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Ribby with Wrea PTFA Chairperson's Report

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Working together with the school



Strengthening the school community



Enhancing the children's experience



Working to make our school a better environment for the pupils to learn in





Ribby with Wrea Endowed C of E Primary School – Academic Year 2024–2025

As we reflect on another busy and successful school year, it is wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our PTFA. Through the dedication of parents, staff and volunteers, we have raised valuable funds to support and enhance the experiences of pupils at Ribby with Wrea. Below is a summary of the events, activities, and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Autumn Term Highlights

- Disney/Marvel Non-Uniform Day – A fun start to the year, raising £236.50 with some brilliant costumes.
- Bag2School (x2) – Despite reduced payments due to global market conditions, we raised £54.
- Silent Disco – Back for its third year, this fun-filled evening raised an impressive £361.05.

Festive Fundraising

- Christmas Raffle – Organised by Year 6 parent Hannah Lavery, the raffle raised an amazing £466.
- Bauble Bingo – A lively evening hosted by Tony Finbarr-Smith, bringing in £345. Thank you to all who set up, tidied away, and ensured a fun night for all. Father Christmas even paid a visit with every child receiving a small chocolate gift to add some festive cheer.



Spring & Early Summer Events

- Calm Colours Non-Uniform Day – Linked to National Mental Health Week, this raised £113.24.
- Easter Family Quiz Night – Once again presented by Tony Finbarr-Smith, this event raised £280, boosted by refreshment sales and a football bingo game.
- Tasks for Cash – A new initiative where children earned coins for tasks during Lent and Easter. After costs, the first year raised £42.26, with greater potential in future years as reusable tubes are now available.
- Bag2School (Spring) – Contributed a further £13.
- Red Carpet Celebrities Non-Uniform Day – Linked with the school talent show and Field Day so that children could reuse their outfit, this raised £185.50.



Summer Term & Year-End

- Sports Day Refreshment Stall – Always a favourite, raising £146 after expenses. Glorious weather, homemade bakes, and the support of the Parish Council (who provided free electricity use for our refrigerator) and many volunteers especially on KS1 Day, made for a successful event. A particular thank you to Dipesh and VB Aswar who have provided free milk from the Spar for our refreshment stalls for many years. VB's homemade samosas have also become a sought-after treat from our stall for two years in a row.

Ongoing Fundraising & Lotteries

- Easyfundraising – Thanks to our dedicated supporters, £79.75 was raised.
- ASDA Rewards – A one-off opportunity generated £112.88 with supporters simply adding us as their chosen PTFA when shopping via the ASDA app and website.
- 100 Club – Continued to be a strong source of income, raising a surplus of £354.22
- Lucky Ducks Draw – Launched this year, raising £118.56. With online sign-ups and cash prizes each month, this may become our main lottery moving forward, with a review of both schemes planned for autumn 2026.

Final Reflections

This year has shown once again what can be achieved when our school community comes together. From themed non-uniform days and discos to raffles, quizzes, and bake sales, every effort has directly benefited the children at Ribby with Wrea. On behalf of the PTFA, thank you to every volunteer, supporter, and participant. Your generosity, time, and enthusiasm make a real difference to our school.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead!

Kristine Murray and Gemma Finbarr-Smith
Co-chairs



Summary of Fundraising 2024–2025

Event/Activity	Amount Raised
Disney/Marvel non-uniform day	236.50
Bag2School x 2	54
Silent Disco	361.05
Christmas raffle	466
Bauble Bingo	345
Calm Colours non-uniform day	113.24
Easter family quiz night	280
Tasks for cash	42.26
Bag2School (spring)	13
Red Carpet Celebrities non-uniform day	185.50
Sports Day Refreshment stand	146

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Easyfundraising	79.75
ASDA Rewards	112.88
Lucky Ducks Draw	118.56
100 Club	354.22
General Expenses not tied to an event	(47.74)
Total raised:	£2860.22



New games table

How are funds spent?

The PTFA is a separate entity to the school and we work closely with the headteacher to agree the best way to spend funds. At each meeting, Mrs Robson will present requests on behalf of the school and these are discussed and voted on by those present.

The funds raised really do make an important contribution to the children's experience. A games table for the playground was purchased and will be erected in autumn 2025 for all to enjoy. Class allowances at £75 per class went towards Christmas parties, fabric, trip subsidies, pencil pots, ice cream /treats, crafts, googly eyes, science experiments and consumables. The £15 per pupil payment was for the class trips and visits to subsidise the very high travel costs. Last year Mallards went to the Sealife Centre, Robins had a visit from Zoolab, Kingfishers cinema trip, Nightingale class to the Blackpool Tabernacle, Eagle class visit to see the National Youth Orchestra.

A contribution of £400 helped to pay for the wonderful visit from Fischy Music, which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils, teachers and parents. Each year we also make a contribution towards the Year 6 Leavers' treat at £15 each. This year, they went to Level in Preston where they did bowling, crazy golf and laser tag.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this year successful.

