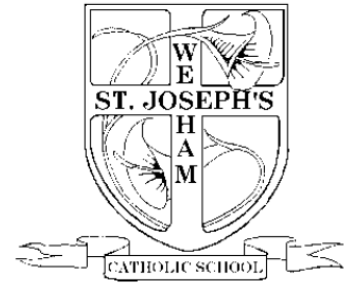


# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## PTFA Autumn 2024 Newsletter



Hello and Welcome, especially to all the new reception children and parents!

First of all, let us introduce ourselves...

St Joseph's PTFA are a group of staff, parents, carers, grandparents and member of the Parish who give their time on a voluntary basis to raise money for school projects and 'little extras' to enhance school life for the children.

We are always keen to welcome new members. We understand that many of you cannot commit to meetings but will happily help out by making cakes, donating prizes and helping out at events. Whatever you can do to help we would love to welcome you to our happy and friendly team!

So, a little introduction, here are our current Committee Members (all parents)

Chair - Vacant

Treasurer - Katie Olofsson

Secretary - Simone Green



Please do come and say 'hi' if you see us at the school gates. Feel free to ask us about any forthcoming events and especially if you would like to get involved. You can also talk to Mrs Freeman and Mrs Gilfoyle as they also attend meetings and are up to date with planned events.

Information about forthcoming meetings and events can be found on the school newsletter we also have a Facebook page - just search 'St Joseph's PTFA'.

So, what have we been up to this past school year? Here is a summary of the main events we have throughout the year and some of the things we have been able to pay for both before and since the pandemic.

### Christmas Fair

This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and a wonderfully festive start to the Advent season. We have Santa, fun stalls, food and drink and prizes to be won! In 2023 this event made over £500 for our children!! We held the fair on a Friday evening, straight from school last year and this was very successful - we will soon be setting the date for this year's Christmas Fair so watch this space!

### Movie Night

During the year we hold a number of 'Movie Nights' which have been very popular across the whole school! We provide a drink and snack for each child and ensure the film is rated 'U' so appropriate even for our youngest children. Each of these can raise over £100 in funds 😊

### Disco

This is probably one of the children's favourite events and quite possibly gets more popular every year! The children love to get dressed up and spend a few hours partying with their friends. It's mainly a social event for the children and any money we make is a lovely bonus. Last year we split the night so the younger children had some separate time with music and games at an appropriate level for their age before the older children really got the party started!.

### Spring Bingo

Another very popular and fun-filled night! A fun night of bingo with some games and raffle also. The last Spring Bingo event raised a fantastic £200!

## Summer BBQ 🍷

This is lovely family event with something for everyone. Lots of fun and games as well as a delicious BBQ and bar to enjoy! It takes place towards the end of the year and is a wonderful way to come together as a school community and mark the end of another successful happy year at St Joseph's! This often raised around £600!

## PTFA Spending £

We thought it would be helpful to let you all know how the money we raise is spent over the year. Below are the main big spends made the last few years. We hope you agree that these are all really worthwhile contributions and give the children those little extras that the school budget can't always stretch to and you might not have otherwise known about!

Contribution towards trips and residentials

Ice cream treat on the last day

Whole school Christmas pantomime trip

Year 6 leavers hoodies and leavers treat day out

Contribution towards cost of a coach for whole school trip

Forest school equipment

We will update you soon with more details on forthcoming plans for the year ahead, but in the meantime please consider signing up to 'Easy Fundraising' to help raise additional funds for St Joseph's PTFA when you do any shopping online. See below for more information - to date we have raised nearly £600 just through our normal online shopping via Easy Fundraising!!!.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wesham are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephcpswesham/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephcpswesham/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1)

Or check out our Facebook page for more links.

Thank you so much!

With very best wishes

The St Joseph's PTFA Team 😊