‘I do what I can when I can.’

**St Joseph’s Oxton PTA**

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| **Who are we?**We are the parents, grandparents, carers and teachers of pupils (and former pupils) of St Joseph’s Oxton. If your child is in our school you are automatically a member of the PTA.‘I have been part of the PTA here for 30 years. I started when my children joined the school and now I bring my grandchildren.’ Cathie (parent, grandparent and expert cake maker)You don’t have to make any long term commitments; we all understand how busy life can be. Whether it’s half an hour folding raffle tickets or a full day at the fair, we are always grateful for any help. To show our gratitude there is always a cuppa and a cake or biscuit on offer. We usually meet in the gym at drop off time (many of our parents bring their little ones with them) so keep an eye on our fb page for details of the next meeting.‘The PTA is awesome, everyone is so friendly and the Pig Race Night was amazing.’ Year 5 pupil | **What do we do?**We work together to raise money to support the education of our children and to strengthen the school community.**This year we have raised over £8000** **Well done team!**As well as our Christmas and Summer fairs and Easter bingo, we have had a Pig Race Night, Bag2School, raffles and have provided refreshments at school events throughout the year. We have also supported the ladies who are running the uniform exchange.Our PTA do a fantastic job of organising events and activities throughout the year. Fundraising brings substantial amounts in to the school which are then spent on the children. As well as raising money, there is a wonderful community spirit to events, bringing parents, staff and the wider family of St Joseph's together. Mr TurnerThe money we have raised has been used across the school from contributing to the Year 1 outdoor area to providing a leavers’ T-shirt to every Year 6 child. Money has also been spent on dictionaries and thesauruses for Y5 and Y6, Christmas parties and the summer treat day. | **Why should I get involved?*** your child will benefit
* to make a difference
* to have fun (it’s true)
* to make friends
* to feel involved
* to share the workload
* to create a closer home/school link
* to fill a gap in your CV
* **to keep our PTA going**

‘I started out making tea and coffee at events, now I’m on the committee. I love how people are made to feel welcome and valued.’ Chris (parent)**What can I do to help?**There are so many ways for you to help.* sign up to AmazonSmile and or EasyFudraising
* buy raffle tickets
* donate items for our fairs
* fill a Bag2school
* attend events
* help at events (set up/clear up, run a stall)some companies allow time off for this
* sign up for match-funding
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