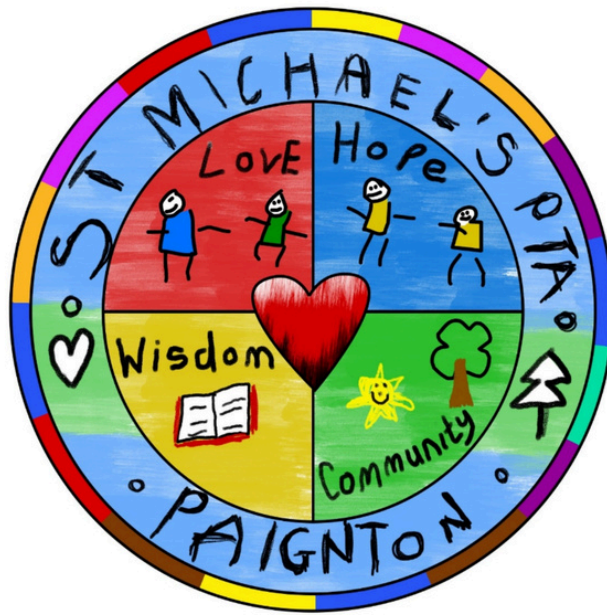


Welcome to



St Michael's PTA Paignton

(Parent Teacher Association)

Parentkind
Member Association

Welcome to St Michael's C of E Academy PTA

We're so glad to welcome your family to our school community. Starting school is an exciting adventure for everyone involved, and we're here to make the transition as smooth and fun as possible. When parents are involved in school activities, it helps create a richer learning environment for their children. That's where our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) comes in. This booklet is designed just for you, to tell you all about St. Michael's PTA and how you can be a part of it. Let's get started!



Why do we have a PTA?

We're lucky to have a PTA that's a vital part of our school community. Last year, we raised hundreds of pounds, which will be used to buy equipment, resources and experiences that make our children's education even better and improve our school's facilities.

But our PTA is about more than just fundraising. St. Michael's PTA helps build strong connections between home and school. It's a great way for staff, parents, and friends to come together, have fun, and support the school with a shared goal. Just ask any of our Committee members or volunteers - they'll tell you how enjoyable it is!

We encourage all parents and members of the school community to get involved, even if you only have a little time to spare. Every family automatically becomes a member of the PTA when their child joins our school.

Our mission

The St. Michael's PTA aims to enrich our children's educational experience by fostering a strong school community and supporting the school's needs through fundraising and volunteer efforts.



**Becky
Chair**



**Amy
Vice Chair**



**Nikita
Secretary**



**Lynsey
Treasurer**

Volunteers

We love having help from parents, teachers, and friends! Our growing list of volunteers generously give their time to support the PTA. Every little bit helps, so even if you can only spare an hour to assist at an event, wrap lucky dip prizes, or fold raffle tickets, it makes a big difference.

If you'd like to join us, please chat with a committee member, come to our next meeting, or email us at stmichaelspta22@gmail.com.

There's also a reply slip at the back of this booklet that you can fill out and return to the committee or the school office. We can't wait to have you on board!

Bianca, Natasha, Beth and Lenka frequently give up their time to organise donations, bake & run stalls at our events and are a crucial part of the team.

PTA Meetings

Our PTA Committee meets regularly, with smaller working groups gathering as needed when we're planning larger events. We also hold open PTA meetings where any member can come along, find out what we're planning, share ideas, and get involved.

To make it easier for everyone to participate, we hold meetings once each half term, sometimes at school from 2:15pm and others online in the evenings to allow everyone a chance to be involved. This is a great opportunity to volunteer for upcoming events, offer ideas, and provide support. We really want to involve as many people as possible, so your participation is invaluable!

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Every January, we hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) where all parents, teachers, and friends are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what the PTA has accomplished over the past year, discuss plans for the future, and elect new committee members.

We value your input and encourage everyone to come along. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the school, your voice and ideas are important to us. Keep an eye out for the AGM date, which will be announced in the school newsletter and on our social media pages. We hope to see you there!

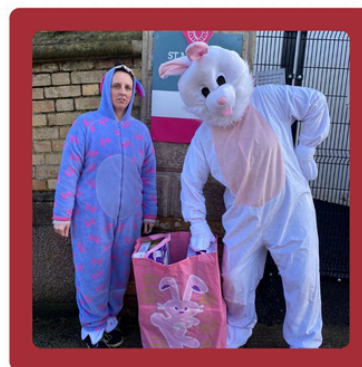
Support from Parentkind

Our PTA is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips. Parentkind also provide resources for Parents, if you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

Fundraising

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events include:

- Summer Fair
- Christmas Fair
- Easter Events



Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate your time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes, auction lots, or offers of services and skills. Every contribution, big or small, makes a huge difference!

We also use Easy Fundraising, a tool where you can shop online as usual, but the companies you purchase from give a donation percentage back to our school. To get started, visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), sign up, and add your cause as St Michael's PTA – Paignton. It's an easy way to support our school while you shop!

Paying Online

We use the PTA Events website to make it easy for everyone to get involved and stay informed about our activities. On this site, you can find details about upcoming events, purchase tickets, sign up to volunteer, and even make donations. It's a one-stop-shop for all things related to St. Michael's PTA. Visit [our PTA Events page](#) to stay connected and support our school community.

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually the School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.



We have already supported the school with...



- Games for breakfast club
- Gifts for the new reception children
- Christmas presents from Santa
- Ice pops and fruit for sports day

How We Keep You Up to Date

We want to make sure you're always in the loop! We share newsletters and social media posts which includes information on upcoming events, important dates, and the types of help we're looking for at larger events. After each event, we'll let you know how much was raised and what the money will be spent on when we reach our target.

We also recommend you join us in each way below so you never miss a thing!

Facebook Group



WhatsApp Community



How to get involved

If you would like to join our PTA WhatsApp Group, please email Nikita at stmichaelspta22@gmail.com. This group is a convenient way to stay updated, share ideas, and communicate with other members. We'd love to have you join us!



We are excited to have you join us in supporting our school community! Please fill out the information below and return this slip to the committee or the school office.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Child's Class:

Phone Number (to be added to our WhatsApp group):

Email Address:

I am interested in helping with:

- School Events (Fairs, Bake Sales, etc.)
- Fundraising Activities
- Organizing Raffles/Prizes
- Volunteering in Classrooms
- Providing Services/Skills (Please specify: _____)
- Other (Please specify: _____)

Availability to volunteer/attend meetings:

- Weekdays (During School Hours)
- Weekdays (After School)
- Weekends
- Flexible

Please return your completed slip to school to be passed to one of the PTA committee members.