



Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

Registered Charity: no 1026094

PTA News

Mar 2025

Celebrating
60 years

Your school needs you

£14,000

The amount needed urgently for essential maintenance for the school swimming pool.

The PTA raises significant funds annually to support the school. However, school requests increasingly focus on essential educational needs over additional extras. The PTA committee feel strongly that the PTA should support the additional extras for our children, but without smart boards, reading books and iPads the education of our children would suffer.

At the last PTA meeting on 23rd January 2025, the school requested funding for the following items, more requests will come:

- **£2,000:** New reading books for classes.
- **£200:** Bee-friendly plants for the Eco-council.
- **£1,350:** Drama workshops (a repeat of last year's success).
- **£12,683.50:** Initial quotes for essential swimming pool maintenance—boiler replacement, fire system updates, and changing room roof repair.



Save Your Pool

As you can see, the school swimming pool requires significant funds to continue operating, these maintenance costs are on top of the normal operating costs. There are also other costs coming for repaving around the pool, retiling the pool itself and a new pool cover.

The swimming pool benefits students with swimming lessons for Years 1–6, PTA Pool Club, PTA Tri-a-Try event, and the Year 6 leavers' party. The pool and the events the school and PTA are able to run attract new pupils amidst rising competition due to declining birth rates. The school values the pool as a vital asset and needs your help to **save your pool**. The fundraising from recent events will go towards saving our pool.

Summer/ Eid Fayre – Volunteers Needed

The PTA committee is looking to combine a celebration for Eid with a summer celebration for the school's 60th Anniversary. A lead is **URGENTLY** needed to organize this event, without a volunteer (or team) there will not be a fayre this summer.

PTA Register

There is a new PTA form to register interests of members. Here you can register interest to volunteer, register an idea for raising money, match funding, have a skill to support the school. Or maybe you want to advertise your business on our community page. Please use the form here to register your interest:

<https://forms.gle/dkoS8ULxDjzF3HeYZ>

Fundraising Summary

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the fundraising events so far this year. The amounts below may still change as match funding and expenses are finalized:

- Create a card = **£212**
- Pre-loved uniform sales = **£77**
- Textile Collection Autumn = **£366**
- Disco Autumn and Spring = **£2,244**
- Diwali Fayre (including Match Funding) = **£10,756**
- Wrap a present = **£3,240**
- Christmas Fayre (including Match Funding) = **£5,579**
- Dress a Decade = **£189**
- Hot Chocolate Sale = **£233**

'don't wait, hydrate!'

Don't Wait, Hydrate is an initiative led by the PTA to try and encourage children to drink more water all year round. Proper hydration is a prerequisite for concentration and performance in schools and can reduce obesity and fillings. There will be an assembly in school, and an activity sheet for children to take home on 21st March.



Thank you to all the Litterbug Club members who join in with our monthly litter picks on the school grounds. It really makes a difference.

If your child would like to become a member, please encourage them to create an A4 poster about why you shouldn't drop litter and place it in the PTA box in reception. You will receive a badge and a promise card for your efforts and of course a sticker on the litter pick days!

Spring Term Events

Mother's and Someone Special Day pop up shop, 26th, 27th & 28th March.

The PTA's pop up shop was so successful in 2024, it is back again with lots of gifts to purchase for someone special.



Easter Egg Hunt

Wed 26th March: Foundation & Middle School

Thu 27th March: Lower School and Upper School. Children will have the opportunity to hunt for a plastic egg in the school grounds, which will then be exchanged for a chocolate egg for them to bring home. If you can help on those days, please let the PTA know, we need at least 10 volunteers from 11:30 to 1:30 each day.

Textile Collection, Monday 17th March until Monday 30th March



We are pleased to announce that the school is holding a textile collection to raise funds for the PTA. We collect good quality items for re-use: Adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. A great opportunity to do a spring clean and raise money!

Middle School Bake Sale, Thurs 3rd April.

There will be a bake sale on 3rd April after school. Donations will be requested from Middle School families.

Summer Term Events

60th Anniversary Trail, May Half Term We are planning a trail of window/ garden displays hosted by Aldryngton families in May half term to celebrate Aldryngton's 60th anniversary. Families will be able to buy a map for £2 that shows the

location of displays and can use this to complete the trail

We will be looking for families to create displays in their windows/front gardens that show an event from the last 60 years. Get thinking about whether this is something you could do and look out for an email over the next few weeks with information about how to sign up!

If you are interested in helping with the planning of this event, please speak to Anna Arrowsmith or email trail@aldryngtonpta.com We would particularly like to hear from anyone who might be able to help with designing a map.

Pool Club, starting May 2025

The Pool Club brings together Aldryngton families in a spirit of shared responsibility and community. Members collaborate to oversee the opening of the heated outdoor pool, ensuring a summer of fun and relaxation for all. With vital support from the PTA to cover essential maintenance, we are hopeful that the pool will be ready to open in May 2025.

Try a Tri, Saturday 14th June

Try-a-Tri is a fun and inclusive sporting event, which has been run during the summer term since 2011. The event is open to all Aldryngton pupils from Foundation to Year 6. It is a Triathlon; a 3-in-1 race made up of swimming, cycling, and running. For the event, children form teams of three (a swimmer, a cyclist, and a runner) to compete against other teams.

This is a huge fundraiser for the PTA, and a truly popular event with Aldryngton families. It requires a huge number of volunteers on the day, watch out for requests to volunteer.