

SPRING 2026

ESPS PTA NEWSLETTER

The spring term is often a quieter one for PTA events, but we've been pretty busy this year introducing a new social event and various initiatives linked to World Book Day. Huge thanks to everyone who supported these events and helped to make them so successful.

PTA EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



BINGO NIGHT

Our Bingo Night brought some much needed fun to a dark and chilly Friday evening in early February. It was a fantastic event, full of laughter, community spirit, and a little healthy competition, raising an amazing **£1,670**. This money **paid for wet play boxes**, to keep the children engaged and entertained during break and lunchtime on rainy days.



TEACHING KITCHEN



The teaching kitchen received a fantastic refresh this term, with **new supplies and a deep clean**, thanks to the generous efforts of four parent volunteers. A very special thank you to **Katie Hale**, a dedicated PTA Committee member who spearheaded this project. We are incredibly grateful for all her hard work and will sorely miss her when she returns to the USA next term.



CAKE SALES



A big well done to Year 2 and Year 4, who raised an impressive **£886** through their cake sales this term. These funds go directly back into **supporting their year groups' classroom activities**. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported!



COFFEE CLUB

Many families support the PTA through a **small monthly donation of £5 or £10**. This term, these contributions raised an incredible **£1,786**. Thank you to everyone who takes part. These regular donations make a real and lasting impact. Please consider signing up [here](#)



EASY FUNDRAISING



Our Easyfundraising initiative raised **£292** this term, by families shopping online as usual. It's an **EASY way to support the school at no extra cost**. Click [here](#) to sign up and start raising funds as you shop.

A LOVE OF READING

Book Donations

In February, we asked for book donations and your response was incredible. Families donated well over **1,000 high-quality secondhand books**, and your generosity meant we could:

- Host a **free book pick event**, where every child in the school (all 600!) chose a book to take home and keep. It was wonderful to see children excitedly browsing, sharing recommendations with friends, and proudly diving into their new reads.
- Support our fantastic librarian in **refreshing the school library**, adding hundreds of “new” books to the collection.
- Find new homes for hundreds of brilliant books through a **secondhand book sale and free book boxes** on the playground.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we hope to make this a yearly tradition



After school Library

Our main **library space has been open** to families after school on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays (3:20–4:20pm)** since the half-term break. Do come along to browse books, or enjoy some reading time with your children or borrow a book. This initiative **is made possible by our wonderful parent volunteers**. If you're able to help on a regular basis, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch by **emailing** us at pta@esppta.org.



World Book Day Fundraising

We also raised funds through:

- World Book Day Costume Sale – **£293**
- World Book Day Coffee & Cake Sale – **£155**
- Secondhand Book Sale – **£218**

We've already put these funds to work, spending **£400** on over **70 new STEM-related books** for the school.



WHERE ARE PTA FUNDS GOING?

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we've been able to support a wide range of improvements across the school this term, including:

- **Wet play boxes** for all teachers, giving children engaging, screen-free activities during rainy days.
- More than **70 new STEM books** (funded by World Book Day proceeds) now making their way into classrooms.
- Replacement of vital classroom **IT equipment**, including **3 laptops, 11 iPads**, and a **smartboard** that were due for renewal.
- Funding for gardening services, teaching kitchen supplies, and literacy, supporting subscriptions used throughout the school.

In addition, funds allocated in autumn have resulted this term in:

- Beautiful **educational murals** installed in January, showcasing geography, history, and art around the school.
- **New desks and chairs** for Year 5 classroom.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Term

We're excited for another busy and fun-filled term ahead:

- **Saturday 25 April** – PTA / NS Sport Football Tournament
- **12-13 June** – ESPS Bike Ride to Amsterdam
- **27 June (2-6pm)** – ESPS Summer Fair

We've also been working closely with the school on an exciting project to refresh and upgrade our library spaces later this year. More details to come at the start of next term!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Being an active member of the PTA is a great way to make a difference and get more involved in the school community. Sometimes it's even fun!

We're looking to recruit some new members to join the PTA Committee next term. If you're curious to find out more about what's involved, please **email us at pta@espspta.org**.

Don't want to join the committee but **happy to help out occasionally?** Email **geneva@espspta.org** to be added to our helping hands list.