PTFA NEWSLETTER

October 2025

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THE BIG AUTUMN TIDY UP



At the end of September we took part in our Big Autumn Tidy Up, tackling different parts of the school. The photos below show some before and after images.



A massive thank you to the 24 volunteers who brushed, weeded, trimmed and tidied. There was a fantastic community atmosphere to the whole event.








We've had a really busy September and there are no signs of slowing down just yet.

Despite Storm Amy undoing some of our good work, it's still lovely to see the difference our Big Tidy Up made.

In this newsletter you'll find more information about some of our upcoming events, purchases we've made and hope to in the future. We'll also be introducing you to a couple of new initiatives.

It was great to see so many people attend our Pop Up Uniform and Book Shop on 8th Oct.

We hope to see you at our events soon.

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WELLS JUMBLE TRAIL

We'd like to thank everyone who donated items for our stall and also to our volunteers who helped us run the stall on the day.

It was great to see so many students and their families as well as getting to talk to the local community about the school.

We raised just over **£115** which is fantastic!



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'S ON

What's On - Autumn Term

More details to follow. For now, save the dates!

September & October

20th October - Halloween Bake Off and Pumpkin Competition

26th October - Fancy Dress Happy Little Ravers (10% Discount for families)



November

11th November - The Coffee Shed (Morning Drop Off)

15th November - Parish Bazaar at Wells Town Hall

21st November - Adult Quiz Night

December

Personalised Christmas Goodies (Date TBC)

16th December -The Coffee Shed (Morning Drop Off)

Elfridges (Date TBC)



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Get out your pumpkin carving tools, aprons and wooden spoons, it's time for our Pumpkin Carving Competition and Halloween Bake Off. This is open to all current SJST students.

We are excited to have a special guest to judge your creations, winners will be announced at the end of the school day. All baked goods will be available to buy after 3:10pm. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Below is all the information you need.

🎃Pumpkin Carving Competition 🎃

- 50p entry fee to be paid when dropping off your pumpkin.
- All entries clearly labeled with name, your class and category you are entering.
- Entries to be handed into a member of the PTFA on the morning of 20th October.

Categories:

Funniest Face or Design
Whether it's a silly grin, a quirky character, or a humorous scene, this rewards pumpkins that make people smile.

Most Detailed Carving
Recognises effort and intricacy in the carving, whether it's patterns, textures, or complex shapes.

Most Original Idea
For pumpkins that stand out with a unique concept or unexpected twist on the traditional carving.

🎂👻Halloween Bake Off 👻🎂

- Free to enter
- All baked goods will be sold at the end of the school day
- All entries clearly labeled with name, your class and category you are entering.
- Entries to be handed into a member of the PTFA on the morning of 20th October.

Categories:

Spookiest Design
How well does the cake capture a spooky Halloween theme? Think ghosts, spiders, haunted houses, etc.

Most Creative Decoration
Originality and imagination in how the cake is decorated. Unusual ideas, clever use of materials, or unexpected themes.

Most imaginative Cake Name
Encourages creativity in naming their cake. For example, "Zombie Brain Brownies" or "Witch's Cauldron Cupcakes"



It would be great to see you and your little ones at the Fancy Dress Happy Little Ravers Event on the 26th October. We will be attending the event, running the glitter tattoo stall.

All parents and teachers get **10% off all tickets** by using the code SJST10 at the checkout.

Scan the QR code for ticket info.

Or visit bookwhen.com/thehappyparentclub





RECENT PURCHASES

We are thrilled to inform you that we have made the following purchases from money raised last year by the committee and their trusted band of volunteers.





Fire Pit -
This new fire pit is set up in the Forest School Area. The wide surround allows students to safely toast their marshmallows.

Books -
We have purchased 31 books for teachers to read to the students for their class topics.



PURCHASES IN THE PIPELINE



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 WR 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!

SCAN ME

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.



