all those who decorated their houses so enthusiastically.

Thank you, too, to everyone who completed our Members Survey. We will take your feedback into account as we plan the year ahead – full details are in the AGM report.

Thank you for all your support – it really means a lot.

Best wishes,

Rachel

PTA Chair and St Paul's mum to Sienna (Firecrests) & Darcey (Sparrows)



HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Thank you for a spooktacular start to the year!

To everyone who joined the trail and decorated their homes – you made it magical.

MEMBERS SURVEY

Thank you for your feedback

Your views will help shape our events and how PTA funds are spent this year. See the AGM report for the full results.

MEET THE TEAM

Your 2026-27 PTA Committee

CHAIR **Rachel Farrington**	TREASURER **Laura Carey**	SECRETARY **Louise Walton**
COMMITTEE MEMBER **Lubka Dimitrova**	COMMITTEE MEMBER **Maria Naskos**	COMMITTEE MEMBER **Nikki Taylor**
COMMITTEE MEMBER **Becky Togwell**	COMMITTEE MEMBER **Kate Perkins**	SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE **Karie Wingrove**

A big thank you, too, to our wonderful Class Reps – the vital link between the PTA and every class.

LOOKING BACK

Some of last year's fundraising highlights



What a year! Thanks to your incredible generosity, 2025-26 was another brilliant year for St Paul's PTA.

TOTAL RAISED IN 2025-26, NET OF EXPENSES

£19,593

Highlights included our first-ever Festive Wonderland, with a record 45+ parent volunteers, and a Summer Fete that brought the whole community together as our biggest fundraiser of the year.

£6,015 SUMMER FETE	**£4,422** SPRING MARATHON	**£1,729** SANTA FUN RUN
£1,269 CHRISTMAS INITIATIVES	**£1,245** CAKE SALES	**£1,181** HALLOWEEN TRAIL
£1,000 CRENDON HOUSE SPONSORSHIP	**£968** QUIZ NIGHT	**£774** KIDS DISCO

COMING UP

Things to look forward to



FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Bag2School collection

Clear out unwanted clothes and textiles and help raise funds for the PTA.

DECEMBER (DATE TBC)

Break the Rules Day

A fun day of breaking the rules – all for a good cause. Details to follow.

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Santa Fun Run

Join Team St Paul's in Marlow – full details on the next page.

DECEMBER

Festive activities

Seasonal fun in the run-up to Christmas – details to follow.

DECEMBER

Cauliflower Cards

Our Christmas card project – look out for how to order.

And more to come in the Spring and Summer terms!

We'll share dates as soon as they're confirmed.



Team St Paul's at the 2025 Santa Fun Run

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2026

5K

Start and finish at Higginson Park, Marlow

LAST YEAR WE RAISED

£1,729

TEAM ST PAUL'S

Marlow Santa Fun Run

We're once again entering the fabulous Marlow Santa Fun Run as Team St Paul's!

We hope you can join us – it's great fun and an excellent fundraiser. Thanks to everyone's participation and fundraising efforts, we raised an incredible £1,729 last year, which included a share of the charity pot distributed by the organisers!

To take part this year:

1 **Sign up the members of your family at www.santasfunrun.org**, stating on the application that you are entering as part of **Team St Paul's School**. Make sure you sign up **before 17th November** for the early bird rate!

2 **To join the fundraising team effort,** set up your family's JustGiving page in just a few clicks at justgiving.com/team/stpauls-santas-2026

We also have a Santa Fun Run WhatsApp group in our Community, which you can join for any questions and to support each other.

A CHANGE THIS YEAR

Our class cake sales

Our class cake sales have long been a much-loved part of the PTA calendar – last year they raised over £1,200 – so thank you to everyone who baked, donated, helped and, of course, bought!

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, which brings in new statutory allergy safety requirements for schools in England from September 2026, we won't be hosting the traditional class cake sales this year.

Our Class Reps are already working with their classes on fun alternatives, so we'll be in touch soon with more details. **Watch this space!**

GET INVOLVED

PTA Committee meetings 2026-27

Class Reps and all parents are warmly welcome to join the open session of our meetings – details of time and location will be shared ahead of each meeting.

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM	SUMMER TERM
Thursday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday
19th	**8th**	**26th**	**23rd**	**11th**
November 2026	**January 2027**	**February 2027**	**April 2027**	**June 2027**

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT

Shop, label and recycle for St Paul's



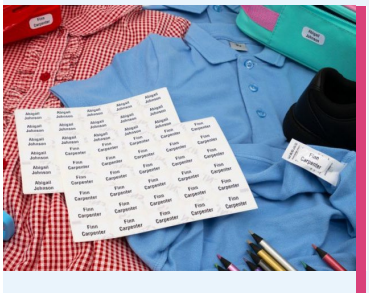
CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Copas Turkeys

Order an award-winning turkey from Copas and raise funds for St Paul's School. Simply enter the code below at checkout and Copas will donate 5% of your order value to the PTA.

CODE **STPW26**

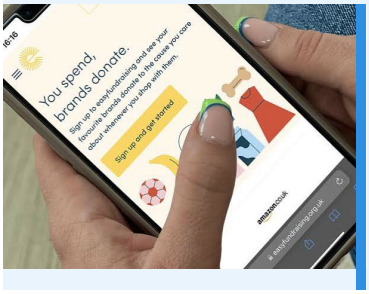
www.copasfarmshop.co.uk · **Call 01628 499 980**



NAME LABELS

Stikins

Need name labels?
Order through **our Stikins link** – it automatically adds our school fundraising code **21535** to your order, so St Paul's benefits every time, to the tune of 30% of the order value.

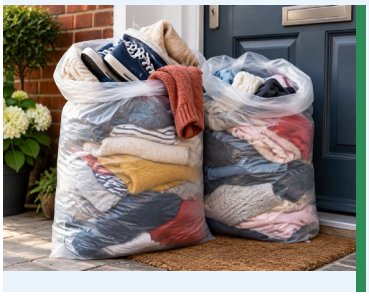


CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

easyfundraising

If you haven't already, please sign up and do your online shopping via **easyfundraising** and a % of your purchase will be effortlessly donated to the PTA. Perfect for all your Christmas shopping!

1. Download the app / browser extension.
2. Sign up and select our PTA as your chosen charity (search by postcode **HP10 0QH**).
3. To shop online, open the app, browse and select your retailer – that's it!



FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Bag2School collection

Clear out your wardrobes! Fill a bag with unwanted clothes, shoes and textiles for our Bag2School collection – the PTA receives a payment for every kilo collected.
Fill any bin bags you have at home with unwanted items.
More info, including details of what can be collected, at bag2school.com.

STAY CONNECTED

Keeping in touch

WhatsApp
JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

If you haven't already, join our **WhatsApp Community** for PTA announcements, class groups and events. You can also follow us on Instagram **@stpaulsptawooburn**.

Did you know? Minutes from our AGMs and Committee meetings are published on our PTA Events website.