

Dorchester Middle School PTFA AGM

8th October 2025 – 4pm – School library

Chairpersons report by Terri Wilson, Chair of the PTFA

Welcome to the AGM of 2025.

A little bit about the committee and ethos – this is quite simple, we operate to enhance the education and school experience of every child. This is always up for discussion and will always be agreed by majority vote. We currently have 25 members on our PTFA group, so going forwards as long as there are 13, or more votes for the proposal, this is taken as accepted. We are very fortunate to have Mr Webb who works closely along side us and is always a good bounce board for where funds are better utilised and has massively increased the requests we have received. Which is great, as it means money is finally getting to where it is needed.

Introductions of committee

Terri Wilson – Chair

Jodie Heath and Jules Evans – Vice Chair

Jo Dovell – Secretary

Kate Boston – Treasurer

Henni Green – Comms

Besides the roles above, we have many strong standing members of the core committee, without whom lots of what we have achieved over this last year would have been impossible. Equally, every person who helps at events, bakes, donates prizes are all vitally important to keep our success going, so thank you everyone for your support. The PTFA are very lucky to have you on board.

Looking back and reflecting on the last year, I am amazed by what has been achieved. It gives me, personally, and hopefully us as a committee, a huge sense of pride.

When I started “actually” looking back on the year, I was stunned at how many events we have held over the year! The discos, a firm favourite here at DMS, bingo nights, our quiz nights. This year saw the introduction of our first community challenge which raised £4.5k and, also, had the whole school community getting involved with the help of Mr Palmer and the PE department, thank you. It was great to have the school support.

However, our biggest success of the year was the school summer fete which was a huge success and saw everybody pull together, from Tacky the raffle queen, to Lucie and Abbie the tombola legends. We pulled on the local community to support us, and this concluded in making a whopping £6400.00 before expenses.

The foundations of these events are all now laid and now its building and growing these events year on year.

Each success doesn't come without its struggles and challenges, one of our biggest challenges, is volunteers. We are a group of working parents with commitments through the working week. We are finding it extremely difficult to fill events during the school day.

Communication to parents. We try and push out events through Facebook and the DMS Dozen, but we still need other ways to reach parents.

We have the introduction of the newsletter, which we are hoping to make a regular termly occurrence.

We will continue to drive for more members, who will hopefully help us overcome these challenges.

Thank yous

This bit is so hard, as there is so many people that play a part in keeping us going.

Mr Webb, thank you for always having a vision. Your support and encouragement is always very much appreciated and we are always made to feel valued. It makes our life a lot easier to know you are on board.

Ali for always prompting me to push things out in the DMS Dozen, for keeping the diary up to date and for generally keeping us in the loop with events and all things PTFA related to the school.

Mr Murray, Mrs Martin and Mrs Ray – our core teaching support. Mr Murray for calling our bingo nights, Mrs Martin and Ben for our quiz nights and Mrs Ray for everything.

All the teaching staff who turn up for events.

Our committee team, behind the scenes, we bounce off each other, late night and early morning phone calls, meeting to try and do final preparations and just generally a group of people trying to do our best! Which has been extended to a wider group of committee members, without you all, this would not be possible, so thank you everyone for everything you have done and continue to do. Thank you.

My last thank you, to our community of parents, teachers and local businesses. Without you at each event or donations, this would not be possible.

Looking ahead

More of the same just bigger and better, hopefully with a few more of us to ease the load. The diary is already filling up for this coming year with our first event on Friday – Bingo.

Charity status needs a big push. This is quite a bit of work but its underway.

New committee – many of our existing committee members are in their last year at Dorchester Middle School and I feel like I'd be naive to think they'd continue in their roles beyond their time, so this year is about shadowing and training people to run events,

Last year when I said let's have a fab year, I didn't envisage what we could achieve. Let's show the same enthusiasm, energy and craziness that we have this year to achieve again.

Thank you everyone.

Terri Wilson

Chair Dorchester Middle School PTFA

PTFA AGM Treasurer's Report 2024/25
Period 9th October 2024 to 7th October 2025

Balance at 8th October 2024: £9,730.81

Balance at 28th September 2025: £15,263.90

Income (gross)	£19,372.95
Interest on savings	£49.58
Total income	£19,422.53

School funding requests	£9,423.96
Other expenditure (inc. events and PTFA items)	£3,818.97

Funding requests	
Art dept funding	£266.00
Art/textiles funding request	£714.48
Art/textiles press	£454.00
Art/textiles press accessories	£73.52
Basket balls	£53.59
Buddy benches	£1,640.00
Dictionaries	£764.00
Dishwasher	£232.50
Farm to fork	£427.61
Food tech funding	£137.02
Football books	£30.00
Graphic novels	£496.38
Ice cream for yr8	£300.00
Library displays	£365.63

Lottery licence	£20.00
Non-fiction books	£766.02
PD storage box	£70.99
Piano	£338.25
Presenting pointer	£8.07
Reading competition	£50.00
Safety goggles	£41.30
SATS breakfast	£106.38
School trophies	£87.41
Science Dept funding	£1,358.60
Science equipment	£310.96
Seaspring Farm (Farm to fork)	£28.05
Library trolleys - funding request	£283.20
Total	£9,423.96

Outstanding funding requests	
DT woodwork aprons	212.00
Lost property rail	150.00
Blinds	3216.00
Total	£3,578.00

Main events fund raising (gross income ie. minus event expenditure):	
Summer fair (inc. raffle)	£6404.28
Discos	£4566.76
Community challenge and sports day	£4420.39
Bingos	£2499.80
Rotary draw	£451.00
Quiz	£403.41

Annual funding commitments:

- Yr8 treat - £300 approx.
- SATs breakfast - £200-£300
- Books - £300
- Sport day ice-lollies - £50 approx

Other information:

- Easy fundraising: £293.71
- Bank service charges: -£96.87
- Funding request for library development: c. £8,000 TBC
- Purchased sum up machines (2)
- Dorchester branch closure
- Need to replace Steve Jones on account now he is no longer school parent

