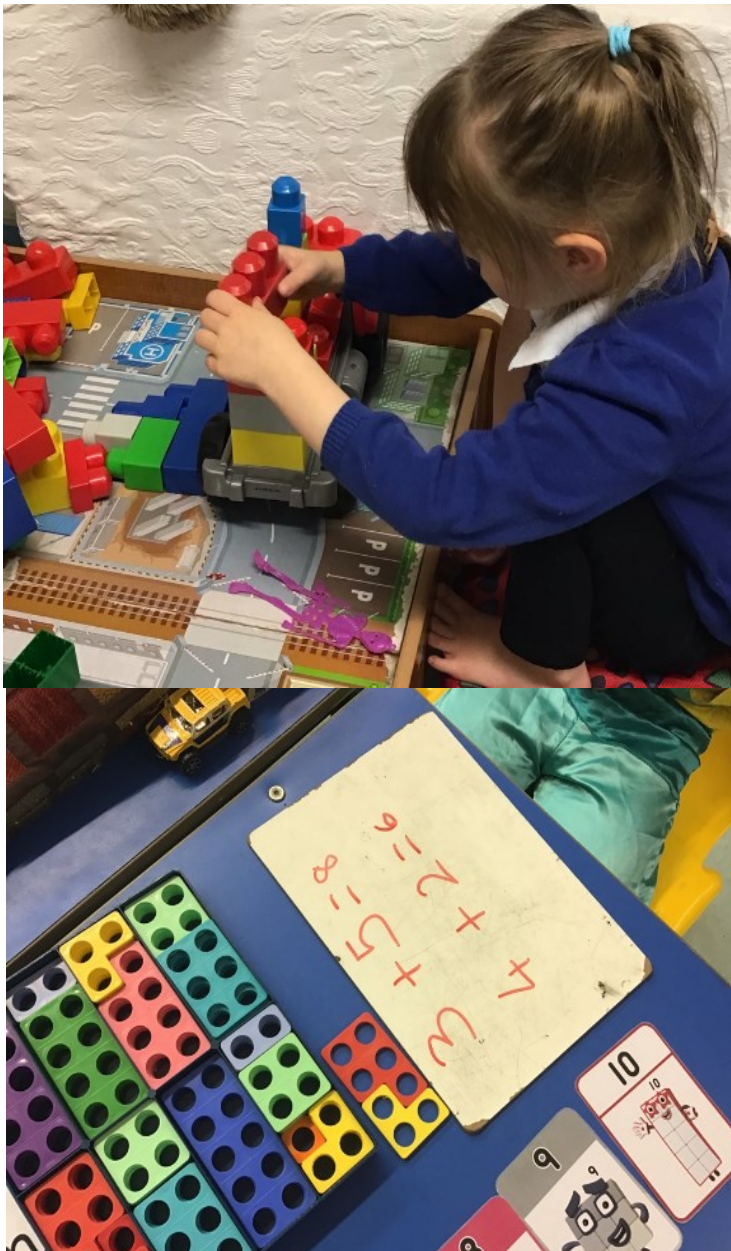


News Update PTFA



**AUTUMN
2022**



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WHAT DO WE DO?

Last year, the PTFA raised money through our Plant Sale, the Summer Fete and kind donations. This year, now that Covid-19 restrictions have lifted, we hope to organise more fundraising opportunities.

HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT MY CHILD?

In the last academic year, we supported our children by providing money towards:

- school trips and outings;
- purchasing an appropriate Christmas Present for all the children and young people across the school;
- Easter Eggs / sensory gifts for all;
- tea, coffee and donuts as a “thank you” for the 13 class teams;
- helping fund Phase One of the BB Playground.

WHAT ABOUT THIS YEAR?

School funding from the Local Authority is at an all time low. Raising additional money to be able to continue to make a difference to the education of our children and young people is really important. There are 15 classes across Bidwell Brook School this year - let's see what we can do to help our children, young people and staff.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

PTFA meetings are a great place to meet other families and have a coffee and a friendly chat. We don't expect anyone to commit to helping at **every** event or keep coming into school. We just want everyone to feel as involved as they can be, and if you could spare an hour or so once or twice a year to help out, this would be brilliant as extra hands are always welcome! For new families to Bidwell Brook, it is a chance to meet new friends and share SEND life experiences! All parents and carers are automatically members of the PTFA, so we look forward to seeing you soon (online or in person)!



SAVE THE DATE

NEXT MEETING TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS

Thursday 17 November 2022, 9.45 am - 10.30 am. Meet in person at the school or join on Teams:

Meeting ID: 338 424 052 277

Passcode: SqdXc3

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday 8 December 2022 , 10 am - 11.30 am in the Hall, raffle draw at 12 noon

Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. Donations of luxury food/gift items gratefully received!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tuesday 13 December 2022 , am Lower School, pm Upper School

Can you spend 30 minutes before/after the performance helping to serve refreshments?!

PTFA AGM MEETING

Thursday 19 January 2023, meeting in person at Bidwell Brook School

EASTER RAFFLE & EASTER BUNNY VISIT

Friday 31 March 2023

PLANT SALE

Friday 28 April 2023 in the centre of Totnes

BB SUMMER FETE

Friday 7 July 2023

BIDWELL BROOK PLAYGROUND

This project is still live! The school continues to fundraise and two out of the four phases for the project have received enough funding. Phase One work was carried out in the last academic year, Phase Two work will start in the Spring Term 2023.



The school has a fundraising page
<https://gofund.me/61c91c14>

If you think you can help or know
someone who can help raise
funds,
please let us know!

Our Charity Number is 275550.

SUPPORT US

Other
ways you
can
support
the PTFA

Join the School Lottery

For only £1 a week, your ticket could win the weekly Bidwell Brook draw or the national draw of **£25,000!**
Support Bidwell Brook School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery

Link with the Amazon App

You can make us money with no expense to yourself every time you use your Amazon App. Simply click on the 3 little lines on your Amazon App, choose **'Gifting and Charity'** then **'Amazon Smile'** to link your account to 'Friends Of Bidwell Brook School' as your charity. Go on, give us a SMILE!

Direct Debit

If you are able to financially, you could set up a direct debit into our bank account. Some parents like to make a small and regular monthly contribution.

We can put you in touch with our Treasurer if this is of interest.

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HOW TO VOTE ONLINE

-  **1. SELECT A STORE**
Search for your local store.
-  **2. MAKE A VOTE**
From the stores page, click to vote on your selected good cause.

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