PTFA AGM Minutes
Monday 5th October, 2026

- **Present:**
  Kerrey Neville, Kealeigh Neville, Rachel Turton, Alison Howells, Mrs Ansah

- **Apologies:**
  None

- **Welcome and introduction to the PTFA**

- **Chair's Annual Report (Kerrey Neville):**

Our Summer fayre this year was another great hit and we made a good profit. Thankfully the weather was definitely on our side this year and that makes a massive difference.
Keyrings for Father's Day was a success and a welcome change from doughnuts and the children enjoyed purchasing a little gift to take home for Father's Day. We have thought about maybe doing a pop up shop where children can buy on the day rather than pre order, so we will look into this closer to the time.
Our first Community Firework night was held and we were blown away with the response! It did so much better than we ever expected. Parents commented on how well it was run and how safe they all felt while attending. With such positive feedback we have made the decision to host it again this year. We would like to continue with this and we are hoping we can do bigger and better each time.
Once again, our Christmas activity week was a huge success with every child taking part in lots of different activities. Our Christmas market was a great success and definitely seems to be getting better each year. I'm hopeful it will continue to grow. We are looking at continuing with these activities again this year.
Our Easter activity this year was once again the Golden ticket chocolate bar event, which went down really well and the children love coming to collect their bars, choosing their own bar and seeing if there was anything inside. By making some of the prizes ones that could be redeemed at the summer fayre cut down the outlay.
As always, our Ice cream Fridays were a great success and we will continue with these again this year. We now have a much bigger freezer so we can now stock more ice creams enabling us to serve more children.

How our funds are spent

We pride ourselves on taking the lead on how our funds are spent by listening to our children through the school council but also by working closely with them. By working with our children, we can see what they would like and sometimes it's just a matter of what they need to enhance their time here at Yew Tree. We also liaise closely with our senior leadership team and teachers to see how we can bridge the gaps to fund things that school can't.
We donated to the young voices concert by paying a donation for the t shirts for all children. We also paid for the Year 6 leavers gifts.

As We Stand

Pre-loved uniform shop has been put on hold awaiting until we can get it all moved over to our new shed and hopefully open a physical shop after school. We still sell P.E tops which ticks along throughout the year quite nicely. We will continue with this. We have started our Christmas card orders which always does well. We have changed from LetsLocalise to PTA Events as our online platform this all seems to be going well. Firework tickets are selling well and we hope that will be another great success.

Year Ahead

As we always try to come up with new ideas for the children we are looking into holding a Colour run perhaps around Easter time. Mr Barry is also on board for this to happen and we think it will be great fun for the children, it will be run in school time. We are just looking into the finer details of what we need to sort out to finalise this.
We are really struggling to think of good raffle prizes especially for our top prize as this needs to be kept inside a strict budget. If anyone has any ideas of what we could purchase as 1st prize or knows any businesses that would be happy to donate a prize for our raffle please let us know.
We are looking into enhancing our pre-loved uniform shop as we feel a physical shop would benefit all parents rather than an online one. We are looking to purchase a second outside shed so that out pre-loved uniform shop can start to take place. Our original shed will also be used for other PTA events such as serving refreshments from there on summer fayre days, firework night etc. Once up and running we are hoping to open this shed after school at least 2 nights per week.

With the current financial situation most of us are finding ourselves in, we are conscience of making sure we do not ask too much of our family's. We are always mindful of the amount we ask from our parents and try to spread this across the year.

We are still on the look out for members and our age old saying of more the merrier still stands. We have had a few new members join us for different meetings this year and we hope this continues. As our PTA events grow we need more volunteers to help us provide these events for our community. As I have said before, all parents are automatically members of our PTFA and if anyone feels they have time to spare no matter how small please let us know you are all very welcome. We are also always looking for new ways to fundraise alongside our yearly Christmas and summer fayres and if anyone has any ideas we would definitely be open to looking into them.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the parents and staff that form our PTFA for your continued hard work. I know sometimes I have some crazy ideas, but you all let me run with it and work really hard to help me pull it off. Can I also thank all our parents for their continued support and generosity which without we wouldn't be as successful as we are. Thank You to everyone for all their hard work in making Yew Tree PTFA the success it is.

- **Treasurer's Annual Report (Rachel Turton):**

September 1st 2025
Opening Balance: **£9,611.64**

Fundraising Events:

Event	Money Raised	Expenses	Profit
Fireworks Night	£5,368.10	£3,897.98	**£1,470.12**
Xmas Cards/gifts	£1,890.50	£1,647.76	**£242.74**
Xmas Raffle	£544.00	£223.19	**£320.81**
Xmas Fun Day & Activities	£5,183.52	£1,078.66	**£4,104.86**
Mother's Day Coasters	£96.00	£76.21	**£19.79**
Easter Activities	£566.39	£482.67	**£83.72**
Ice-cream Friday	£681.39	£355.71	**£325.68**
Dad's Day Keyrings	£90.00	£86.28	**£3.72**
Summer Fayre	£2,197.04	£870.76	**£1,326.28**
Easy Fundraising	£45.61		**£45.61**
	£16,662.55	£8,719.22	**£7,943.33**

Other Expenses:

	Cost
Parentkind Membership	**£171.00**
Lottery registration with Sandwell MBC (Raffles)	**£20.00**
Sum Up Card Machines	**£94.80**
Notice Boards	**£51.46**
Slow Cooker	**£21.99**
Cool Bags	**£28.97**
	£388.22

Contributions to School:

	Cost
Contribution for Playground Equipment	**£300.00**
Contribution for Enrichment Activities	**£1,500.00**
Santa Presents for Edgemond Hall	**£56.03**
Class Xmas Presents	**£28.30**
Class Boxes for Wet Play Games	**£62.64**
Party Prizes	**£158.96**
Young Voices T-Shirts contribution	**£135.00**
Contribution for Field Gate	**£3,000.00**
Yr6 Leaver's Gifts, Props + Graduation	**£250.50**
	£5,490.93

August 31st 2026
Closing Balance: **£11,170.67**

We have had another good year of fundraising. Firework night went better than we expected. As it was our first event of this kind, we had hoped to break even but we did see a good profit. The Summer and particularly Christmas profits were very good this year. This was partly due to us being able to keep the expenses low due to us being able to use accumulated stock that we already had. The Easter profits were lower this year due to a marked increase in the cost of the chocolate. We have put aside a further £3,000 to give to the school towards the purchase of air conditioning units.

- **Proposed Changes to Members:**
  Chair - Kerrey Neville re-elected unopposed
  Treasurer - Rachel Turton re-elected unopposed
  Secretary - Kealeigh Neville re-elected unopposed

- **Proposals for 2026 – 2027:**
  Colour Run – Easter
  We are looking to do a colour run just before the Easter holidays. We have started to look into costs and how to run the event. Mr Barry has a contact from a school who has run one before, so we are hoping to speak to them to get some ideas later in the term.
  Winter Fridays
  In light of the success of ice-cream Friday, we are thinking about whether there is something we can do in the winter from the PTA shed. Some schools have hot chocolate which would be feasible but we would have to look into the possible risks involving hot drinks. Toast was a possibility mentioned too. We need to look into this further.
  Mother's/Father's Day
  We are looking at running a pop-up shop for these next year, rather than doing something online. We thought it would be nice for the children to choose their own gifts. One of the wholesalers we use has a range of inexpensive gifts that we could look into to stock these. We could run this after school or possibly during the school day. These are not run for profit.
  Easy Fundraising
  We are looking to promote Easy Fundraising again as we are aware that we haven't done that recently so new parents won't know about it. It is an app that donates money when you shop with certain retailers online and recently also in store for some retailers. It doesn't cost the buyer any extra and although some donations are quite small, they do add up. Donation reminders are available for tablets, phones and laptops which makes it easier to remember to enable donations. So far, we have raised £600 with this.

- **AOB:**
  None