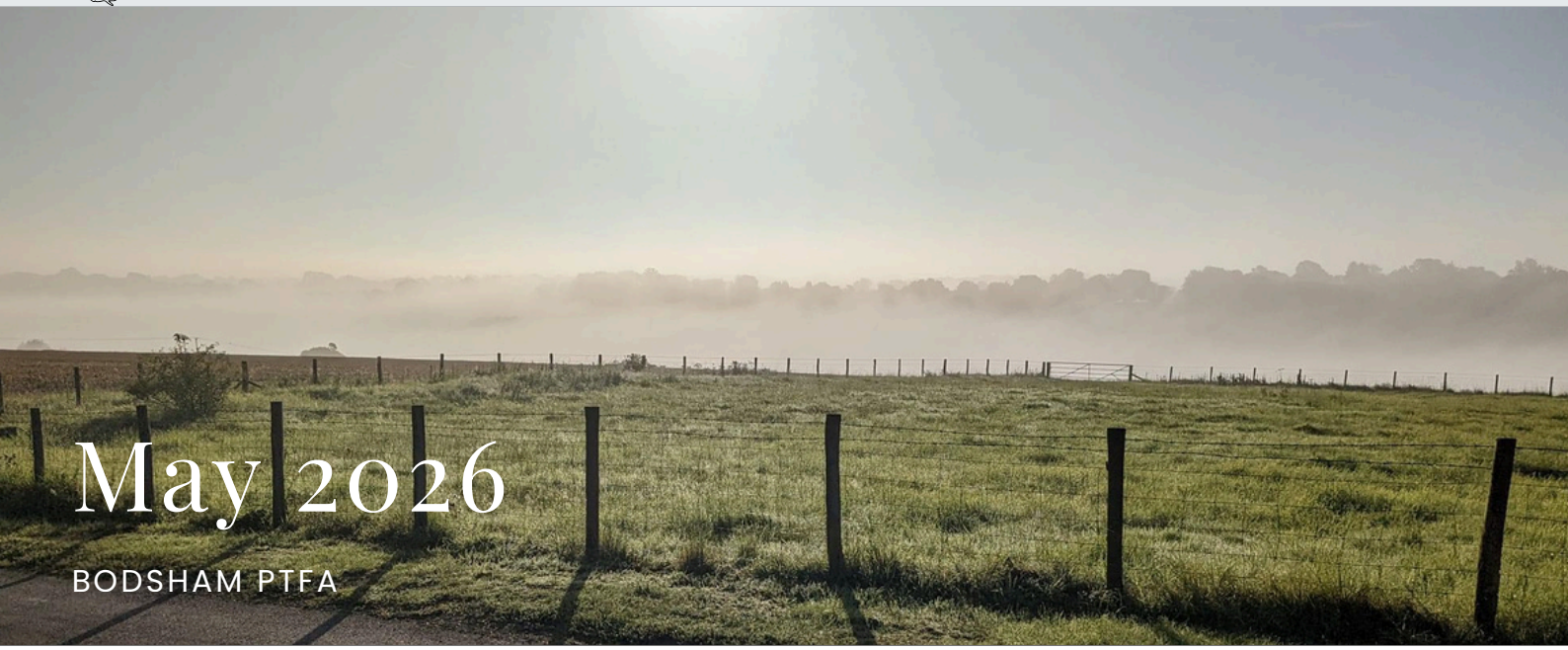

# May 2026

BODSHAM PTFA

## SUMMER GOING ONS!

We have several new families who have joined Bodsham recently, so firstly, welcome, and we hope that your children are settling in!

The PTFA aim to write up this newsletter every couple of terms to sum up what has been going on at Bodsham HQ and what is coming up. Last term, we saw Easter activities in full flow, and we must thank Rachel Jones and Kirsty Shanmugam for putting on an epic Easter Egg hunt for the pupils around the school grounds.

This term, the focus is on one of our biggest events of the year, the Summer Fair on Saturday, 27th June. This really is an event that we need as many hands on deck, so we'd appreciate any help we can get, so please pop over to page 3 (without missing out the bit in between!) to find out more!

## COMPUTER UPGRADE

Last year's fundraising efforts were to help upgrade the school's ITC Suite, and so we are chuffed to see some shiny new computers installed and already being used by the pupils.

This was a huge fundraising effort, so we want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this happen. From sponsoring the Mini Marathoners 2025 to baking cakes for the cake sales, from supporting events like the School Disco and Movie Nights to letting your child loose on a shopping spree in the Christmas Cave. Every one of these events edged us closer to our fundraising total, and so a massive thanks to everyone involved, it really is a team effort!

## DAFFODIL TEAS

March saw another round of Daffodil Teas. A Bodsham tradition led by Rebecca Smith, this lovely afternoon event invited the local community to enjoy tea and scones served by our lovely Year 6 pupils.

The afternoon was once again a real hit with excited pupils hearing tales of Bodsham past and it was lovely to see so many familiar local faces enjoying a slice of Bodsham!

## PRELOVED UNIFORM

Has your child had a sudden growth spurt and no longer fit in their Bodsham jumper? The PTFA welcome donations of preloved school uniform to then sell on. A recent flurry of purchases has meant there is only one jumper left in stock, so if you have any branded uniform that you no longer need, then please leave it in the school office.

## FULL HOUSE!

February saw the first-ever Bodsham Bingo Bonanza! With Kev at the helm, Hastingleigh Hall was packed to the rafters with players of all ages with their eyes down in the hope of shouting out “line”, or even better, “bingo!”

A huge thanks to Kev for bringing this event to Bodsham, which was also a lovely distraction from the rainy Winter blues! We saw streaks of (friendly!) competitiveness eke out. This was the first of many Bodsham Bingos, so keep your eyes out for the next one.

## BODSHAM TEA TOWELS

The pupils have been busy drawing portraits for a Bodsham tea towel. These will be available for sale, along with refreshments, at the Spring Sing held on the playground on Friday, 22nd May.

These colourful tea towels are probably far too nice to dry your washing up with, and are much better placed in a picture frame and hung on the wall to show off the pupil’s amazing artwork, but either way, don’t forget to bring your money to purchase one of these awesome, yet practical, keepsakes!

## NEW PTFA LOGO

There were so many entries for the PTFA logo competition, showing some amazing talent and hard work behind the designs. In fact, it took a lot of pondering to choose the winning design, which, although not officially launched, we could not resist sharing with you! Created by Marley Mallett in Year 5, we felt his design met the brief perfectly, so we look forward to officially rolling this out. A massive well done to everyone who participated, and keep an eye out for some of the other designs, which will be used in the future too!

## TCS MINI LONDON MARATHON

Last Saturday, an avid team of runners from Bodsham headed to the big smoke to run in the TCS Mini London Marathon, which, year after year, remains a firm favourite amongst the children and parents.

PBs smashed (even amongst the accompanying parent runners!), a fantastic support team and a troop of pupils whose behaviour showed Bodsham at its best. Joe Wicks, Nitro and Fury from Gladiators, led the warm-up before the runners set off from their pens to run either 2.6 km or 1 mile from Horse Guards Parade, past Buckingham Palace and through the finish line. There were some seriously beaming smiles at the finish line from our runners as they were presented with gleaming medals.

Extra special thanks for all the amazing sponsorship that has just tipped over £2,500, which goes directly to our outdoor classroom fund. The page is still open, and there is still time to congratulate our runners on their amazing achievement. https://superkind.org/campaign/friends-of-bodsham-coe-primary-school-help-us-raise-funds-for-some-new-school-computers-for-bodsham

## TERM 2 & 3 FUNDRAISING

Currently, we are fundraising for an outdoor classroom to complement our recently opened Forest School. The cost of this is expected to be over £8,000, and with the help of some generous Bodsham parents who are giving up their muscle (and time) to build this breakout space.

Fundraising has been in earnest with Sue donning her trainers to run the Brighton Half Marathon, Sam with the help of Mayra, Rich, Sarah, James, Victoria and Kirsty, who gave up their Friday afternoon to put on another memorable Movie Night, the Bodsham Bingo Bonanza, the annual Valentine tuck shop and of course, what term would be complete without a cake sale!

In total, we raised just over £4,000, which includes the efforts of our super Mini Marathoners!

## SUMMER FAIR

We are edging closer to our annual Summer Fair on Saturday, 27th June, which is a chance to come together to celebrate and welcome the community to our lovely little school. The icing on the cake, amongst all the fun, is the funds it raises for Bodsham.

The aim is to create another festival vibe with games, entertainment, and a chance for some competition - with some fab prizes up for grabs! This annual event isn't possible without the generosity of donations and time in the lead up to the event and on the day itself. We are a tiny school, which means we have fewer families and thus fewer hands. It really is a team effort!-So, how can you help?

- Our food tent has earned itself a bit of a rep over the years. Brimming with home-cooked dishes all donated by parents, so **if you can make your favourite dish for the big day,** please let Rebecca Smith know via 07894465354.
- Do you know a **band or singer** who would be willing to donate an hour or two to play on the day?
- Advertise the event and **tell your friends and family** all about it. Share the school's Facebook post on local Facebook groups, share it to your own page and let us know of any other places we could advertise!
- **Get ready, get set, bake**! We'll be having another cake competition judged by the local WI, so please consider entering, with two categories, under 12 years and over 12 years, with some great prizes up for grabs!
- Throughout the next term, we'll be having **dress-down days in return for donations** for the day. So, please take note of the dates below and the requested donations.
- Do you have a **gazebo** that we could use for the day for our stall holders? If so, please let us know!
- **Help run a stall**! This is a lovely way to spend the day and meet our community. We need help manning the bouncing castle, dishing up some scrumptious ice-creams and helping the children on their tombola! If you have a few hours to spare, we'd be super grateful for your help, as the more stalls, the more fun!
- Do you work for a company or know a local business that would be willing to **donate to our raffle**? We also need prizes for some of our events, and find the best way to get prizes is from places where there is a relationship, or where you frequent regularly! So please, do let us know if you can help as any prizes big or small are gratefully received.

## DRESS DOWN DAYS

Please take note of the following dress down days in return for prizes and goodies for the Summer Fair!

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| **Friday 15th May** | Preloved (and unwanted!) soft toys in good and clean condition for the children's tombola. |
| **Friday 5th June** | Prizes for the adult tombola: wine, beers, spirits, anything drinkable an adult would love to win! |

Thanks for reading!

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