

Friends of Whitnash Primary School

Parent Teacher association

Registered Charity No 1215968

Annual General Meeting

Held 22nd January 2026

Meeting minutes

1. Present: Charli-Emma Riddle, Donna Stanford, Alice Stevens, Donna Ellison, David Hitchins Apologies: Hannah Jacobs, Becky Stanton	
2. Minutes from previous meeting agreed.	
3. <u>Chairs report:-</u> Highlights – Successful events – Splashathon, Coin clash, Tombola, tuck shop, bingo, Becoming a registered charity. Regular newsletter entries – parent engagement. Challenges – Low volunteer numbers Financial impact – raised £5332 in 2025. No spending so far, money is being kept on hold for the sensory garden. Gratitude – A big thank you to all the committee, volunteers, school staff and the wider school community for the past year, your support has been invaluable. Goals for next year – to push for grants following out new charity status. This should be our main source of fundraising to ease pressure on volunteers. Hold one big event for the year and then some smaller easier events such as tuck shops and tombolas. Fundraising goals – bigger and better - £7000, for the PTA with nothing ear marked until we spend it to allow flexibility.	Charli
4. <u>Treasurer's report:-</u> Income overview – Splashathon biggest earner - £3128.60, see treasurers report for breakdown. Gross income - £5447.95 Expenditure - £921.35 Net profit - £4526.49	Donna

<p>Closing bank balance 16.01.26 - £5837.09</p> <p>Looking ahead – expanding parental involvement and volunteering, exploring fundraising opportunities, continue to support the school, sourcing donations from local businesses.</p>	
<p>5. Election of Committee members:-</p> <p>Chair – Charli-Emma Riddle</p> <p>Secretary – Alice Stevens</p> <p>Treasurer – Hannah Jacobs</p>	
<p>6. Appointment of independent examiner/auditor</p> <p>This is not a requirement as the PTA does not raise enough funds. To be re-assessed yearly.</p>	Alice
<p>7. Priorities for 2026</p> <p>Money raised in 2025 for sensory garden to be held until required, not to fund other priorities, to continue to raise money towards this.</p> <p>Bicycle Bus - Agreement that £837 from PTA funds (Not from the sensory garden pot) will be paid to school to pay for the Bicycle bus initiative, school will fund the remaining £167.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To get in touch with Simon for further info. - To raise awareness for the bicycle bus <p>Opal Outdoor provision – playtime provision for children that is no just sports based, helping children to keep playing. For example providing den building kits, mud kitchen etc. price includes staff training. Up front costs £7000.</p> <p>Grants – more outdoor learning provision.</p> <p>Donations from community/reclaimed items for building projects.</p> <p>Proposed events for 2026</p> <p>Splashathon – great success last year, would need more hoses, more water access, more volunteers.</p> <p>Easter tombola – with donation non-uniform days</p> <p>Regular cake sales – year groups to take ownership</p> <p>To consider – Tea towels/child's art etc. Maybe End of term or Christmas.</p>	

8. Next meeting – To be confirmed, It will be when there is an event to plan.