



Friday 17th July 2026

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July Edition

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the summer term has arrived! Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed a great number of wonderful events that parents could attend. We really hope you enjoyed them as much as we did! The children were absolutely brilliant as leaders, performers and/or exhibitors, but a huge thanks also goes to the many staff who worked to ensure these were delivered successfully! We also received brilliant SATS results yesterday. Well done, Year 6!

This time last year, I wrote to you regarding the creation of a community fund for mental health, given there is a real concern about gaining support via the NHS due to budget cuts. We were really thankful that many of you donated to this excellent cause. This has allowed us to deliver many one-to-one or small-group sessions, in addition to those which we can already offer using support from Poets In. We will send another link in September and hope you are able to contribute, however small or large.

Today we will sadly say farewell to our Year 8 pupils. We know they are ready for the stretch and challenge, and we wish them all the best in the move to Upper School. We hope that they drop back in at some point to tell us of their future successes.

As usual in education, the summer break provides a transition time for staff also. We also say goodbye to a number of wonderful people leaving us this term. While we have dedicated more time and detail around their contribution to our wonderful school in person, it is important to confirm with you, as parents, the staff members who will sadly be leaving us this summer. Ms Blakey, who has been Leader of English for many years, is changing occupation to focus on her young (and adorable) family. Ms Reilly, another superb member of our English team, is leaving education but will continue to make an impact in youth work. Mrs Rosos, who has led Accelerated Reader, also moves on to pastures new in September. Mrs Goodwin, who is the technician behind the magic and organisation of our brilliant Food and DT department, retires this year. Lisa Wilson, who has expertly supported students pastorally and been a dogged champion of safeguarding for our young people, has taken up a role across Pyramid Schools Trust. We would like to once again thank them for their dedication and efforts to our school and community. In addition to this, we would like to offer an early good luck on maternity leave to Ms Nicholls and Ms Owers, who we may only see for a brief period in September.

To attempt to drive further parental engagement, we are also going to establish regular video updates. These will request parent feedback and carry on the platform which Parent Forum has provided us. Hopefully, this will give us more regular feedback, as our numbers at Parent Forum have dwindled over the past few years. The first of these is available now. Please click here to view - [VIDEO](#)

Finally, I would once again like to thank you all, parents, for your ongoing support during this past year. I hope you enjoy the July edition of the Arnold Update. I wish everyone in the Arnold community a wonderful summer period with your families, and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Pete Roberts

Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

September

w/c 31st August

31st - Bank Holiday

1st - Inset Day

2nd - Pupils back to school

w/c 7th September

9th - Tempest School Photos

w/c 14th September

17th - Y5 Send Coffee Morning

w/c 21st September

25th - Y5 Macmillan Coffee Morning

HAPPY
SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

WANT TO SHARE AN ACHIEVEMENT?

Whether it's a sporting, musical, writing, cooking or a painting success... We want to hear about it!

Send in your news to
admin@aa.pstrust.co.uk to be
featured.





Year Group News

YEAR 5

Form with the Highest Attendance

5RN

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

5CP



YEAR 6

Form with the Highest Attendance

6DD

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

6LN



YEAR 7

Form with the Highest Attendance

7SR

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

7SR



YEAR 8

Form with the Highest Attendance

8JF

Form with the Highest Achievement Points

8DB

Celebrating Reading Success

A huge congratulations to Mrs Farnsworth's Year 5 English class for being our best-performing English class and reaching their termly reading targets! 🌟

To celebrate their fantastic achievement, the class enjoyed a special party in the library with cakes and nibbles. 🍰📖

Well done to everyone for your hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to reading, a brilliant achievement! 🙌



Celebrating Our Arnold Values Achievers!

We are delighted to announce our recent Arnold Core Values Award winners:

★ 7JSm - Emme

★ 5LH - Betsy

★ 5RF - Leo

★ 7SQ- Mia-Rose, Finley

★ 5RN - Tristan

★ 7SR - Patrick



Accelerated Reader Library Quiz Raffle



★ Zach 7SQ

★ Iris 8CF



Xander 5KM



Millionaires Row!



Congratulations to our new Millionaires for June:



Oliver 8CF



Eliza 7SQ



Luke 7JSE



Keira 5CP



'Nearly there Millionaire' winners



An incredible 900,000+ words read – each had a vending machine prize for dedication to reading!

★ Amelia 8DB

★ Dylan 8CF



Mia 8CF



Reading Competition



Below are the winners for June congratulations to all the top readers! Keep up the fantastic work!



5RN



7JSM



6LN



8JMC

Arnold Academy Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

17,002 Books

166,137,560 Words

for **12** minutes/day!

(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

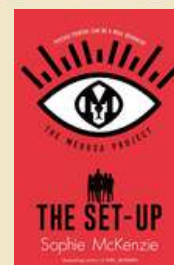
KS2 Recommendation (Ages 9+)



People Like Stars - Patrice Lawrence

Three 13-year-olds' lives become entangled as they unravel deep family secrets, including baby-snatching and a mysterious 'forbidden' grandmother, all whilst navigating the challenges of poverty and over protective parenting. A beautifully constructed book, where three parallel storylines intertwine, leading to a heartwarming story about fractured families, hidden truths and the power of friendship.

KS3 Recommendation (Ages 12+)

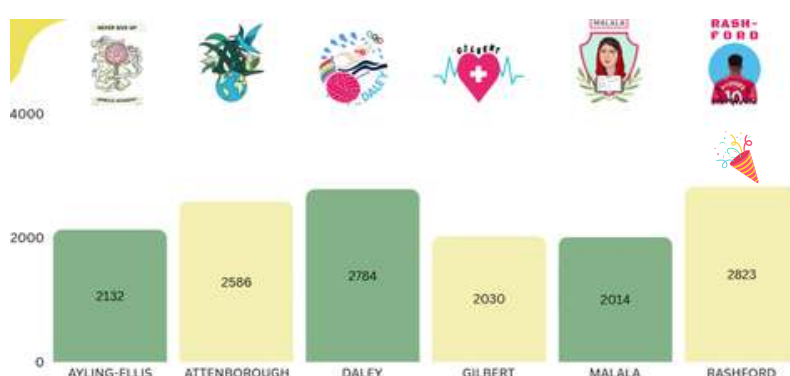
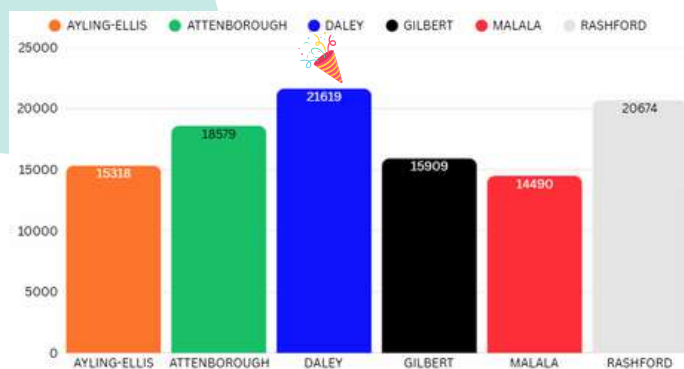


The Set-Up - Sophie McKenzie

Four teens discover that they were genetically implanted with the 'Medusa Gene' as babies, giving them psychic powers, but their emerging abilities attract sinister forces and a scientist trying to manipulate them, forcing them into a secret, dangerous world as they learn to control their gifts and navigate betrayal. An exciting and entertaining story filled with twists, turns, action and really bad decisions.

END OF YEAR ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

END OF YEAR HOUSE POINTS



Last month, we were delighted to welcome Alfie Watts, winner of Race Across the World, to Arnold Academy.

Alfie shared his incredible journey and inspired our pupils with a powerful message: always choose to be kind. He also encouraged everyone to step outside their comfort zones, embrace new opportunities and simply go for it.

Thank you, Alfie, for such an inspiring and memorable visit. We're sure our pupils will remember your words for a long time to come!



A Visit from Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

A huge thank you to Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service for visiting our school to deliver special assemblies to every year group.

Our pupils enjoyed learning about the vital work of the fire service, including emergency response times, the role of an Arson Officer, and how to stay safe at home and during the summer holidays. It was an engaging and informative experience, and we are grateful for the valuable advice shared with our school community. 🙌



Arnold Academy came alive with music, food and celebration as we enjoyed our fantastic Culture Day! Pupils and staff embraced the opportunity to celebrate the many cultures that make up our school community. From traditional clothing and delicious foods to music, activities and learning about different customs from around the world, it was a wonderful day filled with respect, curiosity and pride.

One of the highlights of the day was our Culture Day Cake Competition, where students showcased their incredible baking skills and creativity. The entries were absolutely amazing, with beautifully decorated cakes inspired by cultures from around the world. A huge well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Your enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to share your cultures made it a truly memorable celebration.



Thank You, Year 5!

A huge thank you to Year 5 for organising a fantastic cake sale in support of Miss Wright's charity bike ride for Brain Tumour Research. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an incredible £290. Well done to everyone who baked, donated and supported this wonderful cause!



🎉 Year 7 Charity Fair Success! 🎉

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 7 pupils for hosting such a successful Charity Fair! It was a brilliant morning filled with fun, creativity and plenty of smiles. From exciting games and activities to delicious treats, everyone worked incredibly hard to make the event a success.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the event, your encouragement and generosity helped make the day so special.

Well done, Year 7! We are so proud of everything you achieved. 🙌💙



Great British Summer Savings

This summer, families can take advantage of the Great British Summer Savings scheme, running from 25 June to 1 September 2026.

The scheme includes:

Reduced VAT (20% to 5%) on children's meals at participating restaurants.

Discounts on children's and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and many attractions.

Free bus travel throughout August for children aged 5–15 in England.

Families can find participating venues and attractions by entering their postcode at summersavings.gov.uk.

🎉 Stratford-upon-Avon Trip 🎉

Our pupils had an amazing couple of days last week exploring the home of William Shakespeare!

Day 1 saw them visit Shakespeare's Birthplace, Shakespeare's New Place, and Anne Hathaway's Cottage, bringing history and literature to life. 🖋️

Day 2 was packed with even more excitement, including a visit to the MAD Museum, a relaxing river cruise, and a spooky ghost walk to round off the day! 🎃👻

Everyone had a fantastic time, making wonderful memories along the way! 🌟



Be Ready to Learn: Pupil Equipment List

Being prepared for each school day helps everyone to learn successfully. Having the correct equipment means pupils can take part in lessons straight away, stay organised, and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Please take a moment to check the equipment list below and ensure your child has the items they need each day. Replacing any missing or worn-out equipment during the year will help them remain fully prepared for lessons.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils come to school ready to learn.



The graphic features a green and yellow wavy header with the 'PYRAMID' logo and a crest. Below the header, the title 'PUPILS' SCHOOL EQUIPMENT' is displayed. A list of items is presented in rounded rectangular buttons, arranged in two columns. The items include: Pencil Case, Yellow highlighter, Pencils, Glue stick, Black or blue pen, Board pen, Rubber, Reading book, Ruler, Pencil sharpener, and Colouring pencils. Below this list, a section titled 'KS3 Equipment List' specifies 'As above plus:' followed by a button for 'Scientific Calculator'. At the bottom, a green banner contains the motto 'The best we can be in all that we do'.

PUPILS' SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

- Pencil Case
- Yellow highlighter
- Pencils
- Glue stick
- Black or blue pen
- Board pen
- Rubber
- Reading book
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Colouring pencils

KS3 Equipment List
As above plus:

- Scientific Calculator

"The best we can be in all that we do"

A Huge Thank You to Our Volunteer Readers!

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteer readers – Ann, Penny, Karen, Alison and Hazel – who generously give up one morning each week to listen to our pupils read in the library.

Your time, patience and encouragement make such a positive difference to our children's confidence and love of reading. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and dedication.

Thank you for everything you do! 🌟📖💙

Proud to Be an AllergyWise Award School

We are happy to announce, that after much hard work and training this year, that we have achieved the Anaphylaxis UK AllergyWise School Award. This recognises and rewards schools across the UK for their commitment to raising whole-school allergy awareness among staff and pupils.

🎤 Year 5 'Party in the Park' Talent Show Picnic! 🌳

Our Year 5 pupils had a fantastic time at their 'Party in the Park' Talent Show Picnic! They amazed us with their incredible talents, from singing and dancing to comedy and music, showing confidence and creativity throughout the day. With the sunshine shining, everyone enjoyed a lovely picnic together on the field, making it a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year. A huge well done to all of our talented performers and thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special! 💙🌞🎉



🌲🍌 Year 8 Gilwell Park Adventure! 🗺️

Our Year 8 pupils had an amazing time on their trip to Gilwell Park, taking part in a wide range of exciting outdoor activities! From challenging themselves on adventurous courses to working together as a team, there were plenty of smiles, laughter and unforgettable memories made along the way.

A fantastic trip enjoyed by all – well done, Year 8!

Year 8 Leavers' Assembly

We celebrated our wonderful Year 8 pupils at their Leavers' Assembly, reflecting on their achievements, friendships and memories made during their time at Arnold Academy.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and would like to wish each and every one of them the very best of luck as they begin their next adventure at upper school. We know they have bright futures ahead and look forward to hearing about all they achieve. Good luck, Year 8! 🌟



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Silsoe Stride Success!

Congratulations to Matthew on his fantastic achievement at the Silsoe Stride race! Despite doing no training, Matthew crossed the finish line in an impressive 3rd place.

A brilliant effort and a great achievement – well done, Matthew! We are incredibly proud of your determination and success.



Outstanding Irish Dancing Achievement!

Congratulations to Thomas on his fantastic success at the Scottish National Oireachtas! Thomas achieved an incredible 2nd place, earning himself a qualification for the World Irish Dancing Championships, which will take place in Belfast in March 2027.

This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to Thomas's hard work and dedication. We wish him the very best of luck as he prepares to compete on the world stage. Well done, Thomas!



Harper Shines at International Gymnastics Competition

A huge congratulations to Harper in year 5, who has recently returned from Malta after representing her team at an international gymnastics competition.

As the youngest member of the team, Harper performed brilliantly, achieving excellent results across all of her events. Her hard work and dedication helped her team secure first place, making them International Champions!

We are incredibly proud of Harper's fantastic achievement and look forward to hearing about her future successes. Well done, Harper! 🏆 🇵🇹 🇪🇺



🏌️ Lucas Tees Up Success!

Congratulations to Lucas in year 6, who took part in a Bedfordshire Schools' Golf Association tournament last week. Competing against pupils from Years 6 and 7, Lucas achieved an outstanding 2nd place in his group.

Well done, Lucas, on this fantastic achievement—we're very proud of you! 🏆



SPORTS NEWS

It has been a hugely busy and successful summer term in the Arnold PE Department.

Within lessons, our primary focus this term has been athletics and enhancing our pupils' fundamental movement skills of throwing, jumping and running. These integral skills have been developed through pupils striving to achieve personal bests and, in some cases, setting new school records.

On Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July, all pupils had the opportunity to put these skills into practice during our whole-school Summer Term Sports Days. These were incredible events and we are immensely proud of our pupils. The way they performed, along with the resilience and determination they displayed, was exceptional. Most importantly, a cohesive and supportive atmosphere was created throughout both days. Every pupil was a credit to the school.



Year 5 Girls Netball Friendly vs St Joseph's 🏐👉

Well done to our Year 5 Girls Netball Team for a fantastic friendly fixture against St Joseph's. The girls showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the match.

A special thank you to Myla and Neve for giving up their time to umpire the games. We're so proud of everyone for representing Arnold Academy so brilliantly!



Earlier in the term, despite exceptionally long football seasons that began back in September, we were delighted to see our Year 6 and Year 7 football squads compete in their long-awaited County Cup Finals. Both finals were certainly worth the wait! Our Year 7 squad secured their second successive County Cup title with an

impressive 5-2 victory over Pix Brook, while our Year 6 squad produced a superb performance to defeat Brooklands 7-0 in style.



Our athletics squads have also been in action throughout the term. Both the Year 5 and 6 team and the Year 7 and 8 team have produced some outstanding performances across league fixtures and the KS3 District Competition. Our pupils have consistently demonstrated determination, motivation and resilience. A special mention must go to Jake, who remained



unbeaten throughout the season in the 1500m and deservedly became County Champion.



Unfortunately, our cricket season has been one of significant disruption, with fixtures heavily affected by adverse weather conditions, something that seems hard to believe given the recent spell of hot weather!

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch our new sporting curriculum in September. As always, we will continue to review and develop our sporting provision to maximise opportunities for all pupils. We remain committed to fostering the highest standards, encouraging participation, and inspiring a lifelong passion for physical activity in every child.

Thank you to all of our pupils, staff and families for your continued support throughout another fantastic sporting term. We look forward to building on these successes in the new academic year.

PTA NEWS



Pre-Loved Uniform Shop – Returning This Summer!

We're delighted to be bringing back our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop over the summer holidays!

During the first week of the holidays, our volunteers will be sorting, counting and listing all available stock. Once everything has been organised, a full list of available items will be posted on our Arnold Academy PTA Facebook page.

If you haven't already, please join our Facebook page to stay up to date with stock availability, ordering information and all future PTA news and updates.

Uniform Donations Welcome

We are also continuing to collect donations of good quality, logoed Arnold Academy uniform. Donations can be dropped off at Dean's Flooring, located inside The Olde Watermill, Barton-le-Clay.

We are hoping to place a donation box outside the shop during opening hours, making it even easier for you to drop off any unwanted uniform.

How it works

Once our stock lists are published on the Facebook page, simply comment on the post with the items and sizes you would like. We will then bag your order, send you the payment details, and let you know when and where your uniform can be collected.

Thank you for supporting our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. Not only does it help families save money, but every purchase also helps raise valuable funds for the PTA and our school.

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, we'd like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA. Firstly, thank you to our wonderful PTA volunteers. Your dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of hard work have made it possible for us to organise so many successful events throughout the year. We simply couldn't do it without you.

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers who have generously given up their time to help at our events. Whether you've helped at discos, wrapped gifts for our seasonal shops, served at the tuck shop, or volunteered in any other way, your support has been invaluable and is truly appreciated.

Finally, a very special thank you to our amazing teachers and school staff who continue to give up their own time to support PTA events. From supervising discos and attending school events to helping make each occasion such a success, your encouragement and commitment mean so much to us.

Together, you've helped create wonderful memories and experiences for our children while raising valuable funds for the school. Thank you for making this year such a success, and we wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!



PTA NEWS

The PTA Needs You

This incredible total is so much more than just money raised. It represents new opportunities, memorable experiences and additional resources that directly benefit every child at Arnold Academy.

However, none of this is possible without volunteers.

As our current Chair and Treasurer step down at the end of this academic year, we urgently need new people to take on these roles. Without them, the future of the PTA—and the events and opportunities we've all come to enjoy—will be at risk.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the time. You don't need previous experience, just enthusiasm and a willingness to help make a difference.

Please help us ensure the PTA can continue supporting our school for years to come. We'd love to hear from you.

Arnold Academy PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We would love to invite all parents, carers and supporters to join us at our Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7:00pm in the main bar area at Barton Rovers Football Club.

Our AGM is a great opportunity to hear about everything the PTA has achieved over the past year, see how the money raised has benefited our school, and find out about our exciting plans for the year ahead.

Whether you've supported an event, volunteered before, or are simply interested in finding out more, everyone is welcome. We'd especially love to welcome anyone who may be interested in getting more involved with the PTA or helping at future events—every little bit of support makes a huge difference.

Together, we can continue creating wonderful opportunities for the children of Arnold Academy. We hope to see you there! 🍀💚💛



ARNOLD ACADEMY PTA

WE NEED A NEW CHAIR!

BE THE LEADER OUR PTA NEEDS TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. INSPIRE. SUPPORT. LEAD.

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH AND FIND OUT MORE!
PTA@AA.PSTRUST.CO.UK



ARNOLD ACADEMY PTA

JOIN OUR PTA TEAM! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHAIR

to lead our amazing team and help shape the future of our school community.

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES:

- LEAD & INSPIRE**
Lead PTA meetings and the committee, and inspire others to get involved.
- REPRESENT & CONNECT**
Be the voice of the PTA and build positive relationships with parents, staff and the wider community.
- SHAPE & PLAN**
Work with the team to plan events, activities and fundraising.
- SUPPORT & GUIDE**
Support and guide the committee, ensuring everyone works together towards our goals.
- OVERSEE & MONITOR**
Ensure decisions are made, actions are followed up and projects stay on track.
- CELEBRATE SUCCESS**
Celebrate achievements and the positive impact we make for our school.

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ARNOLD ACADEMY PTA

Annual GENERAL MEETING

YOUR PTA, YOUR VOICE, YOUR SCHOOL

All parents, carers and supporters are warmly invited to attend our Annual General Meeting. *Get involved, have your say and help shape the future of Arnold Academy!*

DATE: Monday 14th September 2026
TIME: 7:00pm
LOCATION: BARTON ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB MAIN BAR AREA

WHAT ELIGIBLE AND:
1. You must be a school parent.
2. You must be a resident of the school catchment area.
3. You must be aged 18 or over.
4. You must be a UK resident.
5. You must be a UK citizen or have the right to vote in UK elections.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

We'd love to see you there!

Together, we make a difference for our children and our school.

SUPPORT • VOLUNTEER • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Finally... Thank You

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to say one final, heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way. Whether you've volunteered your time, attended our events, donated, or simply supported the PTA, you have helped make a real difference to our school community.

We wish all of our pupils, families and staff a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer holiday.

And finally, to our amazing Year 8 pupils—thank you for being part of Arnold Academy. We are so proud of everything you have achieved and wish you every success as you begin your next exciting chapter at your new schools. Good luck—we know you'll all do brilliantly!



ARNOLD ACADEMY PTA

WE NEED A NEW SECRETARY!

BE THE ORGANISER OUR PTA NEEDS TO HELP KEEP OUR TEAM CONNECTED AND ON TRACK.

BE PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING. SUPPORT. ORGANISE. MAKE IT HAPPEN.

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES:

- MEETING MINUTES**
Take notes at meetings and share the minutes with the committee.
- COMMUNICATION**
Help with emails and share information about events.
- ORGANISATION**
Keep records and files up to date and support planning of events.
- SUPPORT THE TEAM**
Help alongside the committee and help where needed.

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ARNOLD ACADEMY PTA

JOIN OUR PTA TEAM! WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW SECRETARY

to help keep our team organised, informed and working together.

WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVES:

- MEETING MINUTES**
Take notes at meetings and share the minutes with the committee.
- COMMUNICATION**
Help with emails, messages and sharing important information with our school community.
- ORGANISATION**
Keep records and files up to date and support planning of events.
- CHART & DEADLINES**
Help keep track of dates, deadlines and key events so nothing is missed.
- SUPPORT THE TEAM**
Work alongside the committee and help where needed.
- BE A KEY PART**
Play a vital role in keeping our PTA running smoothly and making a difference.

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH AND FIND OUT MORE!
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