PTFA NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Parents • Teachers • Friends
St Joseph & St Teresa Catholic Primary School

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.





ONLINE STORE

THE COFFEE SHED

Did you visit our Coffee Shed on Tuesday 11th November. Thank you so much if you did.

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to meet your caffeinated needs.

Our next outing will be on 16th December, we'll be bringing some festive flavours.







Hello,

Welcome to the November edition of our Newsletter. We have had a busy month, which is all explained in this newsletter. From the buzz of running a busy cake sale to the less glamorous task of emptying the shed.

We ran our first parent and carer information morning. It was great to reflect on what we have done and our plans for the next few months. There were lots of great ideas that came out of the meeting which we will take to our next committee meeting.

We have some very exciting events lined up between now and the end of term, we hope you will be part of them.

Ali

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





One of our parents, Jake Lloyd, very kindly gave up a weekend to come and paint the outside of the Reading Hut. Something that was in desperate need of being done to help prolong the longevity of the hut.

We thank Lloyd Property for donating the paint, and the labour through Jake.

It's not finished yet, but I think you'll agree it is looking very smart.

TATTOO STAND

We recently ran the tattoo stand at the Fancy Dress Happy Little Ravers Event. We raised £47, and used the opportunity to advertise the school and our PTFA to local families.

We even got to meet Cinderella, she was very impressed with our tattoo collection.





CLEARING THE SHED



We took the decision to empty the current PTFA Shed following news that a tree was being taken down, and could potentially damage the shed and it's contents.

Who knew so much could be stored in one shed! After it's temporary home under the Forest School Shelter, we have rehomed everything whilst we wait to order our new shed.











PUMPKIN CARVING AND HALLOWEEN BAKE OFF

On the 20th October we held our first competition of the year. To say we were overwhelmed with the number of entries would be an understatement.

The level of competition was incredible, we know Mrs Harvey and Meg from Sweet Delights found it tough judging the baked entries, as did the School Council judging the pumpkins.

We'd like to express our gratitude to all who got involved in the competition, judged, volunteered or bought cakes after school.

We raised a total of £156.

SCHOOL TEA TOWELS

The children, with guidance from the PTFA, have been busy drawing their portraits for our 25/26 School Tea Towel.

To order yours, please scan the QR code.

Tea Towels are £4.50 each (or 3 for £12).

Deadline for ordering, **7pm Sunday 16th November 25**



WHAT'S ON



PARISH BAZAAR

The St Joseph and St Teresa Church Parish Bazaar is on 15th November at Wells Town Hall.

We will have a stall there representing the School and the PTFA. We hope you will come along and try our Human Fruit Machine.

It's always a lovely event, with lots of stalls and refreshments available.

QUIZ NIGHT

Have you booked your tickets yet for our Quiz Night? It's set to be a fun evening away from the little people in your lives.

You don't have to be a parent to come along, we welcome all new faces.

There is a cash prize, bar, bar snacks and a raffle with some pretty impressive prizes.

Tickets can be purchased via our online store.



PTFA SURVEY

We have created a short survey that we are asking parents and carers to complete.

We will use the results to help build a data base of who are parents are, what skills and talents they might have that could support the PTFA, even down to if they work for a business who might want to sponsor us in the future or donate a raffle prize.

We have provided a paper version of this survey at the end of the newsletter. Please hand completed versions to Alice Mckinley via the school office.

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.

SCAN ME

PURCHASES IN THE PIPELINE

We are currently going through a change with our bank account, and as such are unable to make any purchases. We are very much looking forward to this being resolved so that we can buy our new shed and more resources for the school.

PTFA Shed -
We are investing in a new PTFA shed. The current one, although still usable, has seem better days and in need of replacing. The new shed will be given a new position. The addition of serving hatches will enable us to offer 'The Coffee Shed' iniative,



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.

SCAN ME

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!

EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG

No matter what you are buying, feel good knowing every online shop counts towards something.

By downloading the Easyfundraising App and linking it to St Joseph and St Teresa Catholic Primary School PTFA - Wells you can help raise funds by shopping with over 8,000 brands online.

It’s really easy to set up. Use the App Store on your phone or type easyfundraising.org.uk into your web browser.

There is no extra cost to you, but it will make a big difference to us.





PTFA SURVEY

Please return completed surveys for Alice Mckinley via the school office.

1. Basic info: Name, child's name and class

Enter your answer

2. What skills or talents would you be happy to share with the school/PTFA? (Tick all that apply/or add your own)

- [ ] Gardening
- [ ] Baking
- [ ] Event planning
- [ ] DIY or maintainance
- [ ] Arts & crafts
- [ ] Music or performance
- [ ] IT or design
- [ ] Fundraising
- [ ] Other

3. Would you be willing to lead or support a workshop or activity for children or for parents?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Maybe

4. When are you generally able to help? (Tick all that apply)

- [ ] Weekday mornings
- [ ] Weekday afternoons
- [ ] Evenings
- [ ] Weekends
- [ ] School holidays
- [ ] I can't commit regularly but happy to help occasionally

5. How often would you be willing to volunteer?

- ◯ Once a term
- ◯ Monthly
- ◯ As needed
- ◯ One-off events only

6. Do you have any connections that could support the school? (e.g local businesses, sports personalities, entertainers, bands, printers, caterers - if yes, please describe)

Enter your answer

7. Do you or your workplace offer any services or sponsorships that could benefit the school? (If yes, please describe)

Enter your answer

8. What type of events would you be most interested in helping with? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ School discos
- ☐ Bake sales
- ☐ Clean-up days
- ☐ Raffles or auctions
- ☐ Talent shows
- ☐ Gardening days
- ☐ Family fun days
- ☐ Other

9. Would you like to join the PTFA whatsapp group? (If yes, then please add your mobile number below)

Enter your answer

10. I consent to SJST PTFA storing my submitted information. *

- ◯ Yes