

St. James' PTA



The heart of the community voice for parents, children and staff of St James' Primary School

PTA Communication Channels

Communication is especially important, so to help keep you all informed we have our own PTA email, website, monthly newsletters, WhatsApp Noticeboard and Facebook groups. Through these channels we share information about our events, fundraising and purchases.

Facebook Groups:

SJP Reception <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1228065464828046> (parent led group – not PTA, but handy for you to know!)

SJP PTA www.facebook.com/groups/648285485312917/ (information & event reminders)

SJP PTA Selling Group www.facebook.com/groups/342102163509677 (preloved selling within the school community)

Website: www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta/index.cfm?event=events (information & event bookings)

WhatsApp: SJP PTA WhatsApp Noticeboard <https://chat.whatsapp.com/15W/WyElXpd48Qn08hNGddq>
(information & event bookings)

Newsletter: Emailed by the school office (posters on all 3 Noticeboards, on SJP PTA Facebook and PTA & School websites)

Noticeboards: 1. School Gates, 2. School Foyer, 3. Dining Hall

Postbox: For any cash payments/letters (school foyer)

Dropbox: For any larger items/donations (school foyer)

Eco Hub: Recycle and fundraise for the school and other charities (far right of school building)

School webpage: <https://www.stjamescofeprimary-dgat.co.uk/pta-1> (updated PTA page coming soon!)

Email: stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com (for general PTA enquiries)

New parent requests to join the SJP PTA Facebook group or PTA Events website will be processed at the start of September.

How To Support Your PTA

- Read the PTA Newsletters.
- Join the PTA Facebook groups and/or register on the PTA Events website.
- Register with Easy Fundraising.
- Ask your workplace about match-funding or Benevity options.
- Attend events and volunteer.
- Come along to our PTA Meetings @ Moran's, only six per school year!
- Find a PTA Committee member/volunteer in the playground to have a chat and find out more. See PTA Events website for names and faces.



all that's missing is U!

PTA TO DO LIST...

- ☐ Join SJP PTA (General Facebook group)
- ☐ Join SJP PTA Selling Group (Selling Facebook group)
- ☐ Join SJP PTA WhatsApp Noticeboard (PTA reminders)
- ☐ Register on PTA Events Website (Book PTA events)
- ☐ Register with Easyfundraising (Shop online and raise money for the PTA)
- ☐ Start using the Eco Hub (far right of school building, under the canopy)
- ☐ Enquire about match-funding or Benevity at your workplace

Finally, please come to our **PTA Summer Fair on Fri 4 Jul, 6-9pm**

@ St James' Primary School. £1 entry, pre-schoolers free.

Card machine on entrance, licensed bar and hot food. Cash on all stalls: Bouncy Castle, Face Paints, Go-Karts, Raffle, Speed Goal, Stalls and Games. Fun for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

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St James' C of E Primary School has a highly active PTA (Parent Teacher Association). We are a registered charity passionate about fundraising for the school and strengthening the school community. Charity Number: [1061151](#)

As parents and staff of St James' Primary School you are automatically a PTA member. The PTA supports the school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all pupils. In doing so we form close ties with the school community, helping to connect school and home life, so that parents and carers become more positively engaged in their children's education.

PTA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Cake, Preloved Uniform & Costume Sales
- Christmas Card Project
- Christmas & Summer Fairs
- Discos & Popcorn Clubs
- Mufti/Non-uniform Days
- Bag2School & Eco Hub Recycling
- Easyfundraising
- Quiz Night & Jackeroo Fashion Show
- Sponsored Gallop
- Summer Splash @ The Lido



HOW MUCH DO WE RAISE?

It varies each year but in 2023/24 the PTA's income was a whopping £58,369! This is a huge amount of money, and we could not have done it without the support of the children, parents, carers, staff and PTA committee and volunteers. A whole school community effort! As a result, we are delighted to be able to fund many exciting resources and experiences for our children each year.

WHAT HAVE WE BOUGHT?

Everything we buy is at the request of the school. Here is a selection of PTA Purchases:

- Outdoor adventure trail, den building area, clamber stacks and playground equipment
- Polytunnel, gazebo, recycled plastic picnic benches and Forest School puddlesuits
- Laptops, iPads and portable charging trolleys
- Defibrillator
- Yoga mats, therapy sand and pastoral resources
- Sports, musical and play equipment
- School stage and AV equipment
- Library furniture, floor mats, dictionaries, thesauruses and whole school reading scheme
- Dining furniture and Dyson Cool Tower fans
- Annual £5 school trip contribution for every child
- Annual school subscriptions £5k (e.g. Scrapstore PlayPod, CORAM Life Education, Sing Up)



Partners

St James' PTA has established relationships with various partners to assist with fundraising.

ONLINE SHOPPING: Easy Fundraising

Shop online and raise money for the school at no cost to you.

Register, select us as your chosen charity and shop away!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjcheltenham (St James' Primary School PTA – Cheltenham)

LABELS: Mine4Sure, Stikins & Stamptastic

A mixture of stickers, iron-ons and stamps available. Never lose a school jumper again!

Mine4Sure (colourful labels with icons): www.mine4sure.com (CHE2106)

Stikins (plain black on white labels): www.stikins.co.uk (19777)

Stamptastic (stamp and ink pad):

www.stamptastic.co.uk/collections/home-page/products/basic-bundle (GL502RS)

TEXTILES: Bag2School help us recycle our unwanted clothes and shoes and raise money at the same time. We have a textile collection every half term. Spare donation bags can be found in the Eco Hub or use your own bags.

www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect

RECYCLING: Eco Hub

To the far right of school, you will find our Eco Hub. Here you can recycle and reuse unwanted textiles, school uniform and dressing up costumes. You can also donate greeting cards and stamps for Cobalt and Printer Cartridges for The Ink Bin.



Please support our fundraising efforts and volunteer whenever possible... without you, our events cannot go ahead!