

START OF YEAR - SEPTEMBER 2026

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Silsden Primary School PTFA



Welcome to everyone!

Hello and welcome to the first PTFA newsletter of the 2026–2027 academic year! We hope all the children are settling in well, whether they're starting school for the first time or returning for another exciting year. We've already got our calendar of events planned and are looking forward to organising lots of fun activities for the school community!

This year, we're raising money towards some exciting plans to enhance our school's outdoor learning provision. Read on for more details! Grants will also be available for each year group again this year, with teachers and school staff invited to submit requests for resources or activities that will benefit the children.

The PTFA is run by volunteers, and every bit of support makes a difference. You can get involved by:

-  Coming along to our events
-  Volunteering your time when you can
-  Sharing ideas or fundraising suggestions
-  Helping us spread the word
-  Supporting our fundraising activities

Whether you can help regularly or just occasionally, we'd love to have you involved! Please email silsdenpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support — here's to another fantastic year together!



GEMMA CORRIGAN & GEMMA SMITH
CO-CHAIRS
SILSDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

Dates for your diary

PTFA AGM + Cheese & Wine
6:15PM WED, 7TH OCT
AT SCHOOL

Halloween discos
TUES, 20TH OCT - REC / Y3&4
WEDS, 21ST OCT - Y1&2 / Y5&6

Dress down day
FRI, 23RD OCT - OWN
CLOTHES & TOMBOLA PRIZE
DONATIONS

Christmas raffle
TICKETS GO ON SALE AFTER
OCTOBER HALF TERM!

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Cheese and wine evening plus AGM

We're hosting a combined cheese and wine evening plus AGM on Wednesday, 7th October at 6:15pm. We will be giving a short presentation about our end of year report, followed by voting in of this year's committee, and ending with free cheese and wine! If you are interested in taking up a committee role, please get in touch. We hope to see you there!



Thank you, Gemma!



The start of this new academic year marks the end of an incredible chapter as Gemma Smith steps down from her role as Co-Chair.

On a personal level, it has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside my best friend for the past two years leading our PTFA.

In addition Gemma has worked tirelessly over the years to fine-tune our marketing, social media, and community communications—and the amazing results speak for themselves with more engagement in this last year.

On behalf of the entire PTFA and school community, I want to say a huge thank you for everything you've poured into this role. You will be missed immensely as Co-Chair, but we are all extremely relieved that we aren't losing you completely—and especially relieved that we aren't losing access to your incredible cakes!

Thank you, Gemma.

Our Fundraising Focus



This year, our fundraising will be focused on an ambitious target of £25,000 towards an exciting new project — funding to help convert the barn into an outdoor kitchen for the children!

The aim is to create a fantastic, flexible learning space where the children can learn to cook, whilst making use of produce grown at school.

We already have £15,000 to pledge towards this amazing project, so the aim is a further £10,000. We'd love your support in helping us bring this exciting project to life!

Halloween Dress Down Day

Swap your uniform for something spooky or fun on Friday, 23rd October, in return for a donation for our Christmas Market tombola:

- Bottle – e.g. wine, oils, toiletries, sauces
- Chocolate – bars, boxes or bags

Your donations help the PTFA raise vital funds for school!



We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter.
Please see an important letter plus handy calendar!



We Need You! Join Our PTFA and Keep the Community Spirit Going

We Need New Committee Members!

As many of you know, our PTFA plays a huge part in creating the events, treats, and opportunities that make school life special for our children. From discos and fairs to funding equipment and enrichment activities, these things only happen because a group of dedicated parents, grandparents and carers volunteer their time to make them possible.

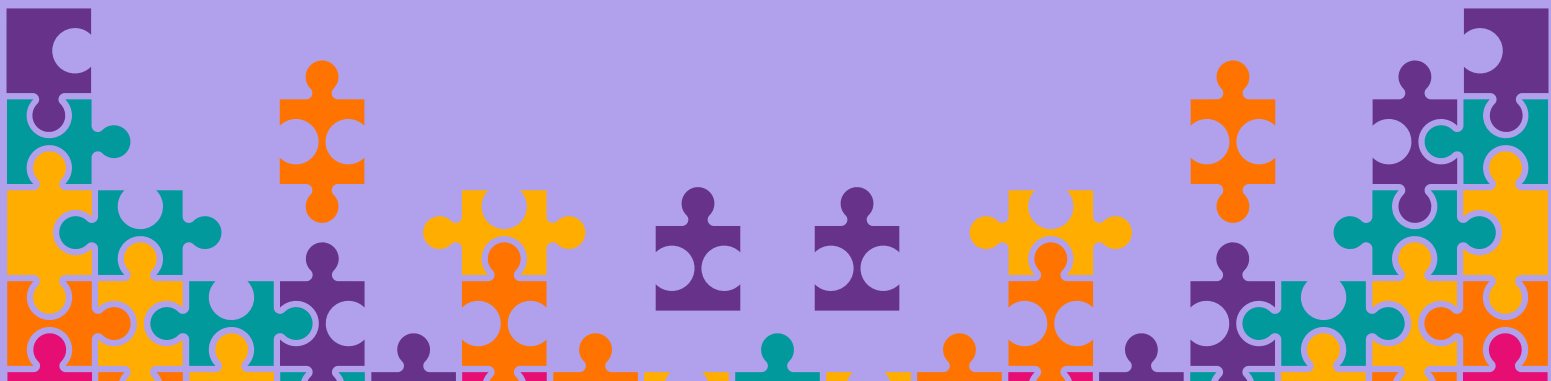
Our PTFA urgently needs parents, grandparents and carers to step forward and take on committee roles. Several of our current committee members will be leaving in the very near future as their children move on from school, putting the future of the PTFA at risk.

Without new committee members and volunteers, we may not be able to continue the events, fundraising and extras that make school life special.

Come to Our AGM

Our AGM is the perfect opportunity to find out more about the committee roles, meet the team and see how you could get involved. There are roles to suit different interests and levels of commitment, and you can also help out at events without joining the committee.

Please come along and help secure the future of our PTFA. Every volunteer makes a difference — and right now, we really need you! 💚



Upcoming events for the year

We've put together a handy snapshot of all upcoming events for this academic year. Come and join the fun!

