



Welcome

to William Tyndale School

Oh no! It's here!
The first school day,
But please don't fear,
We want to say...

There may be tears,
but soon they'll dry,
And 'Hello' will replace 'Goodbye',

We want your child to love our school,
With caring at its heart,
In learning, sharing, having fun,
We all can play a part!



A warm welcome

To our new families and those returning from nursery, we want to extend a warm welcome to William Tyndale on behalf of the Family and Staff Association (F&SA).

For families joining our school community, we realise it can be strange and a little nerve-wracking starting at a new school and there always seems to be so many questions to ask.

This booklet aims to provide you with information about our F&SA, which can form a significant part of school life.

Who are the F&SA?

The F&SA is and has been such an integral part of the school community for more than 25 years. In its time the F&SA has raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's education experience and the school's facilities. In addition to this, the F&SA works hard to bring our school community together and the F&SA provides an opportunity for everyone to work towards a common goal.

The F&SA can help parents/carers to:

- improve the school's facilities, community spirit and partnership with parents
- socialise and get to know each other whilst taking part in a range of activities
- find out more about how the school works, developing effective partnerships with the teaching and non-teaching staff
- fundraise for extra items or services to enrich the children's education
- increase their own knowledge and skills

The F&SA can help our children:

- receive a richer education as a result of items bought by the F&SA
- benefit from parents' increased understanding of the school
- socialise by taking part in fundraising events and activities
- understand the importance of giving

The F&SA can help the school:

- reach potential volunteers and enthusiasts who may help with school projects
- enhance the profile and awareness of the school within the local community

All Parents and Carers automatically become members of the Family & Staff Association when they join our school.



The F&SA committee is currently made up of:



Katia - Co-chair (since 2019/2020)
Y3



Yuliya - Co-chair (since 2021/22):
Reception and Y2
Previously role - Secretary 2020/2021



Alessia - Secretary (since 2021/2022)
Y5
Previous role - co-chair for 2 years

Our F&SA committee currently consists of four Officers: 2 co-Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary. We also have another six committee members to make up the full committee. The Committee meets on a regular basis usually once a month.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held at the beginning of the academic year to report on the previous year's work and elect the new committee members. This is a meeting for all members of the F&SA, not just the elected committee members. It is our chance to tell you about our achievements and the difference the F&SA has made to the school.

F&SA updates

F&SA updates will be shared:

- Via our termly newsletter, published via the school office, that will share updates on what has been achieved in the previous term, and information on upcoming events for the forthcoming term.
- Using the F&SA notice board is situated outside, directly opposite the school office. This is a great source of information for what is going on within the school and is kept updated.
- Through dedicated WhatsApp groups to communicate with class representatives and volunteers.

How we fundraise

The majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. We hold two main events each year: Quiz Night (Autumn term) and Summer Fair (Summer term).

We raise money in other ways via 'RunKidsRun' fundraising, the 'Winter Holidays Cards' scheme and our weekly Tyndale Treats stalls. The F&SA is extremely conscious of the ethos and diversity of our school, and we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this.

You can see how much money was raised last academic year, how this money was spent as well as what we plan to fundraise this year in our Autumn newsletter.

Ways to get involved...

We appreciate that life is busy, and are grateful for any help parents and carers are able to offer. There are lots of ways to get involved, with hopefully an option that is suitable for all.

- Become a class rep or helper! More information on this can be found in the Autumn newsletter.
- Volunteer at events - many hands make light work and we are extremely grateful to those that help set up events, run stalls, bake cakes, marshal events, and help tidy up!
- See if your employer does 'matched funding' - if you volunteer at an event, your employer could match what we raise or donations you make. Please check with your employer's HR department.
- Donate prizes for our events across the year.
- Provide a particular skill - can you share your talents with us, be it baking for the treat stall, face painting, or perhaps you would be willing to volunteer to share a skill such as coding session, taking a yoga or mindfulness class, or running a film making workshop - to share the talents we have within our Tyndale community.
- Donate to the F&SA directly - further details on how to do this can be found in the Autumn newsletter.

If you would like to find out more information about the F&SA, join the committee or have ideas you would like to share, please contact us at fsawilliamtyndale@gmail.com.

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