

**Supporting our school, our children,  
their future**

**Trinity Parents and Friends  
Association**

**Welcome to  
your PFA**

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Trinity PFA

# A warm welcome from your PFA

We'll keep this brief because we know you already have a lot to do before you join our school community. But, since we're a friendly bunch, we'd really like to introduce ourselves and tell you some key information about the PFA (that's Parents and Friends Association), how you can help us, and what's in it for you.

## Why does the school have a PFA?

The main function of the PFA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as discos, movie nights, year 6 hoodies and leavers books to name but a few. Sometimes we hold free events to say thank you for supporting us such as the New Reception Welcome Party and Shopping Nights. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are unable to offer any events at the moment but will be in full swing when we are allowed.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school.

Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun!

Trinity PFA is a registered charity and is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We arrange regular meetings either via ZOOM, at the pub or at a committee members house. We are desperate for NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS as a few current members have stepped down in the summer because their children have moved onto high school.

We might sound like an abstract group of people, but we're parents, carers, friends and allies – just like you. Not so long ago, we were new too.

## Events held and how much we raised

This year has been a difficult year to raise funds for our school due to COVID-19.

Events stopped in March apart from our Very Virtual Summer Affair on 4<sup>th</sup> July. We Usually raise in the region of £9k to £10K each year but this has been halved to just under £5k as our biggest event of the year, our Summer Fair, plus the Easter Bingo and Spring Disco could not go ahead. Below is our last 5 events and profit made.

<b>A Very Virtual Summer Affair</b>	£749.11
<b>Movie Nights</b>	£722.38
<b>Christmas Fair</b>	£2,728.77
<b>Winter Disco</b>	£693.59
<b>Quiz Night</b>	£100.30
<b>Christmas Shopping Event</b>	£351.00
<b>Book Fair</b>	£547.87 Free books for the library

## What the PFA has funded with the money raised this year

We always try to respond when asked to help the school, and after the work is done, it's so rewarding to see the children enjoy new resources, experiences and equipment provided by the PFA. In the table below is what we have spent the money on this year. Over the last couple of years, we have also funded the Multi Use Resource and Storage Area for Reception and the Bike Rack at Brookwood Way plus so much more.

<b>What did we buy?</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Who for?</b>	<b>What were the benefits?</b>
Daily Mile Track	£10,000	All KS2 Children	Keep the children healthy, promoting social interaction, developing self-confidence
Planetarium	£300.00	Year 5	Gave the children an immersive learning experience that enthuses them for their further learning on the topic.
Brockholes nature Reserve (to be carried over for next year as the trip was cancelled due to school closure).	£365.00	Year 1	Helped develop the children's team building skills and first-hand experience of enjoying outdoor life.
The Lowry Theatre Trip	£550	Year 2	Children experienced a live production and learned how a book is translated into a live production. Children also experienced and drew from artwork from the Art Gallery.
PGL	£400	Year 6	Provided positive emotional and physical wellbeing, social interaction, team building, resilience, and mental toughness.
Leavers Books	£946.90	Year 6	A special gift filled with memories to remind your leavers of their time at the school and the perfect way to say goodbye.
Reception Book Bags	£454.50	Reception	A helpful little gift for our new beginners.

## How we keep you up-to-date with our activities?

<b>Trinity PFA Facebook Page</b>	We post notices about all upcoming events on our Facebook group as well as reminders about events and requests for volunteers.
<b>Individual Year FB pages</b>	We (or the Year Group FB admin) will share our notices about all upcoming events and we will post reminders or information specific to that year group.
<b>Book Bags</b>	Raffle tickets, order forms etc
<b>PFA Newsletter</b>	We have a newsletter once a term which will be attached on our FB page and sent via the app.
<b>School Newsletter</b>	You will be kept up-to-date with all our events or notices via the Weekly Newsletter from Mrs Wright
<b>School App</b>	All events and information will be uploaded onto the PFA section of the School App.

## What are we raising money for next?

The next project that we are raising funds for is a canopy for the outdoor classroom at Brookwood Way and planters and benches for the Adventure Play Area. We are also funding the Creative Curriculum for each year group and the Educational Visits when they are up and running. The PFA also requires a shed to store all our equipment.

This year is going to be exceedingly difficult to raise funds for the school until we can start fundraising again. We are trying to invent ways and virtual events in the meantime. We have just launched the Give as you Live initiative which is free for you to register but every time you shop, we receive funds for the school. Just google Give as you Live for how to register or visit our website.

## How you can get involved?

Are you asking yourself 'Why should I get involved?' There are many benefits to you, your children and the school as to why you should get involved.

- **Your child benefits:** The PFA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided some great projects as mentioned previously.
- **To make a difference:** As well as fundraising, the PFA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience and mental and physical wellbeing, as well as creating a real sense of community.
- **We have Fun:** Being part of the PFA is a fun and rewarding experience and we host fantastic events where parents can get together and make new connections.
- **Making Friends:** Many friendships develop from being part of the PFA. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience and many long-lasting friendships are formed while being part of a team.
- **Feel Involved:** Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our PFA meeting, AGM, or volunteer a few hours of your time at an event. It's a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.
- **Give a helping hand:** We realise that every parent is busy, so we welcome job-sharing roles in the PFA. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.
- **Keeping the PFA going:** As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PFA to carry on providing this valued resource. Please consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents to take over running the PFA.

The more people who become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be.

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you come to a meeting, help set up an event, serve food or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? Do you work for a company who does the Match Funding Scheme? Will your employer donate raffle prizes for our fair? You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home.

As I mentioned at the beginning, we are currently desperate for volunteers and committee members due to children moving onto high school. See the contact details below for how to get involved,

## Contact details

We'd love to hear from you. You are also free to get in touch with any of the committee members if you have questions. You can get in touch via any of the following media

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<b>Website</b>	Trinitypfa.com
<b>Facebook</b>	Trinity PFA

## How you can support us right now

Did you know that you can start fundraising before you join? Use these companies and the PFA gets paid without costing you more.

<b>Stampastic</b>	<a href="https://stampastic.co.uk/">https://stampastic.co.uk/</a>
<b>Give as You Live</b>	<a href="https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/trinity-pfa/1174686/0">https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/trinity-pfa/1174686/0</a>
<b>Amazon Smile</b>	<a href="https://smile.amazon.co.uk/">https://smile.amazon.co.uk/</a>

Thank you for taking the time to read our booklet. We hope you now know a little more about **your Parent and Friends Association** and hope to hear from you soon.