



Oatlands School

Living Our Values, learning for Life

PTA INFORMATION GUIDE



“The sense of community between school and parents and the nurturing nature of the school are definitely Oatlands strengths”

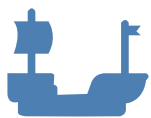
WHO WE ARE

When your child is at Oatlands School, you are a member of the Oatlands Parent Teacher Association ("PTA") which is led by a team of elected parents and teachers.

The PTA annually commits around £20,000 to the school. Every penny the PTA raises is spent on improving your child's experience by adding facilities, opportunities and resources, and frees up the school's budget to spend on high-quality teaching staff. We also look to fund one-off projects.

During the school year 2023-24
the PTA expects to have donated

over £50,000



including £24,000 for
the new "FriendShip"
playground equipment



and £10,000 towards
refurbishment of the
Oscar/Bumblebee toilets.

These projects are only possible with the
generous support of Oatlands parents. ❤️



Excited children loved exploring the new FriendShip!



WHY GET INVOLVED

Enhance
your child's
school life

Support
our
teachers

Make a
difference
now & for
the future

Be part
of the
community

Keep the
PTA & the
events
going!

HOW CAN YOU HELP

We rely on your support and together we can make a big difference!

If you are in a position to do so, **regular monthly donations** are so helpful to the school. Most parents choose to donate £5 - £50 monthly and every donation helps.

There are several ways in which to do this:

1. Use our JustGiving Page
[justgiving.com/oatlandsschoolpta](https://www.justgiving.com/oatlandsschoolpta)

(Gift Aid can be automatically collected if you
complete your details)



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2. Set up a standing order

please contact the PTA Chair or Treasurer for our
bank details and Gift Aid form

3. Payroll Give As You Earn (GAYE)

allows you to make regular donations directly from your salary;
just give our charity number 802535 directly to the
administrator of the scheme

FUND MATCHING: Many employers will match charitable donations on a pound for pound basis. Please make enquiries with your employer as this can significantly boost donations. We are currently registered with Benevity and GivingForce who administer many of these schemes.

MORE WAYS TO HELP



CLOTHES LABELS

We have fundraising partnerships with Stikins and My Name Tags who both sell a range of name labels for your child's uniform. It will not cost you anything but the **PTA will earn a 24-30% commission** on any sales if you enter our fundraising ID during the checkout process.

Stikins: ID 14825
www.stikins.co.uk

My Name Tags: ID 37152
www.mynametags.com



ELMBRIDGE COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Oatlands School PTA is a registered good cause with Elmbridge Community Lottery. Online draws take place weekly and tickets are £1 each. If you select Oatlands School PTA as your good cause, **we receive 50% of ticket sales**, with a further 10% going to other good causes around Elmbridge. The top prize for matching all 6 numbers is £25,000.

www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk
[/support/oatlands-school-pta](http://support/oatlands-school-pta)



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MATCHED FUNDING

Many corporate companies in the UK have matched funding programmes to **give £1 for every £1** that you as an employee raise as part of fundraising activities for registered charities such as Oatlands PTA. Individual fundraising efforts or a collective amount from an event such as Oatlands Ball, Wine Tasting or Quiz Night that you have helped to run can be matched.

Reach out to your HR department to find out more.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

We hold regular second hand uniform sales, the first one in early/mid September. We also accept donations of clean good-quality Oatlands branded items, and we are reopening to donations of grey items and summer dresses until further notice. If you are in need of uniform outside of our regular sales, email oatlandsuniform@gmail.com and we will do our best to help.

Suggested donations:
£2 per school jumper/cardigan
£1 per item of Oatlands PE kit



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Oatlands has a lovely tradition of parents donating a book to the class library on their child's birthday. There is absolutely no expectation, but if you do wish to do this please speak to your class teacher as they will have stickers to add to the book to show it was a birthday gift to the school.



NATIVITY LENDING LIBRARY

For 2023-24 we launched a library of nativity costumes which could be lent out then cleaned and returned to the PTA afterwards. Please look out for communications about this nearer the time. We will also gladly accept any donations of nativity costumes to add to our supply as stock levels are low but we imagine that this will improve each year.



OATLANDS PTA PLASTICS AMNESTY

To make our events more eco-friendly, we reuse any small unwanted toys you have such as party bag fillers, fidgets, toy cars, bouncy balls and magazine toys. Look out for communications around regular collections in the school newsletters or contact the PTA Chair if you have had a big clear out and would like to donate at other times.



ANGLO RECYCLING

Save a trip to the dump! Anglo collect unwanted household items including clothing, bed linen, curtains, towels, household items, books, CDs and bric-a-brac. 95% of collections are re-homed and 4.5% is recycled with only 0.5% going to waste. By using the Oatlands PTA link below, you can arrange **a free doorstep collection and the school will receive a small commission (average £3 per binbag).**



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MEET YOUR PTA

PTA Chair - Carina MacKenzie
PTA Deputy Chair - Sarah Read
(Outgoing) PTA Treasurer - Jonathan Gomez
PTA Deputy Treasurer - Vasti Grootz
PTA Secretary - Laura Rust
(Outgoing) Class Rep Coordinator - Esther Biddle

Second Hand Uniform Sales - Annie Connell
Charity Coordinator - Alex Fitzpatrick

The PTA hold regular half-termly meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the school hall, open to all parents and caregivers of Oatlands pupils. We are a very welcoming group and whilst there is every opportunity to volunteer, there is no pressure and you are equally welcome to listen, contribute ideas and feedback about any past or future events and suggested spending plans.

PTA vacancies:

For 2024-25 we have vacancies for a PTA Treasurer and an additional Second Hand Uniform Coordinator. We will also be seeking a new Ball Chair and Ball Committee to organise the May 2025 Oatlands Ball. If you wish to volunteer or find out more about any of these roles, please contact the PTA Chair. There are also lots of opportunities to volunteer your time or skills at events through the year.

To contact us:

PTA Chair - ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk

PTA Treasurer - ptatreasurer@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk

Second hand uniform requests - oatlandsuniform@gmail.com

Oatlands Ball committee - osspringball@gmail.com



OATLANDS
MAY BALL



L-R: ANNA (YI parent), CARINA (PTA chair)
VASTI (PTA Deputy Treasurer)

WINE TASTING NIGHT



2023 - '24 FUNDRAISING EVENTS (and more to come...)



SPONSORED
RELAY RACE



SCHOOL DISCO



CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEAL



CALENDAR 2024-'25

AUTUMN TERM

September

4th Back to School
TBC PTA Social for Reception Parents
24th AGM & PTA Meeting 7.30pm

October

20th Sponsored Relay Run
28th November Half Term
TBC PTA Bake Sales

November

4th Inset Day
5th Back to School
19th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
21st Wine Tasting Evening

December

TBC Y1 Carol Concert
20th End of Term 1pm

SPRING TERM

January

6th Inset Day
7th Back to School
14th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
18th Treasure Hunt

February

14th Sponsored Bounce
17th Half Term
24th Back to School

March

1st Quiz Night
11th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
29th PTA Discos 1-4.30pm

April

TBC PTA Bake Sales
4th End of Term 1pm

SUMMER TERM

April cont...

21st Inset Day
22nd Back to School
29th PTA Meeting 7.30pm

May

5th Bank Holiday
10th Oatlands Spring Ball 7pm
26th Half Term

June

2nd Inset Day
3rd Back to School
8th Community Clear Up
10th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
29th PTA Family Fun Day

July

11-13th Oatlands PTA Camping
15th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
TBC PTA Bake Sales
22nd End of Term 1pm

**Dates could possibly change, please keep an eye on the weekly school newsletters for updates and other new events.*