

Hainford VC Primary School PTA AGM

Chair's Report for the Period June 2025 – June 2026

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Welcome everyone and thank you for attending our 2025/2026 AGM.

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee and our volunteers for making the PTA such a success over the past 12 months.

The PTA is run by a committee that is elected annually at the AGM. This is the PTA's only formal meeting of the year and is where we deal with committee elections, the financial review, and plans for the year ahead.

Before I move on to the formalities, I would like to thank our dedicated committee and volunteers. Although we are a small team, we have made a significant contribution to our school community.

This year, we have two committee members stepping down: myself, Melanie McCullough, as Chair, and Chloe Parfitt as Treasurer. On a personal note, I have felt incredibly privileged to serve as Chair for the past 18 months. It has been a pleasure to be part of such a wonderful school community, supporting our amazing children and helping to provide additional opportunities and resources for them.

During 2025/2026, we delivered several successful fundraising events. A particular highlight was working alongside the Hainford Village Hall Committee to organise a joint Village Summer Fête. While the planning and organisation of such a large event required considerable time and effort from the PTA team, and despite the wet weather on the day, it certainly did not dampen team spirit. The event raised approximately £500 for PTA funds.

In addition to the fête, we hosted school discos, supported Sports Day with refreshments, hosted bake sales, and thanks to Jen Smithdale who donated over 100 home grown pumpkins (very impressive) we were able to run a pumpkin carving competition which was judged at our Halloween Party. We of course cannot forget our popular Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas pop-up shops, which continue to be a favourite with the children.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community and the success of our fundraising efforts, we have been able to provide:

- Reception class book bags
- Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Selection boxes delivered by Father Christmas
- A new trophy cabinet
- Funding towards the Year 6 leavers' trip

In addition, a playground upgrade is scheduled to be completed during the summer holidays. This project will provide new playground markings that the children will be able to enjoy for many years to come.

We are always incredibly grateful for the donations we receive. This year, we were fortunate to benefit from the generosity of two anonymous donors. Part of these funds has been ringfenced for garden projects, which the school is currently progressing.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone involved with the PTA. Your commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to help have been invaluable throughout the year. I know that those of you whose children will continue at Hainford Primary School will provide the same support to the incoming committee and help make next year an even greater success.

I leave the role proud of what we have achieved together and confident that the PTA will continue to go from strength to strength

Thank you for your time and support.

Melanie McCullough
Chair
Hainford VC Primary School PTA