PTFA NEWSLETTER

December 2025

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St Joseph & St Teresa Catholic Primary School

ELFRIDGES

On Tuesday 16th December we turned The Hive into Elfridges. A one stop shop for students to do their Christmas shopping.

We had a lot of fun putting on this event, from the initial shopping trip, to putting items together, to welcoming the little shoppers into our pop up shop.

We made just shy of £50 profit. But profit wasn't the focus for this event. 65% of the school took part, just over 100 children got to independently choose an item, got to hand over money, and got to take something away for a loved one. Those wider curriculum skills and experiences are worth more than us making money.

A big thank you to the fabulous volunteers who joined us.







THE SHED

Have you noticed our new shed? On a slightly miserable Saturday in early December, Craig Flagg (PTFA Volunteer) assisted by Committee members Andy and Neil put up our new PTFA shed. And we think it's a thing of beauty.

It's already been christened during our December 'The Coffee Shed'. We've had some great feedback about it. Watch this space for more opportunities to use it.







On behalf of the PTFA, we'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a fun filled New Year.

After what has been a busy first term for us, we are looking forward to a break, ready to come back afresh in the new year.

We have been overwhelmed with the support you've all given us. Whether that has been donating items for the Jumble Trail, giving up your time to tidy/paint/build/help with events, take part in competitions, purchase tea towels or a coffee or even come along to our quiz night. It makes everything worthwhile.

See you in 2026.

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PTFA VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to:

- Make a positive contribution to the school?
- Help raise funds for important school resources?
- Get to know more parents?
- Have fun?

If the answer is yes, then join the PTFA.

Speak to a member of the committee for more details.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING





We certainly had our brain cells tested at the PTFA quiz. Thank you to Neil, one of the Committee members, for putting it all together and to Nigel and James for being our wonderful Quiz Masters.

It was great to have such a big turn out, we don't take for granted that people will give up their Friday nights to join us.

The Prosecco was flowing, as was the debates over how many teeth an adult human has...do you know?

Congratulations to Team Toploader who came out on top.

And well done to all our raffle winners.

TEA TOWELS

Golly, who knew Tea Towels would be such a hit, we sold approx 250. A big thank you to Nat Flagg, one of our Committee members, for running with idea. It was lovely seeing all the children producing their portraits and then seeing the final product. We hope you love them as much as we do.



PARISH BAZAAR



For our stall at the Parish Bazaar this year we ran a Human Fruit Machine. A fun competition that certainly proved popular. No doubt we will see a revival of it in the future.

A big thank you to our Secretary, Steph, for running this, and all the volunteers who took part.

Money raised goes back to the parish, but we do get a percentage back.

AUTUMN TERM IN NUMBERS

VOLUNTEERS

We have had

25

Volunteers help us

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

We have organised

15

events and activities

RECENT PURCHASES

Coaches to Panto - £972

Class Christmas Gifts - £157

New school logo - £138

Shed - £1,601

FUNDRAISING

Jumble Trail - £100

Pumpkin Competition - £156

Tattoo Stand - £47

Nativity Refreshments - £41

Coffee Sheds - £24.50

Tea Towels - £380

Quiz - £309

Elfridges - £48.27

Total: £1,105.77

TOO GOOD TO THROW

You've heard of 'Too Good to Go', well we bring you Too Good to Throw. We have sorted through the second hand uniform and created bundles of uniform that either come in full sets (Jumper, shirt and trousers) or a combination of items.

We have added everything to our online store so that you can purchase items easily for minimal cost. We will let you know when they are ready to collect from school.

We hope that the Too Good to Throw online store will be the place you go to first when looking to update your child's uniform.

We will add items as and when they come in. We will also try to run regular pop up shops too.



SCAN ME

WHAT'S ON

What's On - Spring Term

January

Christmas Jumper Collection - Week beginning 5th January

The Coffee Shed - Date TBC

Break The Rules Day - 23rd January



February

Photo Competition - Open to students, staff & parents - Date TBC

The Coffee Shed - Date TBC

Spring Term Parent Carer Information Meeting - Date TBC

March

Bingo & Bubbles - 6th March

The Big Spring Tidy Up - Date TBC

The Coffee Shed - Date TBC

Easter Baazar and Easter Egg Hunt - 28th March



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CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

We will be collecting your outgrown Christmas Jumpers during the first week back, ready to create a Pop Up Christmas Jumper Shop next November.

Please place them into the box in reception, from Tuesday 6th January.



PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE

Are you a member of our PTFA Facebook Page?

We post regular updates on events, our Online Store and other message.

Search 'St Joseph and St Teresa's Parents Page' on Facebook, or scan the QR code below.

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AMAZON WISH LIST

Looking for a simple way to support our students? Check out our Amazon Wishlist! We've put together a list of classroom essentials and enrichment items that will help make our learning environment even more engaging and effective. Every contribution, big or small, goes a long way in supporting our children' education.



Scan the QR code to view our wishlist.

You may wish to share the Wishlist with family members who would like to support the PTFA but can't always make our events.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community!

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