# St. Matthew's Primary School PTA

# Virtual Annual General Meeting

**Monday, 19th October 2026**

**Attendees**

Current Committee: Andrew Tomlinson, Diego Castoldi

Head Teacher and Staff Representative: Dean Beaumont, Barry Evans

Other PTA members including**:** Lara Brockington, Belma Sen, Joe Francombe, Sophie Harley-Mckeown, Malin Helen Elmerstig, Hero Tardrew, Peter Harris, Ricardo Piccoli, Fernando Menacho, Thomas Preud'homme, Hugh Williams, Jo Impey, Elsa Martel,Lina Dencik, Paula De Conte, Cynthia Sheppard, Martina Soskova, Emília Santos, Dec Penfold

**PTA Presentation**

The current committee went through last year's financial performance, current PTA challenges and opportunities and plans for the coming year. The current PTA account examiner would be retained without objection.

Key points included:

- Fundraising went well last year apart from the Summer Fair being cancelled due to the heat wave
- Grant spending was low due to change of Head Teacher but this means greater reserves for this year
- Key members of the PTA terms have left leaving gaps in the committee and volunteer base - we need help to fill this in order to deliver a full programme of activities as in previous years
- We need to focus spending on renovating the school including the Playground, Rainbow Room and IT/AV equipment
- Heat wave resilience was being considered with eco friendly options being preferred

**Head Teacher and Teacher Representative Presentation**

Dean Beaumont echoed the points raised by the PTA and thanked the PTA and for their efforts. He discussed in more detail the points mentioned by the PTA above.

He confirmed that the Factory was planned to be removed over half term. The replacement would be different in character and consultation will be done as to exactly what. This will form part of a larger plan of playground regeneration.

Barry Evans then echoed thanks for the PTA and all the volunteers.

**Nomination and Election of Committee**

Votes were cast for Diego Castoldi as Chair, Andrew Tomlinson as Treasurer and for Hero Tardew to join as a Committee member. These were passed unanimously.

**Discussion**

A number of points were discussed including:

- Toilet cleanliness - Dean Beaumont said that the cleaners were being put on notice for poor performance and would check that soap dispensers were being filled twice daily. He also said he is talking to students about taking care of their surroundings and leaving bathrooms tidy.
- School Meals - Dean Beaumont said that the school meal contract was up for renewal soon and this will go out to tender with an aim to improve quality
- PE/Sports Clubs - direct replacement is being looked for to replace Mrs Woolfe
- DBS Checks - there was discussion around the hold ups for volunteers to get Green badges
- Weekend Facility rental - Dean Beaumont said this was being trialled but was limited by availability and overtime payment to the caretaker
- Martyn's Law - the impact of the new anti-terrorist attack legislation was discussed. The teachers and children will be trained and drills conducted. This will have some impact on PTA event organisation.
- External fundraising - The ability to raise funds from business was raised. Thanks to parent help this already has resulted in a large grant from Nominet (via Mythic Beasts hosting). Hugh Williams suggested that we use Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (this was mentioned last year). Andrew Tomlinson explained that business outreach was an area the PTA needs further help to explore. Luciana Piccoli said she would be happy to help and had relevant experience. It was agreed that this would need a budgeted roadmap in order to be effective.

**Further Information**

All materials from this and previous AGMs are available on the PTA website: https://stmatthewspta.org.uk/