



Friends of Southover School PTA NEWSLETTER

May 2025
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Welcome!

A fabulous time was had by all at the Easter Glow Disco. We danced the night away and raised **£1,156.05**. Thank you to everyone that came and helped to make it a big hit.

Our new Southover hats and caps have been extremely popular - we want to say a big thank you to Shelley and Mike Motley who got the project up and running, and nearly sold out in super-fast time! Shelley came to us with the summer hat idea at our last PTA meeting in March and we are thrilled to have worked with her to turn her idea into reality.

School-branded hats have been on sale for £8 each after school, and if you've not managed to pick one up yet please email the PTA directly on southoverfriendspta@gmail.com and we can make sure your child doesn't miss out.



Summer fair spotlight – Saturday 21 June (12pm)

The Summer Fair, our biggest event of the year, takes place on Saturday 21 June – and we can't do it without you.

You can help by volunteering to help set up, supporting your class rep with your class stall, donating items, or simply being there on the day to soak up what is always a great atmosphere.

Last year we got rained out, but we still pulled together with a last minute bad weather plan to ensure the children did not miss out on their favourite school event of the year. This year we are already praying to the sun gods for good weather!

If you have a business or work for someone that can donate a prize, we'd love

to hear from you. Contact us via the PTA email or pop donations in the black PTA bin at the Potters Lane entrance.

As a very specific ask we are looking for donations of new unused pencils (HB writing kind) for one of our stalls. If you've got some knocking around at home, please scoop them up and donate them to us. Thank you.

In addition to the above we are also appealing for the following: items to fill our Jolly Jars, great quality toys, teddies, books, and items for our fabulous hampers. A more specific list will come out soon for hamper donations, but we accept donations at any time, so don't hold back if you are having a clear out!

Please make sure toys are intact and games and jigsaws are complete. If you can tape up the boxes so nothing can escape we would be very grateful.

Spending stories

This PTA meeting we approved funding of **£1,000** for Arts Week and more books have been purchased for the school library.

In our last newsletter we approved funding for a magician to visit the school. Richard came and did a show for KS1 and KS2 who loved every minute.

Mr Short said: *"Richard's magic show was great. There was plenty of laughter and gasps of incredulity all round. Senior leaders got to enjoy the shows too, so the teachers and teaching assistants had a chance to catch up on important class matters uninterrupted."*



Email: southoverfriendspta@gmail.com

Post: Use the Friends Box opposite the school office

 Friends of Southover Primary School – closed group

 @SouthoverSchool

PTA piggybank update...

Money raised since the last newsletter

Easter Glow Disco: **£1,156.05**

Regular donations: **£20.72**

ASDA Cashpots for Schools: **£99.85**

Preloved uniform sale: **£139.20**

Cake sale: **£40.00**



Situations vacant

Gazebo coordinator: We'd still love a parent to step up to become an expert on all things gazebo! It basically involves setting the gazebos up and then ensuring they get packed away correctly with the help of the PTA.

Secretary: We need a new secretary starting from September 2025. Kate our current secretary is stepping down but will be available for full support during the year.

As secretary, you will:

- Be a charity trustee of the Friends of Southover
- Assist in organising meetings – circulating materials and taking minutes
- Help communicate key information to parents and staff
- Maintain PTA documents and correspondence as required by charity commission

- Work closely with the chair and committee to support PTA events and activities, with online ticket sales, risk assessments, event licences, and volunteer sign-up sheets.

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THE PTA NEEDS YOU!

SECRETARY WANTED

Are you: Good at communicating? Organised? Motivated? Detail Orientated?

Then step right up and join the team as our new secretary.

You will be an essential member of our fun, friendly and supportive PTA making a real difference to your children's school.

Coming up...

> **Preloved uniform and cake sale**

Thursday 22 May
After school in the playground

> **Frozen Fridays**

Every Friday after half term (weather permitting)
Treat yourself to a cold treat

> **Swimming at Southover**

Our fabulous heated outdoor pool funded by the PTA will be open from **Tuesday 3 June**. Your children will enjoy up to three lessons per week for the entire school term. We will be asking for a donation towards the term's lessons of £10.00 per child to help us keep this wonderful facility open. More information to follow by separate letter soon.



> **Next PTA meeting**

Tuesday 10 June (7.30pm)
Venue to be confirmed

> **Summer fair**

Saturday 21 June (12-3.30pm)
See poster on right >

SATURDAY 21st JUNE 12-3:30pm Free entry
Southover Primary School (Entrance via Southover High St.)

LASER TAG ▼ BAR & CAFÉ ▼ LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES & TOMBOLAS ▼ BOOKS & TOYS
ASSAULT COURSE ▼ DANCING ▼ YUMMY FOOD
BOUNCY CASTLES ▼ PENALTY SHOOT-OUT

All this and so much more.
Come along for a fantastic, fun, family day out and help us raise funds for the school.

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Regular giving

We would be so grateful for a regular donation to the school, please find the details and link on how to do so here. Regular donations help us plan our income and are a great way to contribute if you can't help in other ways... <https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofsouthoverps>



Regular Giving

The EASIEST way to contribute towards your child's education at Southover!

▶

Regular donations make a very real difference to the amount raised by the Friends of Southover to support our school.

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A little goes a long way

£3
a month
the same as a cup of coffee


£10
a month
the same as a box of beer

£20
a month
the same as a round of drinks

If each household in the school contributed just £3 a month, we would raise nearly £8,000 more every year!

How to set up your donation

- ▶ **Online:** Use our online fundraising platform at <https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofsouthoverps>
- ▶ **By standing order:** Friends of Southover, sort code: 60-13-09, account number: 42359074



We of course welcome one-off donations. You can donate by scanning the QR code here.

Keeping in touch

To be kept informed on all the community and fundraising events, you can follow our Facebook group here: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/122360454487514/>

You can find past newsletters here: <https://www.southoverprimary.co.uk/the-friends-of-southover-primary-school-pta/>

And finally...

Our Summer Fair is the school's favourite community fundraiser. The whole community comes together to make it a fantastic event. Please support your class reps and volunteer to take a slot on your class stall, if you can. Remember: teamwork makes the dream work!

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Carolyn, Kate & Hannah



Carolyn Sparks
Chair & Comms



Kate Land
Secretary



Hannah Fielding
Treasurer

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