CUNNINGHAM HILL SCHOOLS PTA

6/11/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term and are ready for the final stretch of the year! We have plenty of festive fun planned over the coming weeks, with lots of opportunities to get involved and support our schools. We're also pleased to share the attached **Schools' Wish List for 2026–2027**, showing the exciting projects your support will help fund. Every donation, ticket purchased and hour volunteered helps bring these plans to life — thank you! 💜 💛

🌈 Wacky Day – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who joined in with Wacky Day before half term! From colourful hair to wonderfully wacky outfits, it was lovely to see so much creativity. Together, we raised **£795** for our school!

🎁 Non-Uniform Day – Next Friday, 13 November

Children are invited to wear their own clothes next Friday in exchange for a **tombola gift for our Winter Fair**.

We would be grateful for donations suitable for either the children's or adults' tombola, such as new toys, games, toiletries, chocolates or bottles. Please ensure items are unopened and **do not contain nuts**.

Your donations help us create two hugely popular stalls and raise valuable funds for our schools (children are welcome to come in non-uniform even if a donation isn't possible). Thank you!

🎟️ Winter Raffle – Fantastic Prizes to Be Won!

Our Winter Raffle is now open! Tickets are just **£1 each**, with the chance to win one of many fantastic prizes, including:

- A free body scan and workout at BodyStreet
- A goodie bag containing a wash and blow-dry voucher
- A Church Farm Ardley family day pass
- An Art-K two-hour holiday workshop worth £30
- And much more!

Every ticket helps raise funds for our schools. Please share the link with friends and family so they can join in too!

👉 **Buy your Winter Raffle tickets here**

🏺 Jolly Jars – 16–24 November

Get creative and fill a jar with small treats, toys or surprises for our Winter Fair! Stickers, pens and little fidget toys all make lovely additions. **No nuts, please.**

Bring your filled jars into school between **16 and 24 November** and pop them in the collection boxes in classrooms. There's a prize for the class with the most jars, so every jar counts!

🧸 Pre-Loved Toy & Teddy Donations (No Books Please) - 25–27 November

Having a clear-out before Christmas? We would love donations of good-quality, complete toys and games, as well as clean teddies, for our Winter Fair.

Please ensure everything is clean and in good condition. We are not accepting books for this fair.

Please hold on to your donations for now and drop them off at school during the week of 23–27 November.

🎪 Winter Fair – Saturday 28 November, 12pm–3pm

Our Winter Fair is just over three weeks away! Join us for an afternoon of festive fun, including stalls, games, tombola, pre-loved toys, raffle prizes, gifts, hot food and mulled wine.

Entry: £1 for adults; children free.

A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer. We still need more helping hands to make the day a success. If you can spare an hour, we would love to hear from you!

To help, please contact your class rep, email **chs.pta@outlook.com** or **add your name to our volunteer sign-up sheet**.

🌈 Rainbow Raffle 2026 – A Little Colour, a Lovely Prize!

Fancy winning a fantastic hamper packed with colourful treats? Our Rainbow Raffle is open, with **tickets just £1 each**!

Every ticket supports our schools and gives you a chance to take home one of our wonderful themed hampers. Please share the link with grandparents, friends and family so they can join in too.

Buy your Rainbow Raffle Ticket here!

💜 Could You Help Us Find a Raffle Prize?

Do you work for, or know, a business that could donate a prize for our Winter Fair? Gifts, vouchers and experiences all make wonderful prizes, and we would be grateful for any introductions or donations. Please email **chs.pta@outlook.com**

❄️ Air Conditioning Fundraiser – Now at £850!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our air conditioning fundraiser so far!

Air conditioning is one of the projects on our schools' wish list, helping keep classrooms comfortable for children and staff during the hot summer months. Every donation brings us closer, and sharing the fundraising link with friends and family is another helpful way to support us.

Donate to CHS Air Con Fundraiser Here!

🎄 Buying a Christmas Tree? Support the PTA!

For every tree purchased through Christmas Treeasy, the PTA will receive between £3.50 and £6.50, depending on the size of the tree.

Simply select **Cunningham Hill School** from the drop-down menu when ordering.

https://christmastreeasy.co.uk/

📱 Stay Connected with the PTA

Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest news, event reminders and fundraising updates. A quick like, comment or share also helps spread the word!

- **Follow our PTA Facebook Page**
- Follow our PTA Instagram Page

Please also keep an eye on the PTA noticeboard on the gate outside the Junior School.

🗓️ Key Dates for Your Diary

- **Friday 13 November:** Non-Uniform Day — bring a tombola gift for the Winter Fair
- **16–24 November:** Jolly Jars collection — drop filled jars into classroom collection boxes
- **25–27 November:** Pre-loved toy and teddy donations — drop off at school; no books, please
- **Saturday 28 November, 12pm–3pm:** Winter Fair

- **Sunday 6 December:** PTA Panto — Beauty and the Beast
- **Saturday 17 July 2027:** The Circus comes to CHS!

Thank you for helping us turn the schools' wish list into opportunities for our children to learn, play and thrive.

Have a lovely weekend! 💜 💛

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Our school wish list

2026 / 2027

Help us make our school even more amazing!

Every donation, hour volunteered and fundraising idea directly benefits the school. Below are the projects we hope to fund this year. It is an ambitious goal, so your help and support are vital!

OUR TOP PRIORITY

A brand-new Activity Zone

The school would like to transform the Junior 'Pond area' into an exciting new safe activity space. This will be a big job and will probably take not only funds, but volunteers to make happen over the coming year.

And on the rest of our list...

A rope swing

For swinging, climbing and building confidence as part of OPAL play.

A big hill for OPAL

Perfect for rolling, racing and big imaginative adventures.

New goals

Better outdoor goals for our pitches!

A new hall audio system

For brilliant assemblies, performances and discos that everyone can hear.

Air conditioning

Keeping classrooms cool and comfortable, so everyone can do their best learning on the hottest days.

Air Conditioning Fundraiser

A bike shelter for the Juniors

A safe, dry home for bikes and scooters, and a great reason to cycle to school.
We made great progress towards this at the summer fair and the school are currently getting quotes!

Big or small, every penny counts!

Thank you — Cunningham Hill Schools PTA

Click here to donate

Winter Fair 2026

Saturday 28th November • 12pm – 3pm •

Mulled wine, mince pies, tombolas, glitter and a big sprinkle of festive magic!

Get your woolly hats ready – the Winter Fair is nearly here! Join us for an afternoon of festive fun with stalls run by every class, tasty treats, games and a few surprises along the way. Bring the whole family, grandparents, friends and neighbours – everyone is welcome.

This year the school has a wish list of things big and small that it would love our help with, so every penny raised will go towards OPAL equipment, new activity spaces and making our school a more comfortable place to learn and play.

What's on

Second-hand toy sale
Pre-loved toys, games and books at bargain prices – perfect for stocking fillers.
Run by Sun & Moon class

Teddy & toy tombola
A mountain of cuddly prizes, every one looking for a new home.
Run by Planet class

Adult tombola
Bottles, chocolates and pamper treats for the grown-ups.
Run by Rocket class

Children's tombola
Pick a ticket and win a prize – always a favourite.
Run by Star class

The Cunningham Hill Elf Workshop
Children choose a surprise gift for their grown-up or friends and our elves wrap it. No peeking!
Run by Shuttle class

Mulled wine, mince pies & cakes
Warm up with a festive drink and a slice of something homemade.
Run by Orbit class

Sweet stall, tuck shop & popcorn
Treats, snacks and freshly popped popcorn.
Run by Comet class

Guess the sweets in the jar
How many are in there? The closest guess wins the jar!
Run by Meteor class

Jolly jars
Jars packed with goodies, filled by our children.
Run by Pulsar class

Christmas lucky dip
Dip in and pull out a festive surprise.
Run by Quasar class

Year 6 games
Games invented and run by our Year 6 pupils – come and beat them!
Run by Galaxy & Cosmos class (year 5)

Face painting & glitter tattoos
Snowflakes, reindeer and plenty of sparkle.
Run by Satellite class

Hot food – come hungry! Skip lunch and come and eat with us!
We have a selection of hot food arranged for all tastes – the perfect way to warm up between stalls.

Dear Parents,

🎄 Christmas is just around the corner! 🎄

We're delighted to remind you about the fantastic Christmas tree delivery and recycling service from Christmas Treeasy, which is available through our school. For every tree purchased through the school by parents, staff, family, friends or colleagues, Christmas Treeasy will donate £3.50–£6.50 per tree to our school/PTA fund, depending on the size of the tree.

🎄 Premium Christmas Trees Delivered to Your Door

Christmas Treeasy specialise in top-grade Nordmann Fir Christmas trees – a popular non-drop variety – and offer free delivery directly to your home.

You can also add:

- ♻️ **Christmas tree recycling** – your tree will be collected and recycled in the New Year
- 🎄 **Tree stands**
- 🪵 **Bags of logs**

✨ Going Big This Christmas?

Their 9ft and 10ft Nordmann Fir trees are available by special pre-order, along with Extra Large Cinco stands.

If you're thinking big this Christmas, please place your order by 20th November.

There are 16 delivery dates available this year, but weekend slots are filling up quickly, so we recommend ordering early to avoid disappointment.

🎁 How to Order

1. Visit **www.christmastreeasy.co.uk**
2. Choose your preferred tree size
3. Add recycling, a stand or logs if required
4. **Select our school** when placing your order
5. Choose your preferred delivery date

Please make sure you select our school when ordering, as this is how Christmas Treeasy will allocate the donation to our school/PTA.

For more information, contact Christmas Treeasy on **07710 407149** or **enquiries@christmastreeasy.co.uk**.

Thank you for supporting our school while getting your perfect Christmas tree delivered straight to your door!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas.

Kind regards,
Dean Turner