25/26

Ribby with Wrea PTFA

Chairperson's Report

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Working together with the school

Stengthening 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 2025–2026

Last year was a record-breaking and memorable year for our PTFA. We raised the highest amount in recent memory and began a period of transition with the retirement of our long-time headteacher, Mrs Robson. We repeated some of our popular, traditional events, such as our Sports Day refreshment stall and Christmas raffle, while launching new ones, including our highest fundraiser as far as we can remember– the Superkind £20.26 in 2026 sponsored Lent fundraiser. Needless to say, none of our successes would happen without the help of our wider "village" – parents, grandparents, school staff and the wider community. These valuable funds really do help to enhance the educational experience of all pupils at Ribby with Wrea.

Here's a summary of the range of fundraisers that took place during the last academic year:

Autumn Term Highlights

- Wrea Green Horticultural Show - for the first time in several years, PTFA had a stall at the popular village show raising £50.99 after expenses
- Happy Colours non-uniform day – A relaxed non-uniform day, raising £277 with the highest number of parents (107) donating on ParentPay in recent years.
- Bag2School (x1) – We raised £13 from the collection of good condition, used clothes and shoes and supporting sustainability at RWW.

Festive Fundraising

- Christmas Raffle – Organised by former parent Hannah Lavery (once again a parent of a new starter in 26/27) and Colette Whiteside (another new starter parent for 26/27), the raffle raised an amazing £534 with lots of amazing prizes from local businesses.
- Bauble Bingo – This was a our second year hosting this event. Tony Finbarr-Smith is always a fantastic host and bingo caller. This year we brought in £114. Although it was not as well attended as the previous year, it was a very enjoyable evening for all - even Father Christmas paid a visit with every child receiving a small gift.
- Tuck Shops - two after school tuck shops took place selling snacks, drinks, hair bows and small toys.
- House of Hudson Christmas Fair- using items for our tuck shop, we also took part in a local Christmas fair raising awareness of our PTFA and networking with other female small business owners in the area

Lego Non-Uniform Day and Competition







Spring & Early Summer Events

- Lego non-uniform day – Linked to International Lego Day, children were invited to come dress as their favourite Lego character and take part in a lego building competition with prizes for the winners. Judged by governors, there were a lot of fantastic lego models of a scene from school or our village. This raised £152 after prizes were purchased.
- Winter Olympics non-uniform day – Children were invited to dress as something related to the Winter Olympics which took place in Feb 2026. £176 was raised.
- Bunny Bingo - The Easter-themed bingo event raised a wonderful £192.50. We played three games of Bingo and each child received a chocolate egg.
- Superkind - Our £20.26 in 2026 sponsored challenge was an extremely successful fundraiser - with £2141.45 raised from 169 donations and only 32 pupils taking part. From sponsored silences, runs, walking and swims, this was a phenomenal amount raised toward a larger playground project to be decided with the new headteacher. Children were rewarded with an extended play break and recognition at the school assembly.
- Red Carpet Celebrities Non-Uniform Day – Linked with the school talent show and Field Day so that children could reuse their outfit, this raised £150.

Summer Term & Year-End

- Sports Day Refreshment Stall – Always a favourite, raising £146 after expenses and showcasing some of the baking skills of our parents.
- Ice cream stalls - Two ice cream stalls were held at school pickup which raised an easy £103 and were a welcome treat after a hot summer's day
- Eclipse event - Co-Chairs Kristine and Gemma supported a village eclipse event on the Green in August with local villager Matt McIver, raising £86 from donations made for eclipse viewing glasses.



Eclipse event - Aug 2026

Easyfundraising - Scan the QR code to join

Ongoing Fundraising & Lotteries

- Easyfundraising – Thanks to our dedicated supporters, £61.60 was raised from a small number of dedicated supporters.
- MyNametags – A one-off payment of £20 was sent to our account as a thank you for being long-term scheme members.
- 100 Club – Continued to be a strong source of income, raising a surplus of £242
- Ink Cartridge Scheme - Due to changes in market values, this scheme closed in January. We sent a full box to Empties Please, raising £69.25 from recycled ink and toner cartridges.

Final Reflections

This year has shown once again that great things are possible with a bit of creativity, passion and lots of support of many in our school and wider community. The wide range of events and fundraisers have directly benefited the children at Ribby with Wrea. On behalf of the PTFA, thank you to every volunteer, supporter, and participants. Your generosity, time, and enthusiasm make a real difference to our school.

On a personal note, this will be my last annual report as I have stepped down as co-chair/chair after five years in the role. I plan to stay an active member of the PTFA as vice-chair but it is time to hand over the reins of leadership to the next generation to make their mark on our fantastic organisation. A big thank you to Matt and Emily Ryan who have done a fantastic job of looking after the 100 Club for several years and Emily who also served as chair/co-chair of the PTFA a few years ago.

Finally, we warmly welcome our new headteacher Mrs Rachel Sharp and look forward to the great things we can do together in the years to come.

Here's to another exciting year ahead.

Kristine Murray and Gemma Finbarr-Smith
Co-chairs (2025-2026)



Summary of Fundraising 2025–2026

Event/Activity	Amount Raised
WG Show Stall	50.99
Happy Colours non-uniform day	227
Tuck Shop x 2	*
House of Hudson Cmas fair	*
Christmas raffle	534
Winter Olympics non-uniform day	176
Bauble Bingo	114.17
Lego non-uniform day	152
Superkind Sponsored Lent Activity	2141.45
Bunny Bingo	192.50
Sports Day Refreshment Stall	129.50
Red Carpet non-uniform day	150
Ice Cream Stalls	103
Eclipse event	86
Easyfundraising	61.60
Ink Cartridges Scheme	69.25
My Nametags	20
Bag2School	13
100 Club	242
Total raised:	**£4462.46**

**stock for these events was initially purchased by GF-S and following the three events, broke even/recouped costs. Remaining stock will be used as prizes for future PTFA events.*

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. We have our own constitution, elected officers and are insured by ParentKind, the national PTA organisation. At each PTFA meeting, the headteacher will present requests on behalf of the school and these are discussed and voted on by those present. It is fully a collaborative relationship between the PTFA and school.

The funds raised each year really do make an important contribution to the children's experience our village school. Class allowances at £75 per class in 25/26 went towards a wide of range of things - Nightingales used it for new pencil pots and a design tech croissant making unit, Mallards purchased stickers for art activities, some jumping frogs, bits and pieces for sand and water play and a little solar panel fountain that Mallards loved in the hot weather, Eagles used funds to support a Victorian afternoon organised by Mrs Young, ingredients for class cooking linked to DT and WII and the class Christmas party, Robins for supplies to make gingerbread in DT to go with The Gingerbread Man unit along with prizes for dojo competition/end of year treats/Christmas treats (food). Kingfishers used funds for Christmas party prizes and some fantastic DT resources. In other words, class teachers make a little go a long way!

The £12 per pupil payment went toward for the class trips and visits to subsidise the very high travel costs. Last year Mallards went to the Judges Lodgings in Lancaster, Robins went to Park View in Lytham for a fun planting day, Kingfishers went to Beacon Fell, Nightingale class to Bolton Museum and Rossall Planetarium and, Eagle class had six weeks of teaching from the Bible Explorer Team investigating the Old Testament through drama and actions.

Each year we also make a contribution towards the Year 6 Leavers' treat at £12 each. This year, the leavers enjoyed laser tag and crazy golf at Level in Preston. It's always lovely to provide a treat to our pupils who have spent seven years at our school.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this year successful - here's to another fantastic year!

Examples - How funds are spent



Bridgewater Hall - PTFA monies supported the school choir by subsidising transportation costs





Design Tech (DT) lessons - crossaint making





Design Tech (DT) lessons - Making Gingerbread men



Mallard class using the solar fountain bought with PTFA funds to cool off during a very hot summer's day



Subsidising high transportation costs for school trips



Year 6 Leavers' treat - Level @ Preston Crazy Golf and Laser tag