Mandeville Primary School PTA

Welcome to Mandeville! We are delighted that you are joining our amazing school.

A bit about us

All parents and carers are automatically members of our PTA (more affectionately called Friends of Mandeville), although it's completely up to you how involved you get.

Our mission is to help create a nurturing community for our families and to raise money to support this fabulous school and provide much needed extra resources that benefit all the children.

Over the years the support of our families to PTA events has funded fantastic outdoor musical instruments, a Reading Hut, equipment for a new sensory support room, external lighting, skills workshops for pupils, dictionaries, reading books, audio visual equipment, iPads and new indoor and outdoor seating. We also pay for the Marvellous Me communication platform, and are really proud that every Year 6 child is given a Leavers Hoodie and gift as they leave the school, sponsored purely by the PTA.

We organise a variety of events and fundraising initiatives throughout the year. These typically include social events such as bingo nights, discos, Summer & Winter Fairs and a variety of cultural celebrations. We also organise fundraising initiatives such as gift making, a Christmas present room (where children pick out presents for loved ones), food/bake sales, second-hand uniform sales and coffee mornings.

We welcome any amount of involvement - coming along and donating to events, volunteering to help run things, offering skills to support our work, giving us fundraising ideas or linking us to employer sponsorship, or just coming by for a hot drink and a friendly chat at our regular coffee mornings.

You can see who is on our committee on the School PTA webpage: PTA | Mandeville Primary School

Friday coffee mornings

We hold a regular PTA coffee morning every Friday after drop-off in the Activity Studio which everyone is welcome to, along with younger siblings.

How to get involved and find out about what's on

- Join our 'Friends of Mandeville' Facebook group - www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofmandeville
- Check out the PTA section at the end of the weekly School Newsletter.
- Email PTA@Mandeville.herts.sch.uk to let us know you'd like get involved, find out more, or if you have any questions. We can also add you to our 'PTA Helpers' what's app group where you can get more involved in volunteering for PTA events, should you wish to do so.

Other ways you can help fundraise for our school

Easyfundraising Do you shop online? If so, you can also help us raise funds without any additional cost to you if you purchase via the Easy Fundraisisng app. You will need to go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/JEP996/ and register for Mandeville PTA – St Albans. Once registered, you can download the Easyfundraising App or go via the Easyfundraising website, select the retailer you want to shop at, and the site will show you the commission the PTA earns from your shopping basket. We won't know who shopped or what you bought, but we will receive a donation into our fund. The prices are the same as if you bought "normally" - in fact, there are sometimes special offers.

Stamptastic All uniform needs to be named and stamping your children's name on everything is a really easy way of doing this! We receive a 30% cashback for all orders placed at https://stamptastic.co.uk/ Quote AL12LE when checking out.

Direct Donation if this is a simpler option for you monetary donations can be made directly to Mandeville PTA. There is a payment item on Arbor for donations direct to the Friends of Mandeville bank account. This is a voluntary choice for anyone wanting to donate in this way.

Match Funding Does your workplace have a match funding scheme? Find out whether your time or contributions can stretch even further.

We look forward to meeting you

We are a really friendly group and are always keen to have new parents join. We realise it can be daunting joining a PTA, but do not worry, there are no expectations and you can be involved as little or as much as you would like to.

Team PTA