

END OF YEAR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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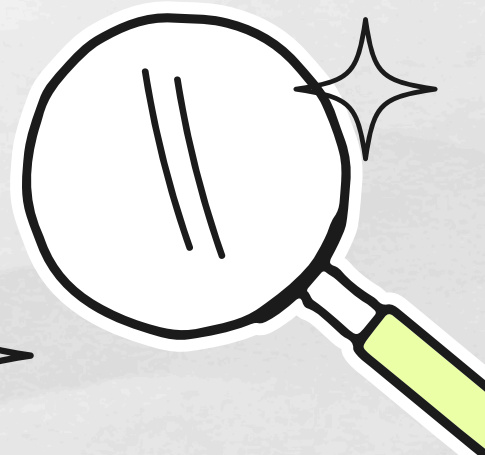
IT'S A WRAP...!

What a year it's been, folks

We've successfully delivered 18 events since September, and some of the most MEMORABLE ones include the Light Party, Quiz, Easter Egg Hunt, and more recently the Colour Run, Summer Fair, and the Summer Party. It has indeed been a very busy year, particularly the summer term!

While all these events are part of our broader fundraising efforts, we always keep in mind our primary goal: ensuring that the children have FUN and enjoy the activities we plan for them. Of course, fundraising is crucial to support the school, but it's equally important to enrich their school experience, which I hope we've managed to do.

As we approach the end of the year, the committee will soon be sitting down to plan the timetable for next year. We are always in need of help, so if you have been considering joining the committee, there is no better time than now! We would LOVE to have you. We have a number of vacancies for year 2025/26. If you have any new and EXCITING ideas for fundraising events, please get in touch. We are always open to trying new things for our children. Have a fantastic summer break and a well-deserved rest!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

We're thrilled to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our school community, we've raised over £19,000 this year!

These funds have already made a significant impact. We've invested £10,000 into enriching our school environment and supporting our students. This includes:

- Sport and SEN equipment to ensure inclusive and active learning
- Books and trophies to celebrate and encourage a love of reading
- Facilities improvements that enhance daily school life
- Contributions to school trips, helping make memorable experiences accessible to more students

And we're not stopping there...we've committed to TWO new projects:

- New Chromebooks to support digital learning and ensure children have access to modern technology
- A new stage and sound system to elevate school performances

Every PENNY raised goes directly toward making our school a better place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.



DATE FOR THE DIARY

An Amazing Fundraising Opportunity for Our School!

We're incredibly excited to announce a FANTASTIC evening made possible by the generous support of the Leonardo Royal Hotel Oxford...

Join us for a night of:

🧠 Quiz Fun (🎧 Hosted by the amazing Rich Smith from Get Radio as your quiz MC!)

🍴 Buffet Feast

🍹 Bar

🎟 Raffle with INCREDIBLE Prizes...trips, meals, and so much more

📅 Friday 10 October 2025

💷 £10 including buffet

For discounted accommodation at the hotel contact

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Let's make this a night to remember and raise vital funds for our school! ❤️



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As another school year turns the page, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredible SEVEN year(!) journey with the School Association since my daughter joined the school. For the last three of those, I've had the privilege (and the calendar full of planning meetings to prove it!) of chairing our School Association.

It's been a WONDERFULLY busy, rewarding time. Together, we've delivered over 50(!) events, including new favourites like the Easter Egg Hunt, Elfridges, and, of course, the entertaining Colour Run. Our Summer Fairs have grown bigger (and hopefully better!) with bouncy castles, outside traders, and all kinds of fun for the whole family. We've even gone "high-tech" moving away from cash-only stalls to offering card machines... no more last-minute dashes to the cashpoint in Bicester!

None of this would've been possible without our INCREDIBLE committee. You somehow manage to juggle jobs, kids, and life and still find time to plan events, run stalls, and make everything look effortless. You are true LEGENDS. And of course, a HUGE thank you to all the children and parents who've supported our events. Whether you bought raffle tickets, bounced with joy, or just turned up with a smile, your energy has made every effort worthwhile.

While I've absolutely LOVED the role, I'll be stepping down as Chair this September due to increased career demands. This will make way for someone new to SHINE. I do hope that one of you comes forward to fill this role - SA will be unable to run without a chair. You will have a great and very capable team behind you. I'll still be a part of the committee and support the new chair in any way I can and I'm confident the team will continue doing amazing things for the school and our children.

THANK YOU for the support, the laughter, and the memories.

Warm wishes

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