



Ickford School PTA Report – Oct 2025

Chair - Vicky Evemy

Treasurer – Stephane Petter

Secretary – Kate Tinkler

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We took over these roles in Sept/Oct 2024 so have had a full year sitting in our roles again thanks to Jackie, Tank and Tom who stepped down and I am grateful for their continued support with our fundraising efforts. Looking back over the past 12 months we have had a series of events and ongoing schemes which have enabled us to raise £12,100 which is a significant amount and something we are very proud of and grateful to all who supported us along the way.

A success of the year was introducing the class reps and thanks for those people who continue to support us by sharing the communications and collating responses from each class regarding any initiatives, it was a great idea and really shares the load.

We continue to be supported by local businesses and the year 24/25 have had sponsors and donations from DAF trucks who have sponsored the summer drinks reception, Sam Mortimer aka A beautiful you kindly supported the sports day track hire, also at sports day Ben Reeve and Ma'an who prepared all the food and drinks to sell with all proceeds going to the PTA this was around £1400!

It was published in the first term back but the idea was born on 24/25 so I will mention it here. The **PTA newsletter** has been launched and has updates for parents such as dates for the diary, posters flyers and things that are happening, you need to know about. Thanks to Alex our marketing and communications guru, for getting this arranged and out of our minds and onto paper.

£2000 - Cafe in the Park

Cafe in the park was passed to PTA in the first term of 2024/25 and it has been open almost every week this past school year with the exception of especially harsh weather conditions, the children have come to love its weekly presence and it has been supported by a fantastic group who bake week in week out, and have also supported other events with cakes and bakes!!

£3500 - Christmas and Summer fayres

The largest and well attended events are the Christmas & Summer fayres, in the main the same format for both with seasonal differences, offering much enjoyment for the children in the form of games, stalls, tombola (Xmas grotto) food and drinks plus and with the addition of raffles for prizes that we have procured from local businesses at zero cost which means we can raise extra funds via raffle ticket sales. The summer fayre also had a huge and very fun inflatable, and Mr and Mrs Shackleton raising awareness for the ambulance trust.

Thanks to all those who have contacted local businesses and suppliers and have tracked down amazing prizes for the raffles this past year, it has raised around £1000 so well worth all the efforts! I hope we can achieve it again for this coming year.

£2,200 - Various events, Halloween disco, Movie night, Mothers day, Hot dog lunch, donations

Last year we showed "Sing" which was enjoyed and we intend to repeat it as the children enjoy watching a movie with their friends and peers. The halloween disco was a very fun event but if we were to repeat again we may need to modify such as separating age groups as there were some raucous behaviors and a smoke alarm (again), one to discuss with Madame. Mothers day afternoon tea was a very lovely event held in the village hall which was extended to the local community and catered for in full by the cafe in the park bakers, we had a very extensive afternoon tea, a small raffle and mothers, grandmothers and children shared an enchanting afternoon. Finally and almost at the end of term we held a hot dog lunch combined with the school french day, this was a small initiative to provide a fun lunch for the children most parents opted in and we were looking for different options to offer though this next year.

£3200 - Schemes outside school events

The PTA has also raised money through both Easy Fundraising and The School Lottery, which anyone is able to join and support with minimal effort. Huge thank you to Alex for becoming a mastermind in all things Easy Fundraising and teaching us all how it works - it is such an easy win for the school and feels rewarding when you get a cash donation for the school. We hope to get more uptake on this again year on year by hammering the message whenever we can.

Easy Fundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ickford/>

The School Lottery: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-schoo>

With the money raised by the PTA, we are able to support the School to enable them to do things that would fall outside of their budget, whether that is maintenance and facilities, equipment, or school trips. With the past years amazing fundraising efforts we have been able to support the school in these ways. Trips and transport, these are always a huge cost to schools and we have been able to fund the pantomime & science week busses. Teachers laptops, and classroom tablets.

We hope that the next 12 months will enable us to raise similar amounts, and potentially focus on donations specifically for the school field renovation projects. We will look at potential grants we can apply for as a charity and will aim to diversify the events so they continue to be appealing to all. We as a committee welcome new members to the group and also any new ideas that we can take on which may have worked elsewhere or you have thought of that would work in this environment. I also aim to connect with the local PTA network for idea sharing and to see if we can support one and other in any other ways.

The aim for the next school year is to try to have a fun mix of events and initiatives that can be achieved by the team of parents who all give up their time to help us raise as much as we can for our brilliant school and for all of our children and of course and enjoyed by the children along the way.

Many thanks
Vicky