



**COOPERS LANE PTA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025
FRI 21 NOV 2025 @ 7.45pm
Coopers Lane Primary School, Pragnell Road SE12 0LF**

Chair's Report

1. The role of Coopers Lane PTA and our objectives

Coopers Lane PTA is a charity run by volunteer parents and staff to raise money to support Coopers Lane Primary School and to encourage the growth of our school community. We organise fundraising events and activities across the school year that aim to raise up to £10,000 a year. All the money that the PTA raises goes directly back to school to support the development and educational needs of the children and staff.

We use the funds raised to buy things that the school could not otherwise pay for. Items we fund range from the small and inexpensive - chalks, hoops and toys for the playgrounds, forest school resources for example - to larger capital projects including the new school library in 2021 and the refurbished peace garden in 2023.

The PTA is run entirely by parent and staff volunteers. Every year, our volunteers give hours of their time & use their skills to keep the PTA running, raising thousands of pounds to help support our school. All our committee members and volunteers each bring their unique skills to the PTA and are incredibly passionate about supporting our school community.

The current committee has the following members:

Claire Carter - Chair & Trustee
Tom Royal - Secretary & Trustee
Bawani Nadarajah - Treasurer & Trustee
Sam Holder - Trustee
Nareen Thompson - Trustee
Farrah Walton - Trustee
Rachel West - Trustee

2. Highlights of the past year

Since the last AGM, the PTA has run numerous events & activities to raise funds for the school. Our highlights have included:

- Agreeing a financial partnership with John Payne Estate Agents, who became our prime sponsor of our summer fair. This partnership contributed significantly to the funds raised.

- A successful Hoopa Bar sale that allow us to preorder bars and involve the children in classroom deliveries
- A fun filled quiz and pizza night where after years of trying the school office staff were successful in winning the converted trophy
- A busy World Book Day preloved costume sale that supported the school with their world book day activities.
- Numerous preloved uniform sales that continue to be a brilliant fundraiser for the school as well as being a vital support within our school community. We have also supported families in need through the preloved shop.
- An amazing and very successful Summer Fair that took place after school on a Friday evening, for the first time. It was so busy that there were queues down past the school and up the neighbouring street. The fair raised over £6,000 which was incredible.
- A really well attended Welcome Meeting with lots of new reception and nursery parents engaging with the PTA for the first time.
- We have also increased engagement with male parents and carers with the successful establishment of a 5-a-side football group that now meets fortnightly and has over 10 members. This group has been a great success with participants acknowledging the well being and social side of the group being vital to them.
- Another successful 'We Scare Hunger' sale that supported the school community with preloved costumes for halloween and 'We Scare Hunger' activities within school.
- The setting up of a PTA Champions whats app group, with all year groups represented, allowing the PTA to get any important information and social posts out to our community which in turn helps drive engagement and support.
- A successful handover process between long standing trustees and new trustees has taken place ensuring that the PTA continues to support the school and meet all the necessary charity requirements, as long standing members of the committee stand down at this AGM.

3. Plans for the coming year, and how members can get involved

Over the next twelve months, the PTA has lots of fundraising events & activities planned for the rest of this academic year. Some of these will include:

- Preloved Christmas Jumpers sale in late November.
- The annual Christmas Hamper raffles taking place at all Christmas performances in December
- World Book day preloved costume sale along with the return of Hoopa Bars and a Gifts & Treats sale in Feb/March/April 2026
- Summer Fair - after school event on a Friday in June 2026)
- Sports Days coffee stall - over two days in Northbrook Park during the summer term

We continue to look at external funding sources and charity partnerships, with local businesses, particularly around getting support for our raffles that we hold at most evening events and the summer fair.

4. Conclusion

Finally, a huge thank you to my fellow committee members. A small but dedicated group that has worked incredibly hard over the past 10 months to achieve a lot and raise much needed funds for our school. Thank you also to our group of regular volunteers. We couldn't run our events & activities without you. This past year we have continued to increase our fundraising

and engagement with the school and local communities. Without this support, the PTA would not operate.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege to be the Chair of Coopers Lane PTA for the past four years. I have worked with a really supportive group of people who have dedicated hours of their spare time to run amazing events, raising thousands of pounds for our school. I am so proud of what we have achieved, particularly the establishment of the preloved uniform shop, the library rebuild, the Peace Garden refurbishment and financially supporting the beginnings of OPAL. I'm confident that the legacy I leave will be carried forward by the new Chair, who will continue raising vital funds to enhance our wonderful school. Year after year, thanks to the dedication of the PTA, our school community grows stronger and more vibrant.