



PTA Charity
no. 1184839

William Hildyard Church of England
Primary & Nursery School PTA

Minutes of General Meeting
Held on Monday 15th September at 7.00pm at The Vine Pub

Item	Action
<p>Present: Kirsty Mitchell KM (Chair), Amanda Vickers AV (Treasurer), Philippa Simpson, Tor Gelley TG (Secretary), Hannah Stroud, Nina Carr NC</p> <p>Apologies Received: Michelle Welch MW, Kim Smith, Laura Willox, Terri Bird TB, Rebecca Pasqualino</p>	
<p>Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2025: Agreed as a true record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Past Events:</p> <p>Sports Day – 10th July Positive feedback has been received from teachers and parents. The earlier timing has really worked and should be continued in the future. Suggestion that one classroom is allocated as a dressing room as confusion as to who was responsible for the children when they were changing. Kirsty spent a lot of time going around classrooms collecting payment for the disco, moving forward this should be eliminated via the online payment system. Selling tickets online will also enable us to have a comprehensive list of students attending and those going home. This even was an excellent fundraiser and raised £517.01 Discussion was had as to splitting the stations (glowsticks/tattoos etc) as they could get quite overrun in the corridor, weather and volunteer numbers depending we could put one or two out in the sheltered outdoor space.</p> <p>Bags 2 School – 10th July 2025 Payment has still not been received for this collection. KM has emailed about future dates.</p>	
<p>Forthcoming Events:</p> <p>Elfridges - AV confirmed half of the gifts have already been purchased for this event. Discussed that Fridays are the best days to hold these stalls. Date decided as Friday 28th November Wrap fest to be arranged nearer the time.</p> <p>Christmas Fayre - Agreed to hold the event 5pm – 7pm again as this worked well last year. Date confirmed as 5th December. Its felt this year would be nice to reinstate the Yr6 games room as people were looking for it last year. Perhaps Terri and Ollie could man it to avoid any of the past issues we had. A separate message group will be created to keep all Christmas Fayre business separate to ongoing PTA matters.</p>	

With the help of Mrs Keemer perhaps we could encourage some carol singing/bucket shaking.

Helping Hands Weekend –

Date still to be confirmed, awaiting the Rotary club to inform us of dates they are available to assist. In the meantime, large tyres are to be moved to Forest School space out of the way.

Dare to be different –

This is currently put on the back burner as too much going on already. Perhaps Jan/Feb.

Penny Challenge –

Collection of large plastic tubs to begin, ideally old sweetshop tubs with the screw top lids.
7 containers are required, the class that raises the most money gets a treat, possibly an extra playtime?
To begin straight after Christmas.

Bags 2 School –

Awaiting the dates for this year.

Colour Run –

Leave to school to figure out where this will fit in the calendar.

Book in a box –

This was a lovely event last year, only raised £12 but the children enjoyed doing it. Discussion have been had with Mrs Parr and thoughts are we should incorporate it into the events for World Book Day.

Mothers Day –

Agreed date of Friday 13th March 2026

Marvellous Men –

Agreed date of Friday 19th June 2026

Christmas Shows –

EYFS – 15th December 2025
YR 1-4 – 8th and 9th December 2025
Grandparents Morning – 12th December 2025

Enough committee members said they would be available for the show dates for the raffle to be run. AV shall make the hampers.

Santa Dash/Bunny Hop -

Decided the Christmas activities are looking full so instead of a Santa Dash we shall do a Bunny Hop instead.

Children pay a £2 fee and this includes some bunny ears and then perhaps a chocolate egg upon completion of the course.

If we can get a member of staff in a bunny costume even better.

Decided on Wednesday 1st April 2026 pre-Easter break.

Bake Sale –

To be held in October the week before half term. Friday 17th of October, this time split over many stalls “Bakers Market” to ease the crowds and enable more volunteers to assist easing the crowds and hopefully selling more.

Possible February Disco –

Seeing the success of the end of term Disco, getting another one in the diary would be a good fundraising opportunity.

TG to message Mark the DJ and see if February would even be an option.

Sports Day –

22nd May 2026 with a reserve date of 5th June 2025.

Once again, we shall man a refreshment stall for the parents.

Virtual Duck Race –

Look into the costings of this further, perhaps some time in the Spring/Summer term. Children purchase a duck (£2 and get to keep it) these are all numbered and then they gather in the hall to watch a virtual duck race with a prize for the winner. 15th May 2026?

Offsite Events –

AV would like to explore the idea of hosting events offsite, perhaps more parent focused events. Quiz night? Bingo Night?

Raft Race/ Deeping Carnival –

Agreed this year we should endeavour to man tombola stalls at both these events, we are a bigger committee now and so should be able to man the stalls in shifts. These can be lucrative fundraisers.

Sweetie Tuck Shop –

As a bake sale alternative (when the weather is hotter) we should hold a sweetie stall. We can make bags of pick and mix. Agreed this would be a popular event.

<p>Website update –</p> <p>TG to see if there is anything she can do to assist MW and Clare in getting the website updated</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>Newsletter –</p> <p>Next newsletter to go out after the October half term getting everyone prepped for the Christmas activities.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>Environmental area –</p> <p>The pond risk assessment needs signing off and the solar sprinkler installed and then this shall be complete.</p>	

<p>Treasurers Report: Accounts & Expenditure:</p> <p>AV informed us that we had a starting balance of £7,539.97, taking into consideration committed expenditure we have £6,019.97 funds available.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Discussion was had regarding the way we contact parents, talked about ways we could streamline our social media. Idea to have a banner added at the bottom of the weekly newsletter sent out by Miss Remnant, in theory a PTA Bulletin. TG to discuss with Miss Remnant if this could happen and to action accordingly</p> <p>Christmas Cards –</p> <p>Packs have arrived so will be distributed. NC and TG volunteered to help administrate this project.</p> <p>Calendar of Events (proposed)</p>	<p>TG</p>

<p>September - October – Bake Sale 17th November – Elfridges 28th December – Raffles at performances 8/9/12th, 5th Fayre January – Penny Challenge begins/Dare to be different February – Disco March – World Book Day 6th/Book in a box, Mother’s Day 13th April – Bunny Hop 1st May – Virtual Duck Race 15th, Sports Day 22nd June – Back up Sports Day 5th, Marvellous Men 6th July – Sweetie Stall August – Raft Race/Carnival</p>	
<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting: Committee Meeting, Monday 10th November 2025, 7.30pm at The Vine.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 8.49 pm</p>	