

THREE PAGES THIS WEEK

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HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

LET THE SPRING TERM BEGIN!

We hope you have all had a super break and have avoided the coughs and colds doing the rounds. If not, we hope you are feeling better and ready for a happy new year!

We welcome Mrs Lucy Brown to the team this year! I am sure she will enjoy being part of our happy and supportive team!

Being told you're appreciated is one of the simplest yet most incredible things you can ever hear.

Friday's Cheesy yet WISE
WORDS OF WISDOM

KS2 had such a brilliant time at the Bradford Panto this week! It was a spectacular treat for them, but also a wonderful experience which links so much of their learning at school - story telling, drama, performance, design, art and music... the list goes on! Next week it's KS1's turn! But they get to experience the world of pantomime here in school!

They will be watching Peter Pan by the traveling panto company, Outside the Box!

DIARY DATES

TUESDAY 13TH JAN
KS1 PANTO FUN! (AT SCHOOL)

2nd - 6th Feb
Thurlstone Wellbeing Week

Friday 6th Feb
Dress to Express Day

Friday 13th Feb
Break up for half term

We are really excited to be launching our new myHappyMind programme this term! Take a look back at the information shared on Dojo just before Christmas and please download the very excellent parent app!

Once downloaded, your authentication code is 106588



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Staff have been working really hard to enhance their classroom reading environments; all with the aim of inspiring our children to READ FOR PLEASURE!

From Cosy Books to Mystery Read, even our most reluctant readers are inspired to grab a book and read!



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End of Year Update

2025 PTFA FUNDING

PTFA Response

- 'Swap to a monthly charge to make events free?'
- We got a fab message via our Anonymous Feedback Form saying 'I'd rather pay a monthly PTFA subscription than pay for events or initiatives as they happen' and we wanted to respond.
- We LOVE the detailed thinking you sent and fully understand the reasoning! Unfortunately it wouldn't work unless all families with kids wanting to join events signed up, which would never happen, so the amount raised wouldn't be sufficient!
- Also, families would be paying even when not attending events.

Thank you though - GREAT food for thought!

PTFA Fundraising - What's It For?

We're splitting this update into two this year.

Next week we'll share news about our events so far this school year, but first, a little about what the funds we raise are spent on...

Given entirely insufficient Government funding, PTFA funds are increasingly essential to the

school, but we still cover all those yearly favourites too - Leavers' Hoodies, Competition Prizes, Wrapped Christmas Selection Boxes, Subsidised Class Trips and Panto visits, etc.

We also now cover some teaching, furniture and supplies costs, as the school simply cannot - and our children deserve the best.

Funded in 2025

School Year 2024/2025 Terms 2 & 3
PTFA funding included:

- Books: £141
- Trip Subsidisation & Transport: £531
- Y6 Leavers Hoodies: £578
- Y6 Leavers Party Food: £27
- World Book Day, Y5, Y6 & Library: £55
- Egg Hunt Supplies: £55
- Event Card Readers: £187

School Year 2025/2026 Term 1
PTFA funding included:

- Teacher Training: £500
- Teachers' Supplies: £300
- MyHappyMind: £1,000 p/a (3yr plan, £3k total)
- Panto Trip Subsidisation & Transport: TBC
- Prize Cupboard Prizes: £200
- Wrapped Selection Boxes: £320

We fund certain things every year - including subsidising class trips, parties and transport to keep parent costs as low as possible.

We also work with the school to help fund a mix of priority activity & ad hoc needs - this can include a range of items, including equipment, stationary, health & wellbeing supplies, software, and so on...

We're proud to be able to 'top up' the school's barebones funding, which is simply insufficient.

Sign up for
Classlist

COMING SOON

We hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and we wish you all Happy New Year.

Thank you again to all who helped plan and deliver or attended our Autumn / Winter events - your time, effort and skills are MASSIVELY appreciated!

We'll be meeting this month to work on plans for Term 2 activity & FAMFEST 2026 - if you can't attend but have thoughts or ideas, please share them beforehand...

After reviewing fundraising and spending to date we'll plan the activity needed to pay for the school's 2026 needs AND give the kids a great time!

Primary school funding in the UK is dire, but we can each play our part in helping TPS give our children the very best!

Thank you! The Committee x

[Meeting info will be shared on Classlist]