



Friends of Southover School PTA NEWSLETTER

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What a way to end the school year!

Well, what can I say? We certainly finished the year with a bang!

This was my 11th Summer Fair, and I can honestly say it was the best one yet. With glorious weather, fantastic entertainment, a wonderful atmosphere and an incredible range of stalls organised by our amazing class reps, the day was a huge success from start to finish.

Each year we learn something new and build on what worked well before, and this year's fair really felt like the result of all that experience and teamwork. There was plenty of laughter, dancing, games and fun, and it was heart-warming to see so many families and members of the wider community come together to support our school.

A huge thank you goes to **Katy Lyons**,

Helen Barr and **Marissa Daly** for once again helping me to organise the fair and making sure everything ran so smoothly.

Special thanks also to **David Short** and his brilliant bar team, who stepped in to run the bar this year and did a fantastic job. We'd also like to thank **Pat's Pizza**, who somehow managed to keep up with demand and served a truly mind-blowing number of delicious pizzas throughout the day!

Finally, a special mention must go to our new Treasurer, **Chris**, who was certainly thrown in at the deep end with the Summer Fair being his very first PTA event. He spent the day tirelessly walking around the fair supporting stallholders and making sure everything was running smoothly, clocking up an impressive 17,123 steps in the process! Well done and thank you for making the financial side of the fair so much easier this year. **We raised an absolutely incredible £4701.20!**

STEM week

The PTA was delighted to once again support Southover's fantastic STEM week, which quite literally went with a bang!

Throughout the week, the children enjoyed exciting science experiments, giant bubbles, amazing machines and a whole host of engaging activities celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

It was wonderful to see pupils learning in different ways, exploring new ideas and enjoying hands-on experiences outside the usual classroom environment. The week was packed with fun while inspiring curiosity, creativity and a love of learning.



Swimming at Southover

June has certainly been a water-filled month with the opening of the Southover school pool! With the heat wave we have been the envy of all the schools in the area to have this facility.

It has been lovely to hear how much the children are enjoying their swimming lessons and growing in confidence in the water. The pool is a fantastic resource that benefits pupils throughout the school and creates opportunities for valuable life skills to be developed.

Many families may not realise that the PTA fully funds the running of the pool, including:

- Water costs
- Electricity costs
- Lifeguard fees
- Ongoing maintenance and upkeep

To help us keep this wonderful facility open and available for all pupils, we kindly ask families to consider making a **minimum donation of £10 per child**.

Donations can be made via **ParentPay** or directly to the PTA bank account using the reference **"POOL"**.

Email: southoverfriendspta@gmail.com

Post: Use the Friends Box opposite the school office

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Pool Hire

The pool is also available for private hire, helping us raise additional funds towards its running costs. If you or someone you know may be interested in hiring the pool, please see the information below or contact the PTA for further details.

SWIMMING AT SOUTHOVER....

You Can Hire Our Pool !



The pool is available for outside hires from Monday to Friday during term time, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.



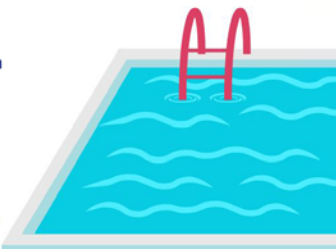
Cost to hire is £50 for two hours.



You will have to arrange a lifeguard (the school has a list)



Contact to book:
office@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk



OR

DONATE TO KEEP OUR POOL OPEN:
VIA YOUR PARENT PAY ACCOUNT



Bank transfer :
The Friends of Southover Primary School
Payment can be made via ParentPay
NatWest
Account No: 42359074, Sort code : 60 13 09, Ref: Pool

All funds go towards running our pool summer swim lessons.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Our Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Jimena Berni.

Jimena quietly stepped in this year to provide invaluable support with our finances during the transition period while we recruited a new Treasurer. Her help behind the scenes ensured that all the necessary financial information was organised and ready for Chris as he settled into the role. Quite simply, without her support, the handover would have been much more challenging.

In addition to her financial expertise, Jimena has generously shared her knowledge and advice on grant applications and has also volunteered her time in school during STEM Week.

A huge thank you, Jimena, for everything you have done this year. It is greatly appreciated.

Please see Carolyn, who has a small thank-you gift waiting for you as a token of our appreciation.



Support us easy and spend smart

We're calling on all parents and guardians this summer to help us fundraise without donating anything! Simply download the easyfundraising app! It's completely free and when you use it to do your normal day-to-day shopping with 8,000+ online retailers, we'll receive a free cashback donation, **AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU.**

Get the app here:

> <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app>

We need a little...

SUMMER PARENT POWER

Simply become one of

Friends of Southover Primary School - ...

supporters on  **easyfundraising**



- 1 Get the app & join for free
- 2 Shop online at no extra cost
- 3 We get a cashback donation







When you install the app and become our supporter, we get a bonus £3

PTA piggybank update

Monies raised since the last newsletter:

Pre-loved uniform – **£423.63**

Summer fair - **£4,701.20**

Frozen Friday (so far) – **£138.64**

Regular donations – **£330**

Easy Fundraising – **£11.84**

Just Giving – **£34.35**

World of Books sales – **£15.00**

Vinted – **£98.00**

Astra Recycling – **£33.30**



Coming up...

> Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Thursday 16th July

After school – in the playground

> PTA AGM

Tuesday 15th September

7.30pm at the school

Recent spends to support the school

- STEM – **£703.94**
- Books - **£740.08**
- Anglican water - **£75.19**
- Life Guard – **£1,560.00**
- School fish! - **£15.98**
- Light weight gazebos - **£431.48**
- Total: £3,526.67**

Stay in touch

We'd love to hear from you! Use the contact details in the footer or come and say hello at any of our events!

With warm thanks, **Carolyn, Richard & Chris**

The Friends of Southover Primary School PTA



And finally...

We are now on the lookout for a new Chair as I will soon be 'aging out' of the school. I'd love to have someone step up for academic year 2026-2027 so we can co-chair for that year. This would mean, when I step away the year after, the PTA is already in good hands – so if you fancy helping out (and don't worry, support is on hand!), we'd love to hear from you.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA throughout this school year. Whether you've volunteered, donated, attended events or simply cheered us on, your support helps us provide valuable opportunities and experiences for all our children.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September!



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THE PTA NEEDS YOU!

CHAIR WANTED

Are you: Good at communicating? Organised? Motivated? Resourceful?

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

You will be an essential member of our fun, friendly and supportive PTA.

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