



Oatlands School

Living our Values, Learning for Life

PTA INFORMATION GUIDE



2025-2026

“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.

Every penny the PTA raises is spent on improving your child's experience by adding facilities, opportunities and resources. The PTA annually commits around £15,000 to £20,000 to the school for general curriculum support 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 2024-25 the PTA expects to have raised over £47,000 and donated

 **over £33,000** including...

£2,500 for a new projector £7,500 for a sound cloud £2,000 towards SEND room resources £4,500 for new library furniture

Last year, our final donation total was £54,000 including £23,000 for the Friendship and £10,000 towards the refurbishment of OSCAR toilets.

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



WHY GET INVOLVED



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

Gift Aid can be automatically collected if you complete your details.



2. Set up a standing order

Please make payments to Oatlands School Parent Teacher Association, sort code 20-90-56 and account number 90374083. Contact the PTA Treasurer for a Gift Aid form to make your donation go even further.

3. Payroll Give As You Earn (GAYE)

This 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 Cybergrants, 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



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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:
£3 per school jumper/cardigan
£1-£2 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.



NEW FOR 2025! EASYFUNDRAISING

Easyfundraising provides commission to the PTA at no cost to you every time you spend when you access your regular shopping brands through their platform. There are over 8,000 brands listed including supermarkets, clothing and sports brands, department stores, insurance providers, electronics, and even travel agents/holidays. In the first 6 months of use, 35 parents raised a collective £450.



SCAN ME

MEET YOUR PTA

PTA Chair - Carina MacKenzie
PTA Deputy Chair - Sarah Read
PTA Treasurer - Paula Guedes
PTA Deputy Treasurer - Vasti Grootz
PTA Secretary - Laura Rust
Second Hand Uniform Sales - Annie Connell

The PTA hold regular half-termly meetings 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 2025-2026:

Are you organised, approachable, and want to make a difference at your child's school? We've got a couple of exciting volunteer roles open and we'd love for you to get involved;

May 2026 Oatlands Ball are looking for a **Ball Chair** and **Ball Committee**. The **Second Hand Uniform** team are looking for extra helpers.

We also welcome interest from anyone who wishes to volunteer their time to organise one of the PTA events in the year.

If you wish to join in or find out more about any of these roles, or wish to take on a more active general role on our committee, please contact the PTA Chair.

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



SPONSORED
RELAY RACE



QUIZ NIGHT
WINNING TEAM!



2024 - '25
**FUNDRAISING
EVENTS**
(and more to come...)



THE 2025 BALL COMMITTEE - A HUGE THANK YOU FOR CREATING
A BRILLIANT NIGHT AND RAISING OVER £18,000 FOR OATLANDS SCHOOL

CALENDAR 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM

September

4th Back to School (Year 1 & 2)
19th PTA Bake Sale (Year 2)
23rd PTA Social for Reception Parents
30th AGM & PTA Meeting 7.30pm

November

3rd Inset Day
4th Back to School
13th PTA Wine Tasting Evening

October

19th PTA Sponsored Relay Run
24th Inset Day
27th Half Term

December

6th PTA Wreath Making
19th PTA Bake Sale (Year 1)
19th End of Term 1pm

SPRING TERM

January

5th Inset Day
6th Back to School
10th PTA Treasure Hunt
24th PTA Wellness Event

March

7th PTA Quiz Night
27th End of Term 1pm

February

9th PTA Sponsored Bounce
16th Half Term
23rd Back to School

April

13th Back to School
TBC PTA Bake Sale (Reception)

SUMMER TERM

May

16th PTA Oatlands Spring Ball
25th Half Term

July

4th New Families Welcome Picnic
10-12th PTA Oatlands Camping
22nd End of Term 1pm

June

1st Inset Day
5th PTA Beer Tasting
28th PTA Family Fun Day

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