



Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

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PTA News
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Welcome to Your PTA Committee for 2025-2026

Meet the team leading the way this year:

Chair: Freya O'Mara

Co-Chair: Tina Shepherd

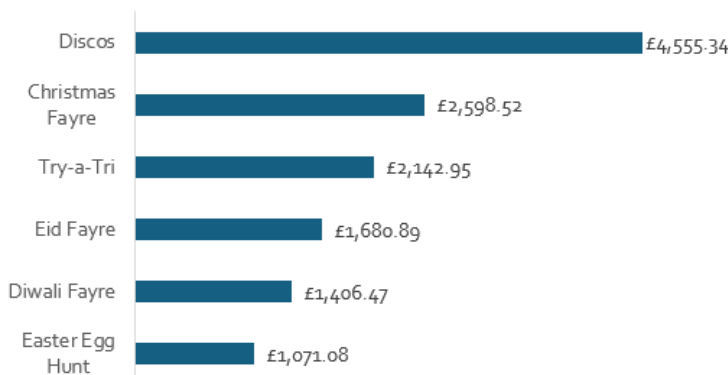
Treasurer: Narsing Chennamaneni

Secretary: Adam Luk

A heartfelt thank you to **Sara** and **Khyati** for their incredible contributions over the years as secretary and co-treasurer respectively!

Treasurer's Report - Academic Year 2024/25

We've had a fantastic year of fundraising! Here's a summary of the money raised from key events:



A huge thank you to all the parents, staff, and students who participated and contributed to all events last year, not just the ones mentioned in the graph. They all contribute to the community. Your support makes a real difference!

Match Funding added a whopping £17,199.38

Thanks to parents applying through their employers. As some of our regular parent volunteers have moved on, we anticipate a potential drop in funding this year. If your employer offers match funding, we would love your help.

To learn more, please reach out to us at

ptaofficers@aldryngtonpta.com.

How Your Donations Helped

Over £23,850 was reinvested into the school for:

- Books across year groups
- Smartboard for enhanced teaching
- Pool Sentry for swimming safety
- Fire Detection Equipment
- Lavender hedge for Eco Council
- Other essential resources for pupils and staff

This spending reflects our commitment to using PTA funds to directly benefit students and improve school facilities.

School Cross-Country – Supported by your PTA

Open to all Middle and Upper School children. Join the WhatsApp group for lift sharing!



Upcoming Dates:

6 Nov – Cantley Park

20 Nov – Lightwater

5 Feb – Braywick MOB

19 Mar – Lightwater Relays

PTA Save our Pool Campaign

Our beloved pool needs an upgrade before 2026!

Our pool was hand dug by parents and teachers in the 1970s and has been a vital facility for all these years. Help us finish the upgrade by donating here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/aldryngton-primary-school---save-our-pool#>

Volunteer with the PTA

We need YOU! Whether it's events or sharing your skills, every bit helps. Please reach out to the PTA at ptaofficers@aldryngtonpta.com for more details.

Autumn Term Events

Create-a-Card - Lead still needed!

Around Sept/ Oct time all children are invited to **design a card** with any design they wish which can be printed and purchased by parents to help raise money for the PTA. In the past this event has been used by families to purchase birthday, Christmas, and thank you cards all designed by your children. The lead for create a card will need to liaise with school for designing the cards, and sending the drafts and final cards out to families; and organize the payments and communication to the company that prints the cards.

Diwali Fayre: Friday 17th October

Thank you to the families who have volunteered to organise the Diwali Fayre on 17th October. The Diwali Fayre is a highlight of the Autumn Term with amazing food, cultural performances, and entertainment for all regardless of faith.

Autumn Disco and Family Lounge: Thursday 23rd October – Co-lead still needed!

All Aldryngton children are welcome to attend the disco for their age group. A professional DJ provides the music and the children are supervised by parents and teachers. Throughout the evening there are prizes to be won and fun is had by all.

The Family Lounge is in Middle School for parents and siblings who wish to remain on site during the disco. The family lounge will be serving a variety of alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

Disco Co-Lead (MS/US) – Still needed!

The PTA organise a school disco three times per year, once per term, usually just before the half-term holiday. The current event lead is a Lower School parent who needs some help, particularly with Middle & Upper School. The co-lead will need to support liaising with school and DJ, purchasing supplies and then setting up and running the disco.

We also need volunteers to come forward to **help on the night!** Tasks are mostly around supervising the children, as well as face painting, handing out water, and helping with set-up and take-down. If you can spare some time for either the Foundation/Lower School disco, Middle/Upper School disco or even both that would be hugely appreciated! Plus you get to see how much the children

enjoy it. To offer your support please contact Lisa on 07960854060 or email disco@aldryngtonpta.com

Wrap-a-Present – Week of 24th November – Co-Lead still needed!

This popular event takes place during lunchtime and gives children the opportunity to buy, wrap and tag presents for their family and friends. The co-lead will support the event lead, liaising with school and organizing on the week of wrap-a-present. Purchasing for Wrap-a-Present occurs during the January sales, if some January sales shopping appeals, then please consider volunteering.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 6th December

Games, gifts, food and festive cheer. **Save the Date!**

Litterbug Club

Thanks to our monthly litter pickers for keeping our school grounds clean and green!



Ongoing Fundraising



Easy Fundraising

Shop online and raise FREE donations for the PTA!

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PTA Website: <http://aldryngtonpta.com/> (there is a link on the school website under the community section).

Facebook Group: Parents of Aldryngton Primary School Reading.