



PTFA

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

What is the PTFA

Hello!

The start of 2026 has been a bit of a quieter one for us – a chance to catch our breath and recover after a very busy December. But we're back, re-energised and full of ideas for the months ahead.

We've got lots of exciting plans bubbling away, and this is the perfect time for parents to have their say. What events would you love to see? What works well? What could we do differently? We'd genuinely love to hear your thoughts.

You can get involved in whatever way suits you – come along to a meeting, drop us an email, or simply stop for a chat if you spot us at the school gates. No big commitment needed, just your ideas and opinions.

As always, the PTFA is here to add a little extra sparkle to school life at Brenchley & Matfield – raising funds, building community and supporting the school wherever we can. More to come very soon... and we hope you'll be part of it

Upcoming Events

- **Apr** - Easter Egg Hunt (In School)
- **25th - 26th Apr** - Pop Up Shop Collab
- **20th Jun** - Summer Fete
- **July** - CampOut, Date TBC
- **6th Nov** - Fireworks Night
- **Date TBC** Sponsored Colour Run
- **Date TBC** Quiz Night

Well Done Christina!

Massive congratulations to B&M Mum Christina who ran the Paddock Wood Half Marathon in support of our PTFA! She raised **£225** for the PTFA!

The Land Of Treats

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, ate & enjoyed our World Book Day Cake Sale! We raised **£603!**

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SPRING

SAVE THE DATE

Brenchley Summer Fete



SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026

When

12PM - 3:30PM

Where

**BRENCHLEY & MATFIELD PRIMARY
SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD, TN12 7NY**

This event is open to all! Inviting neighbours, friends and families to come together for a memorable afternoon.

FINANCE ROUND UP

SEPT 2025 – FEB 2025

FINANCIAL POSITION

TOTAL FUNDS

METRO BANK ACCOUNT **£10,210**

CASH **£1,810**

TOTAL £12,020

Thank you for all of your support over the the Winter term. We were able to successfully fundraise across numerous events. Highlights included Fireworks night raising **£6,916**, School Gift Day raising over **£900**, Wreath events raising **£348** along with **£600** from the Christmas disco and generous donations across the school Christmas performances. The mychildsart initiative raised **£106.51**

MONEY INVESTED

Monster Phonics Reading Books £124

Christmas Panto £1220

Our Animal World Amazing Animals Encounter £682

Drama Geezers Workshop £1150

O2 Young Voices Coach £1000

Ring fenced for New Books from Cake Sale £603

Standing Desks & Ricochet Stools £1,079.96 (to be paid in March 2026)

The school requested that we purchase additional ricochet stools and standing desks to ensure these were available across KS2. "Broadening the flexible and inclusive offer for sensory and regulatory support for all children to access...by further developing our universal offer of sensory support to children, we are continuing to develop a naturally inclusive environment for all children."

Additional Music Equipment KEYBOARDS £560 (to be paid in March 2026)

Last year we bought the children 15 keyboards. We are expanding this so each child will have access during music lessons.

COMING SOON We are working with the school to fund the new **PA system!** We will update on final numbers on the next newsletter but this is looking to be a contribution of about **£2000**

COMING SOON YOTO! We will be purchasing the school a few YOTO players for use in the library along with headphones. This was an idea originally put forward by some of the reading champions and we can't wait for the children to start using them!

CHRISTMAS RECAP

Gift Day

Gift Day was a total hit! The shop was buzzing, the children took their shopping very seriously, and there were plenty of proud smiles as carefully chosen gifts were taken away for loved ones.

A huge thank you to all the parents who donated gifts and an even bigger shout-out to our brilliant volunteers who sorted, set up, wrapped, restocked and generally worked magic behind the scenes. We couldn't do it without you.

Another lovely example of our school community at its best.

Panto

The PTFA were delighted to fund this year's pantomime for the children, who enjoyed a fantastic performance of Aladdin. T

here were plenty of laughs, boos for the villain, and enthusiastic audience participation—everything a great panto should have!

It was wonderful to see the hall full of smiles and to give the children a fun shared experience to enjoy together.

Christmas Disco

Our very first Christmas Disco was a fantastic success! The hall was full of music, dancing and festive fun, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves with their friends.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, run activities and clear away — events like this wouldn't be possible without your support.

Christmas Tree

The PTFA were also pleased to fund the school's Christmas tree, helping to bring some extra festive cheer to the school.

A big thank you to Pimms Christmas Tree Farm for providing such a beautiful tree, which was enjoyed by everyone.

MyChilds Art

The children created their own festive masterpieces which parents could order as cards and gifts. It was wonderful to see their creativity shining through.

Wreath Workshop

2025 was a sell out! Beautiful wreaths were created and mince pies and mulled wine consumed!

PTFA FUNDED WORKSHOPS

THE WHOLE SCHOOL
LOVED THE DRAMA
WORKSHOP!



Workshops

The PTFA funds around three workshops each year, giving our children the opportunity to enjoy experiences beyond the standard school day. These enrichment activities are central to the PTFA's aim of being the "icing on the cake" – adding something extra special to school life.

In recent years, PTFA funding has enabled a wide range of exciting experiences, including:

- ✦ Hands-on science workshops, including explosive experiments and even a mobile planetarium experience
- ✦ A whole-school Escape Room challenge in the hall
- ✦ An engaging road safety workshop delivered through magic and puppetry
- ✦ A creative toy-making workshop
- ✦ Block printing art sessions
- ✦ An inspiring poetry visit, with assemblies and writing workshops
- ✦ Interactive storytelling experiences and an educational birds of prey visit
- ✦ Dance and Drama sessions an ,

If you have any suggestions for workshops you'd love to see in the future, or feedback on those we've already provided, we would be delighted to hear from you. Your ideas and input really do help shape what we offer!

EVERYDAY WAYS TO HELP

Booking a holiday? Do this first!

EasyFundraising - If you're starting to think about booking a summer holiday, doing your weekly food shop or grabbing the usual online bits and bobs, Easyfundraising is one of the simplest ways to support the PTFA.

Sign up via the website or app, search for Brenchley & Matfield School, and then shop as normal. Thousands of retailers – including travel sites, supermarkets and big-name brands – will donate a percentage of what you spend to the school.

It doesn't cost you a penny, takes seconds to set up, and once it's done you can forget about it and let the donations roll in. Easy wins all round!

Shop and Support

Stikins Name labels - Washproof Name Labels For School Clothes & Shoes That Simply Stick In and Stay in! PTFA receives 30% commission on all orders, enter Fundraising Number: 2652 at checkout.

Stamptastic - Personalised name stamps for clothes offer busy parents the ultimate labelling solution! PTFA receives 15% commission with orders via the affiliate link: <https://bit.ly/STAMPTN127NY>

PLUS £4.99 discount when you order the School Name Labels Deluxe Bundle, using this PTA Code: TN127NY

Match Funding - Many employers offer match funding – they'll match the money you raise for the PTFA, doubling the donation at no extra cost to you! It's a simple way to boost our fundraising – check if your company runs a scheme and let us know if they do.

THE BUSINESSES THAT GIVE BACK

Our Wonderful Sponsors



HALFWAY HOUSE



Corker Brothers



We are incredibly grateful to the businesses and organisations who have supported our events this year. Their generosity makes a real difference and helps us provide more opportunities and experiences for the children.

We are always keen to hear from new partners and sponsors, especially local businesses who would like to support the school and be part of our community. If you or someone you know might be interested in working with us, we would love to hear from you.