



Welcome to a brand-new school year! We hope everyone has settled back into school life and enjoyed a brilliant first half term. It's already been a busy few weeks for your PTA, and we're so excited about everything we have planned for the year ahead.

A particularly warm welcome to all the new children and families joining our Leavesden Green community this year – especially our little ones starting their journey in Explorers (Nursery), and our new Reception children in Gade and Snowdon. We hope you're already beginning to feel at home and part of our wonderful school community.

For those who are new to the school, the Friends of Leavesden Green is your PTA – a group of parents, carers and school staff working together to support our children and school. We raise funds, organise events and activities, bring families together and help create those extra experiences and memories that make school life even more special.

This first edition of our new termly PTA newsletter is a little look back at everything we've been up to since September, the difference your support is already making, and – of course – a peek at some of the exciting things still to come.

Thank you for being part of it. Here's to another fantastic year together!

Ashley, Jenny, Sam and Alison 

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MEET YOUR PTA COMMITTEE

Our PTA is made up of a group of parents who volunteer their time to create the most magical events for our children and families of the school.



Meet Ashley

I'm Ashley, the Chair of the PTA. I'm passionate about creating a vibrant community here at Leavesden Green and leading our team in planning fun events and fundraising activities.

Fun facts about me: I'm a proud mum to Eloise and I love walking —so you'll often find me exploring new places!



Meet Sam

I'm Sam, Secretary of the school PTA. I'm passionate about connecting our community and raising funds for facilities and equipment that support and enrich our children's education. I joined the PTA to help make a real difference for the school, our children and their families, and I love being part of such a supportive, passionate team.

For me, PTA work is personally rewarding—it builds a deeper connection with the school and other parents while giving us all a chance to share and develop new skills. I'd love to make this next year our best yet, not just by raising money but by bringing the whole school community together. I've been a parent here for ten years and am proud mum to Jorgie and Frankie. In my spare time I enjoy reading, relaxing and catching up with friends!



Meet Alison

Hi, I'm Alison and I'm passionate about all kids having access to the best start possible. I love getting involved in my local community, creating an inclusive and supportive environment.

Being part of the PTA lets me support the school and be involved in activities the children love, like the discos.



Meet Jenny

I'm mum to Carter and manage the PTA's social media and community outreach. I love finding creative ways to share what's happening in school and to bring parents, carers and teachers together—whether that's posting event updates, capturing fun moments or encouraging new families to join in. I joined the PTA to make a real difference in our children's lives and give back to the school that supports them every day.

Alongside PTA life, I run a play- and craft-based business for early years, creating simple, sensory activities that spark creativity and learning in little ones. Helping to create events and memories that benefit every child is incredibly rewarding and keeps me inspired to make each school year even more special.

YOUR PTA & CLASS REPS



Our General PTA Members and Class Reps are an important part of our wider PTA team, helping us stay connected with families, share PTA news and updates, support events and activities, and make sure everyone has the opportunity to get involved.

They're a fantastic link between our families and the PTA, helping us hear your ideas and keep our school community connected. A huge thank you to everyone volunteering their time and being part of the team this year! ❤️

Meet Your General PTA Members

Our General PTA Members are an important part of our wider PTA team, getting involved alongside the committee to share ideas, help plan and support events, and play a more active part in what we do throughout the year – without taking on a formal committee role.

We currently have Mark – Carter's dad (Phoenix) as a General PTA Member and we'd love to welcome some more parents and carers to the team!

You don't need to commit huge amounts of time – just bring your ideas, enthusiasm and get involved when you can. If you'd like to become a General PTA Member and be more involved in helping shape what we do, we'd love to hear from you.

👉 Email friends@leavesden.education or come and chat to one of us in the playground.

Meet Your Class Reps

Nursery – Explorers : TBC – Jenny (PTA) Covering Temporarily

Ocean Class : Vanessa (Jordana's mum)

Reception – Gade : Louise (Reign's mum)

Reception – Snowdon : Jessica (Savannah's mum)

Year 1 – Harmony : Shareena (Nova's mum)

Year 1 – Melody : Julia (Isla's mum)

Year 2 – Griffin : Sanita (Rian's mum) & Gemma (Jemima's mum)

Year 2 – Phoenix : Jenny (Carter's mum)

Year 3 – Emerald : Leanne (Harriet's mum)

Year 3 – Sapphire : Shareena (Mila-Rae's mum)

Year 4 – Astronaut : Ashley (PTA) Covering Temporarily

Year 4 – Galaxy : Gemma (Charlie's mum)

Year 5 – Forest : Ashley (Eloise's mum) & Ashleigh (Ruby's mum)

Year 5 – Bridge : Sam (Frankie's mum)

Year 6 – Mountain : Leah (Kayden's mum) & Lidia (Libby's mum)

Year 6 – River : Lizzy (Chloe's mum)



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Dancing your Way into the Start of the Term!



What an incredible couple of weeks it has been! Our school discos were a huge success and such a wonderful way to bring our school community together.

The music, the laughter, the dancing – and all those smiling faces made it an event to remember! We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped make the discos possible.

To the teachers and the school staff who gave up their time to support and supervise, to our fantastic parent volunteers who helped set up, tidy up and keep things running smoothly and finally to everyone who cheered the children on and joined in on the fun – we truly couldn't have done it without you.

The children had an amazing time and the feedback from pupils, parents and staff has been brilliant.

It's always wonderful to see how much joy these events bring to everyone involved. **We will be announcing the total amount raised very soon – so keep your eyes peeled to see what we were all able to raise together!**

Thank you so much!



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Save the Date!



This is the BIG one! Our magical Christmas Fair is back on **Friday 11th December from 3:30pm – 5:30pm!** Join us for an afternoon full of festive fun for the whole school community – there will be stalls, games, arts and christmas crafts, food, Santa's Grotto and so much more! It is always one of the highlights of the school year and a wonderful way to celebrate together before the holidays.

We will need lots of volunteers to help make the magic happen, so if you would like to get involved or simply find out more, we would love to hear from you!

You can contact us via your class rep, speak to us at the school gates or email us at: friends@leavesden.education

Keep an eye on our socials and newsletters for further details coming soon, we can't wait to see you there!

Do You Have a Business – or Know Someone Who Does?

We'd love to involve as many businesses as possible from within our school and local community in this year's Christmas Fair!

Whether you run your own a business, work for one that might like to support us, or know somebody who would be a great fit, there are lots of ways to get involved – from having a stall at the fair or donating a raffle prize, to sponsorship opportunities that put your business in front of our school community.

If you'd like to hear about the options available, please email us at friends@leavesden.education. We'd love to hear from you!



THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE TOGETHER

Behind everything our PTA does is an amazing school community. Every helping hand, donation, ticket bought and event attended helps us do more for our children – and together, it really does make a difference. ♥

Last Year's Impact – You Made This Happen!

Thanks to our wonderful school community here's just some of what your generosity made possible:

Reading books
Christmas crackers for Christmas lunch
Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies & Books
Spare swimwear, towels & swim hats
Donation towards the Circus Skills Workshops
Books to support the writing curriculum across the entire school

Thank you so much for making such a difference!

Ways You Can Get Involved

Love a good school disco? Have a knack for getting raffle prizes or for planning?

Here's how you can join the fun:

Volunteer at the Christmas Fair or children's discos
Donate a raffle prize or your professional skills
Sponsor an event through your business
Spread the word by liking & sharing our social posts

Dream big with us—help plan our amazing events – together they can be even more incredible than last year!





Every Penny Counts!

We've already had a busy start to the school year, with our school discos and other fundraising activities getting underway!

Throughout the year, we'll use our newsletters to keep you updated on how much we've raised and, importantly, how those funds are being used to support the children and our school.

From resources and equipment to experiences and those little extras that make school life even more special, we want you to be able to see the difference your support is making.

Keep an eye on future editions for our fundraising totals and updates on where your money is going ♥

£3,400 Towards Playing Outdoors Provision!

We're delighted to share that the PTA has contributed **£3,400 of funds raised by our families towards the school's new Playing Outdoors Provision (POP).**

POP brings children from Years 1–6 together for shared outdoor play, giving them more choice in how they spend their lunchtimes – from building dens and creating sand sculptures to water play, riding scooters and exploring the nature reserve.

As well as making lunchtimes even more fun, POP encourages children of different ages to play and learn together while developing friendships, independence, confidence, resilience and leadership skills.

This is a fantastic example of your fundraising in action – thank you for helping us make opportunities like this possible for our children! ♥



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Easyfundraising – The Big Grocery Bonus!

THANK
YOU!



Doing an online food shop this month? Your weekly groceries could help us win an extra £500 for our school!

Simply shop with Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Waitrose or Iceland through Easyfundraising's website or app **before 31st October**. Not only will your shop raise a free cashback donation for Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery, it will also give us an entry into the Big Grocery Bonus draw to win £500!

It costs you absolutely nothing extra – you're simply doing the shopping you would be doing anyway, while helping raise funds for our children.

Already signed up? Don't forget to go through Easyfundraising before you shop!

Not joined yet? It only takes a couple of minutes – search for "Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery" and start turning your everyday shopping into support for our school. ❤️

Closing date: 31st October

To register via the app, it couldn't be simpler:

1. Download the Easyfundraising App or visit – <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>
2. Search for "Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery" as your cause.
3. Shop as normal with Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Waitrose or Iceland

Thank you!

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

The Parents Lottery

This is a really fun and easy way to support our school while being in with a chance to win!

Here's how it works:

- For every £1 ticket, 60p is donated to the PTA for the school
- The more people who play, the more our school earns
- Anyone can take part - parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends and family

If just 50 people buy one ticket a week, we could raise over £1,500 a year – every single year!

Here is our own : [Parents Lottery Link](#)



Donating via the Arbor app

Did you know you can donate to the PTA at any time through the Arbor app?

Whether it's a small one-off amount or a regular contribution, every penny goes directly towards funding extra resources, activities and experiences for the children.

Your generosity helps us make a real difference – from new books and classroom supplies to fun community events like the Christmas Fair and school discos.

Simply log into Arbor, find the Donations to PTA option, and give what you can – it all adds up!

