



# Oakwood PTA News

## Lend a hand day

Spring is well and truly upon us! Thank you once again for helping with our Lend a Hand initiatives and supporting our gardening clubs and activities. Spring time really is a great time in the school and having a nice environment for the children to play and learn in outside is so valuable!

During the recent Lend a Hand Day we managed to build the new Mud Kitchen area in Acorns that was funded by the PTA, plant flowers, a willow arch and prepare beds and clear brambles to encourage wildlife (and children) to enjoy the space!

It was no small task, but we removed the broken gardening shed after the big storm, and put a new base and shed up. Our volunteers also improved the PTA shed which was liable to flooding.

The duck run has also been completed behind Beech class, so do go and visit to see how they're growing. We also have lots of plans for more this term including more gardening ideas and maintenance on existing areas, so please keep your eyes peeled for our next Lend a Hand day and to come along prepared to make a difference! The more help we have the more we can improve.

Hannah H and Laura H

## Dates for your diary...

### April

**22** Quiz & Pizza Night

### May

**13** Acorns/Yr1 Coffee Morning

**20** Sip and Paint

### June

**17** Karaoke Night

### July

**02** Oakfest

### September

**24** Oakwood Olympics TBC

### December

**03** Xmas Fair TBC

**10** Parent's Xmas Party

**14 15** Panto Alban Arena



# Past Events



## Easter Eggstravaganza

Just before the Easter holidays we held our first on site Easter Egg Hunt since 2019. Over 150 children took part in the hunt which required them to find the answers to some questions on different countries. The children completed their passports and exchanged them for an egg of their choice. There was also a cafe, arts and crafts as well as games for the children to play. The sunshine came out for the event and everyone had a wonderful afternoon.

**We raised £575!**

Thank you so much to Sam, Clare, Amy, Sophia, Janet, Emma, Anna and Katherine for all your help on the day.



## Upcoming Events

JUL 02

### Oakfest

We are so pleased to announce a new summer event this year after a two year break. Please keep Saturday 2nd July free for our day festival on the school field. All the best parts of previous summer events, exciting activities for all ages, crafts and bingo with a few new ideas thrown in, plus the popular tuck shop, food stalls, bar and live music. If you'd like to be involved in bringing back the fun please get in touch and speak to organiser Andrew Harvey [andrewkharvey@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewkharvey@hotmail.com) or contact one of the PTA.

MAY 20

### Sip and Paint

Come along and try your hand at a masterpiece to take home with you! enjoy a glass.. or two.. and learn step by step from Brazilian art teacher Amy Meime. All art materials included. Tickets on sale soon!

JUN 17

### 'Doin' it for the kids' - Karaoke Night

Come and join us at Oakwood's first ever Karaoke night in The Barn at The Horn. Take the stage and show us your singing skills. We are taking entries for the following categories: Best Band, Best Male Solo Artist, Best Female Solo Artist, Best Boy Band, Best Girl Band and Best Duet. If you would like to enter, email [emmahossack@outlook.com](mailto:emmahossack@outlook.com) so she can provide you with a song list to choose from. Don't worry if you don't want to enter yet you can still sign up on the night.

How the funds are spent



**HAVE A QUESTION, SUGGESTION OR JUST WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?**

Email us at [oakwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodpta@gmail.com)

Pay for events online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta>

Please 'like' our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans](http://www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans)

Funding form available at: [www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents)



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**OAKWOOD PTA**



# What have we spent the money on?

Here's what all the money you've raised at our events has been spent on so far this year.



**POT 1**  
**50%**

**Central School Fund**

Ms Buckley uses this pot to spend on items she feels will enhance the school.



**POT 2**  
**25%**

**Termly ad-hoc Fund**

Split into 3 pots, one for each term.



**POT 3**  
**25%**

**PTA Fund**

This pot is used to fund projects that the PTA feels passionately about. The committee and attendees discuss and decide upon how this will be spent in our regular meetings.

**16 Chromebooks and a trolley**  
**£5,152**

**New Hall Projector**  
**£1,989**

**Defibrillator**  
**£714**

### **Annual regular contributions:**

Trips and workshops  
£2,625

Classroom donations  
£825

Lend a Hand/Gardening  
Up to £750

School Council bid  
Up to £250

Year 6 leavers fund  
£1,050

Acorns Welcome  
£50

Christmas Contribution  
(Tree, online panto, crackers)  
£200

### **Autumn Term:**

**Mini Trampette**  
for Acorns £70

**2 x toasters**  
for Acorns £40

**Diversity Books**  
for KS1 £200

**Hockey sticks and balls**  
for KS1 £200

**Outdoor Chess Sets**  
for KS2 £115

**Stacking Crates**  
for KS2 £300

**Library Books**  
for UKS2 £300

### **Spring Term:**

**Netball/Football Kit**  
for UKS2 £600

**Basketballs/Footballs**  
for KS1 & KS2 £95

**Class Library Books**  
for KS2 £200

**Mud Kitchen Improvements**  
for Acorns £400

### **Autumn Term:**

**SEN Equipment**  
for whole school  
£1,300

### **Spring Term:**

**Laughology Workshop**  
for LKS2 £591

**Productive Behaviours Workshop**  
for staff training £500

### **Who can apply for Pot 2?**

**ANYONE!** (teachers, parents, children) can apply for funds from this pot by submitting a **PTA Funding Request Form**. We welcome and encourage requests from all areas of the school community. Requests can be submitted at any time but we vote once per term on the requests received. This is usually around each half term.

### **How do I get a PTA Funding Request Form?**

Send an email to [oakwoodptachair@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodptachair@gmail.com) to request a form. This is also the email address that your completed form should be submitted to. You can also find the form in the files section of the PTA Events page.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents)



# 'DOIN' IT FOR THE KIDS'

*Karaoke Night*



**17.06.22**

**20:00-01.00**

**THE BARN AT THE HORN  
VICTORIA ST, ST ALBANS**

**£15 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES KARAOKE & DISCO**

**PRIZES FOR THE WINNING CATEGORIES**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER, EMAIL [EMMAHOSSACK@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:EMMAHOSSACK@OUTLOOK.COM)  
SO SHE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A SONG LIST TO CHOOSE FROM**