



NEWSLETTER



The countdown to Christmas has begun...

Thank you to everyone who attended the Poplar PTA AGM & Quiz Night, and an extra cheer for the **record number** of staff who joined in our annual quiz night led by the fabulous Mr Slack. It was a brilliant event, filled with loads of laughter and friendly competition. **Thank you Mr Slack!**

With just **two weeks** of school remaining, we're heading into an action-packed festive schedule—with class **Christmas Cards** in circulation, **Jolly Jars** at the ready, **Christmas Raffle** prizes up for grabs, and our **Children's Christmas Fair on 12th December**, plus the **Family Winter Fair from 3 pm–5 pm**.

Are you interested in getting involved? We hope so, as we really need your help!

Please could you donate good quality toys, teddies, any unwanted gift items, and consider **volunteering** an hour or two of your time to help run the **Children's Christmas Fair**—without you, we simply couldn't make the magic happen.

Parents interested in running a stall at the Family **Winter Fair** to sell Christmas trinkets are invited **to get in touch!**

Save The Dates

- **12th December | Christmas Raffle closes.** [Click here to purchase tickets](#)
- **12th December | Children's Christmas Fair.** [Click here to volunteer](#)
- **12th December | Family Winter Fair.** [Click here to book a stall](#)



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AGM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Poplar Primary PTA **AGM on Friday, 28th November**.

Our AGM is an important event that takes place each year to review our achievements, share financial transparency, celebrate the work of our volunteers, and elect committee members for the PTA for the year ahead. It ensures the PTA remains open, accountable, and focused on supporting the children and school community in the best possible way. The financials shared were for the period: **1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025**

It's been a fantastic year of community spirit, with events such as Uniform Sales, Discos, Christmas Festivities, Bake Sales, the Quiz Night and the Summer Fair helping us **raise £24,841**. We contributed **£19,806 directly to the school**—most notably funding a full year of **TAMHS support (£7,786)**—and closed the year with a strong balance of **£27,515**. The Summer Fair was our standout fundraiser (**£12,886**), followed by the Christmas Fair (**£2,073**) and uniform sales (**£1,769**). A huge thank-you to our committee, staff, reps, and volunteers whose efforts made this year such a success.

Thank you to **Gulcen Karamanoglu** for carrying out the financial audit for the PTA. Your thoroughness, professionalism, and attention to detail have been invaluable, and we truly appreciate both the time and effort you dedicated to this, as well as the quick turnaround.

A heartfelt thank-you to **Miss Davies** for her unwavering support—your presence at every meeting and event means the world to the PTA, our volunteers, and everyone who attends. We all deeply appreciate your commitment. You truly are a rock star.

A very big thank-you to **Mrs Tulino** for always being on hand to help. No matter the request, you consistently go out of your way to assist, and your support—before, during and after events—is genuinely appreciated by us all. Thank you.

A huge thank you to **Dina Soliman**, who, after six tremendous years as Treasurer of the PTA, stepped down from her role at this year's AGM. Dina has been pivotal to the success of the PTA, stepping into the role at a time when no one else was willing to take it on. Since then, she has transformed the position—introducing new fundraising initiatives, strengthening community engagement, and helping ensure the long-term sustainability of our PTA.

Beyond her many successes, Dina is known for her big heart and generosity. She is always willing to help, often quietly working behind the scenes to make sure events run smoothly and that everyone feels supported. Her compassion and reliability have been an absolute asset to the committee. We're delighted that Dina will remain part of the PTA, where she'll continue to focus on driving green initiatives such as the Pre-Loved Uniform Sales, Little Recyclers Clothing Collections, and Second-Hand Toy Sales.



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THIS YEAR'S PTA



MISS DAVIES

Deputy Head Teacher



NICOLE DE CAIRES

Chair



JAMES KEELING

Treasurer



BHAV PATEL

Co-Secretary



REBECCA FRY

Co-Secretary



JENNA TREDWIN

Grants & Sponsorship



CLAIRE-ANNE STRYDOM

Events Lead



CATHERINE MARSTON

Bake Lead



DINA SOLIMAN

Committee Member



JULIA CRAWFORD

Committee Member



KATHRYN INNES

Committee Member



NICKI HEDGES

Committee Member



CARLA MCDOWALL

Committee Member



VICTOR FEDIANINE

Committee Member



And last, but certainly not least, a **massive thank-you** goes out to our **incredible PTA Committee** members. The amount of work you do—much of it thankless and unseen—is nothing short of extraordinary. From planning events, managing finances and admin, recruiting volunteers, coordinating logistics, and handling shopping, sorting, pricing, and clearing up, to printing, decorating, and making sure every detail feels special, you pour heart and soul into creating memorable experiences for our children and families. These events simply wouldn't happen without your dedication, creativity, and sheer hard work. You are all phenomenal individuals, and I cannot thank you enough for everything you do. Being part of a team as committed, kind, and brilliant as you is a privilege, and your passion and spirit make the PTA not just a committee, but a true community. Thank you, and here is to another fabulous year!

Nicole De Caires, Chair



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EVENTS THIS MONTH

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PTA will be hosting the Children's Christmas Fair on the **12th of December**.

Please could you **donate** good quality **toys, teddies, any unwanted gift items**, and consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help run the Children's Christmas Fair—without you, we simply couldn't make the magic happen.

- volunteer to help at the Childrens' Christmas fair today

[👉 click here](#)

- Buy raffle tickets for a chance to win a hamper

[👉 click here](#)



WINTER FAIR 2025

Friday 12th December | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Join us for 🎅 a small but Sparkling Winter Celebration, a magical afternoon of festive fun and community cheer!

Wrap up warm and come along to enjoy:

- 🥧 Minced Pies & Mulled Wine
- 📺 Elfridges & Gift Stalls
- 🎵 Festive Music & Cheer

- Winter Fair: apply to run a stall

[👉 book Winter stall](#)



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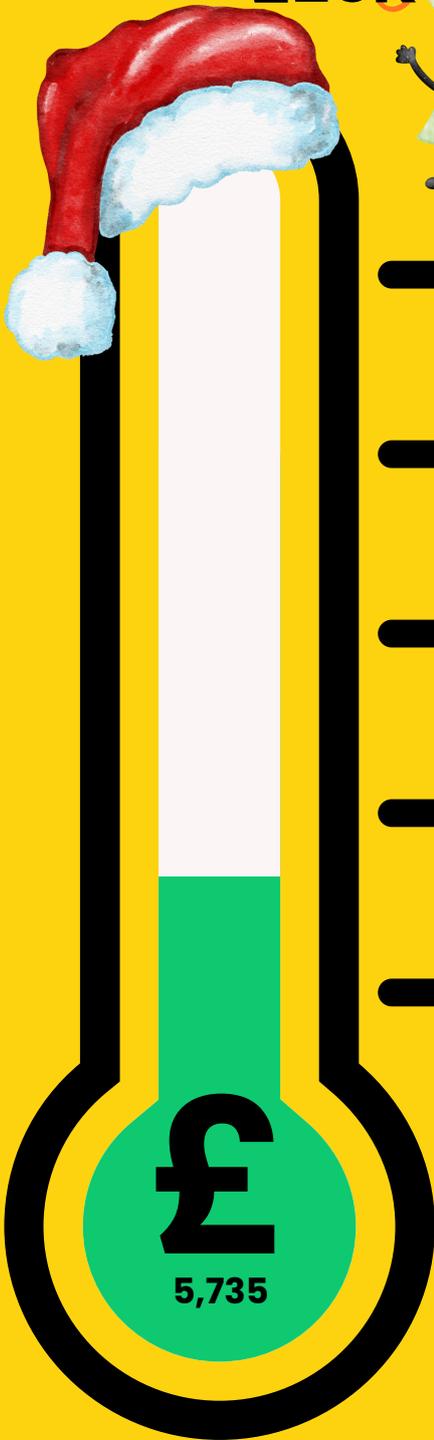
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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

£25K



KEEP TRACK OF HOW MUCH
OUR EVENTS AND
FUNDRAISING EFFORTS HAVE
RAISED THANKS TO YOU!

WE HAVE A TARGET OF £25K
FOR THE YEAR.



CHRISTMAS TREES

£380



AGM & QUIZ

£477



BAKE SALE

£299



DISCO

£1380



DIWALI

£1632



STAND UP & SALSA

£794



UNIFORM SALES

£659



LITTLE RECYCLERS

£114



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26 SEPT
MARIA'S GARDEN
2:30PM



26 SEPT
SCHOOL HALL
7:30PM



17 OCT
POPLAR PRIMARY
5:00PM



7 NOV
Y1 - Y6 DISCO
AFTER SCHOOL



21 NOV
BAKE SALE
3:15PM



28 NOV
AGM | QUIZ NIGHT
7:30PM



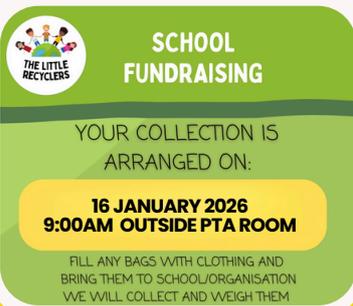
12 DEC
WINTER FESTIVITIES



16 JAN
KIDS MOVIE NIGHT
AFTER SCHOOL



16 JAN
LITTLE RECYCLERS
9:00AM



13 FEB
BAKE SALE
3:15PM



27 FEB
RECEPTION DISCO
3:15PM



10 MAR
GROW YOUR OWN
GARDEN



MAR 2026
EID CELEBRATION
TBC



9 MAY
BAKE SALE
3:15PM



16 | 23 MAY
PARTY IN THE PARK



4 JUL
SUMMER FAIR
12:00PM

