

Minutes

Redbourn PTA Meeting, 6th May 2026, Redbourn Primary School

Attendees:

Charlie, Sophie, Marie, Maz, Cat, Emma F, Salma, Sarah, Emma C, Charlotte, Ilda, Deji, Emily, Hannah

Apologies:

Holly, Leah

1. Finances

MM reported good 2nd term with £2600 raised.

Last year's accounts being audited before submission in June.

Balance of £14000

2. Events to date

Winter warmer – real success with doing it after school rather than weekend, raises a similar amount to when it was held at a weekend but much less onerous for volunteers

Gift shop made slightly less than last year, however, we now have ability to get everything from one wholesaler with better quality of stock.

Discos have continued to be popular

Cricketers quiz – minimal effort with a decent return

Fundraising challenges in half term do well

Little recyclers – makes very little money

Parents Lottery - £920 has been made so far. Not much awareness of this so needs more promotion. This is also true of Easy fundraising and the Thrive Fund.

AP for PTA and for Governors: Do some promotion for Parents Lottery/Easy Fundraising/Thrive Fund to make it better known

3. Confirmed upcoming events:

- Crazy hair day 15th May – fundraising through cash on the day or donations via QR code
- Fab Bricks – handed out 18th June
- Ice Lollies – starts Friday 5th June
- World Cup dress up day Friday 12th June – each class is given a country and asked to dress in national dress or colours of the flag. Instead of cash donation, hamper donations. Class hampers put together with donations and raffle to win them.
- Sports Day 19th June – do refreshments (ice coffee went down well last year) and use it as an opportunity to sell raffle tickets

4. Other ideas:

May half term challenge ideas:

- Sponsored step challenge to coincide with World Cup – everyone collectively
- Bake Off shopstopper
- Junk modelling challenge
- Lego challenge – make something with lego
- Cress head to tie in with crazy hair day – cressy hair day
- Prize for any of these would be a free pass for an ice lolly every week

Summer holiday challenge idea

- Sunflower growing competition

AP: Cat to talk to Aylett's about donating seeds and pots

Summer Fair – decision has been taken not to go ahead with it due to lack of volunteers to lead it. The reason we have two fairs comes from the time when there was an upper and lower school and each did one. Now the school is combined, it's too much to organise both in their current form. Everyone agreed it is a lovely event but unless there's the capacity to do it, we need to think differently. Suggestion that it's grown quite large and so there are a lot of stalls to organise and staff and it requires a huge amount of time at a weekend to set up, run and pack away. Raffle is key part of the fundraising so we will retain that element. Alternatives to a summer fair were discussed and included:

- Do something after sports day Friday 19th – tuck shop, teddy tombola, ice lollies, soft drinks, pimm's and some games for the children 3-4pm.
- End of year disco? EF doesn't think it would be possible for this year given the diary dates already planned but could be considered for next year. Too similar to Yr6 leavers party?
- Film showing in the Upper School hall – sell popcorn and marshmallows. Parents pay for the tickets

Events for parents

- Barn dance in October
- Wine and Sign at the Wine Sisters
- Dad's hair braiding event
- Football/basketball evening

Other general suggestions for events:

- Games evening for the whole family, range of games available to play

- World cup sweepstake
- Cultural day – featuring different countries
- Iftar – bring and share food
- May day celebration – maypole dancing, parents buy tickets, have drinks and scones to watch the dancing, vote for a May Queen and King.

Question about how much PTA has pursued sponsorship? Fine and Country often give things, local businesses give raffle prizes. Opportunity to do more sponsorship ask. Some of the things on the wishlist are the sorts of things businesses would sponsor in return for a mention in the newsletter.

5. School wishlist

Headphones, curriculum subscriptions, a donation to the library, reading scheme enhancement and Professor Pango Mango. The big item is the Science Day activity “Wonderdome” a planetarium. For the whole school to benefit, it would need to be hired for 2 days (14 shows). There would be 4 spare shows leftover. Suggestion that the shows could be marketed to families and tickets sold to raise money.

Suggestion that it would help with fundraising if there were specific things we were fundraising for (e.g. the Wonderdome). We might get more commitment from people if they know what we’re aiming for.

6. AOB:

Question about the timing of the meeting – does it work for people? General consensus that evening is good, an option to be online would help. Reminders were good for the meeting.

Next PTA meeting due September to welcome new influx of parents.

AP: Sophie and Emma to decide on date for next meeting

Hannah volunteered to take over marketing duties from Maz.

AP: Maz to do handover with Hannah

Suggestion to set up a whatsapp community group to continue to discuss ideas and offer support or time

AP: Maz to set up whatsapp group