



FRIENDS OF NEVILL ROAD SCHOOLS

Newsletter - January 2025

Welcome Back

We're thrilled to kick off another year packed with fantastic events, offering fun activities for the children while raising vital funds for the schools. It's been a while since our last newsletter, so we wanted to recap highlights from the 2023-24 academic year and share key updates from our November AGM.

You'll also find some important dates for your diary. As always, we'd love to hear your feedback and welcome any help in bringing our events to life—feel free to reach out via our usual email!



Thanks to Santa's Helpers

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers who supported Santa on his float in December. A team of 13 dedicated individuals took to the streets of Bramhall, spreading festive cheer and sharing the excitement of Santa's visit with local residents. Their efforts brought countless smiles to children's faces and helped gather much-needed donations. By assisting the Bramhall and Woodford Rotary with their Christmas float, we were fortunate to receive a portion of the donations, adding an incredible £500 to our fund!

Academic Year 2023-4 Summary

Taking a look back on our last full academic year. Our Summer Fair was a great success despite some challenging weather. Over the years, we've faced everything from scorching sun to high-speed winds and heavy rain—so we're definitely due some good luck this time around!

We also added a second disco to our event calendar, which has been a huge hit with the children while raising an impressive £2,000 for our annual funds. Similarly, the ever-popular Make the Rules Days continue to bring joy to the kids.

Our second-hand uniform sales remain a favourite among parents, and we're exploring ways to improve the process. This includes better storage options and recruiting volunteers to help keep it running smoothly.

Thanks to everyone's incredible efforts, we raised a phenomenal **£12,747** by the end of July 2024. We are so grateful to all the amazing people who donated their time, energy, and resources to make this possible.

Activities held during 2023-34 included: Summer Fair, Christmas Raffle, Sponsored Santa Dash, Discos, Uniform Sales, Lottery, Make the Rules days, Christmas Cards, Mothers, Fathers & Special Others gifts, and an Easter Bunny Hunt.

Here's what your contributions have funded:

- My Happy Mind subscriptions for both schools 🧠
- Infants Pantomime Visit (Oh yes, they did!) 🎭
- Chester Zoo Coaches for the Juniors 🐾
- 30 Chromebooks for the Junior School 💻

A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible—you're amazing! 🙌



Summer Fair

Volunteer Spotlight

A huge thank you to Helen, who is stepping down after 9 years of incredible dedication. Helen joined the PTA in 2016 and every committee since has cherished her contributions. In recent years, she has served as Chair of the PTA, guiding new members with her invaluable knowledge and practical advice on what works best.

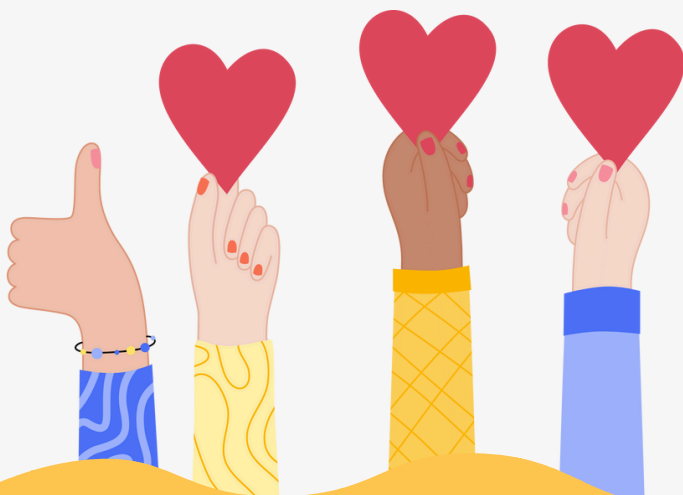
Helen has also been the trusted guardian of the pre-loved uniform, meticulously organizing, cleaning, and ensuring orders were swiftly fulfilled. Helen, you've been a true pillar of the PTA, and your wisdom and enthusiasm will be deeply missed. ❤️



We will miss you!

Get Involved!

We need YOU! The past has been challenging to get enough volunteers to run the events the kids love. If you'd like to help out, even a little, we'd love to hear from you. Together, we can make 2025 the best year yet!



Upcoming Events

February

- Friday 14th: Wear what you love day- Love/Friendship theme to celebrate Valentine's Day and the end of half term. ❤️
- End Feb: Mothers & special others day gift sales open for online orders. 🌸

March

- Mid-March: Mothers and special others orders close. Gifts will be delivered to schools the following week, just in time for Mother's Day on March 30th.

April

- W/C 7th: TBC: Possible Easter craft activity or tabletop sale—details to come. 🐰🎨
- Friday 11th: Launch of the Virtual Balloon Race! Balloons can be purchased online, and the race will run over the Easter break. 🎈

Dates to be confirmed soon

May

- Father's & special others day gift sales open for online orders.
- Junior Disco. 🕺
- Infant Disco. 🎉

June

- Father's & special others day gift sales close. Gifts will be delivered to schools w/c June 9th, ready for Father's Day on June 15th.
- Teddy bear collection day for summer fair

July

- Gift/book collection for the Summer Fair 📚🎁
- Bottle collection for the Summer Fair 🍷
- Summer Fair! 🎉



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

Sign up to the 'Your School Lottery' and you could win up to £25k whilst supporting Nevill Road Schools.

It's super simple to sign up, just visit the link below and click 'buy ticket'. You'll need to register and then you can decide whether to buy tickets weekly or set up a direct debit.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize. All terms and conditions can be found on the school lottery website.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/nevill-road-schools>

Talk to us!

We'd love to hear from you if you have any feedback on our fundraising efforts or suggestions for the future. We're always open to volunteers. Whether you can volunteer for an hour at home to pack some of our gifts for Mother's Day, offer assistance at a disco, through to helping at one of the school fairs, all help is gratefully appreciated.

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