

Minutes Allenbourn Meeting

8:45am Friday 6th February 2026

1) Members Present:

Catherine Mason (Chair)
Camilla Payne (Treasurer)
Margareta Wilkie-Stanley (Secretary)
Cassie Schofield
Jo Milis
Suzi Hayter

In Attendance

Shona Sydenham

2) December Fundraising and Financial Report (CP)

The Christmas Disco raised an amazing £1,400. This was due to both increased attendance and slightly higher prices for drinks etc. We also now have clear stock lists to limit waste and make sure that we only order what is needed.

The Raffle raised an incredible £2,100 – although costs for the “pizza party” (£100 approx) for the winning class has been deferred until March 2026.

3) Update on previous granted requests

- £1000 agreed for the Rewards programme to be transferred to the school.
- Accepting the incredible uplift in the concert programme – including the Minster Performance, The Choir in the Square, The Armonico Consort etc. £599 to be paid to buy a moveable piano that will support.
- Agreement in principle for around £800 to fund new Athletic vests – price to be confirmed.
- SS to give more details on the £295 request for “Widget access”.
- £500 agreed to support the Yr 8 Leavers Event (as in previous years).
- £300 agreed to support the Yr 7 Fashion Show (as in previous years).

4) New Teacher Funding Requests

- £310 contribution agreed for the Yr5 visit to the Ancient Technology Centre.
- £310 contribution agreed for the Yr6 visit to Marwell Zoo.
- The PTA to create an “Amazon Wish List” and put a call out for Games to be donated for the Board Games Club. There will also be the opportunity for a donation via Arbor.
SS to provide a comprehensive list of the games wanted.
At the next meeting this will be evaluated to see if additional funds needed.

- Longer term we are looking at funding 2 sail covers for the outdoor quad seating area to provide Summer shade. SS to look at numbers and revert.

5) **Spring Term Fundraising**

SS to discuss with Mr Legge and evaluate if there are any potential Fundraising Opportunities this term?

The Shed – CM confirmed that this is not fit for purpose and requested that the PTA work with the Estates team to get this cleaned out so it could be better used for PTA storage for uniform etc. SS will revert with a date that this can be done.

CP wondered if there was an opportunity to get involved with the Wimborne Town of Culture Activities?

6) **AOB**

Easter – MWS wondered if we could do some form of Easter Hunt and reward the pupils with Chocolate Eggs? SS to get feedback.

Snack Bank

Allenbourn has 86 children in receipt of free school meals. Many make use of the “snack bank” which provides a free breaktime snack to all.

A previous newsletter request has received limited donations and the school currently spends approximately £25/week on making snacks available.

SS to provide a list of suggested snacks that parents can donate.

The PTA will also continue to signpost parents to this need and there will be a specific donation link on Arbor.

CM/CP will also work with the school to see if this could be funded by a Tesco Grant.

Summer Term

Potential Fundraising in the Summer Term include:

- Summer Disco
- Concerts
- Second Hand Clothes at New Parents Evening
- Sports Day
- Concerts

Dates for these to be provided to the PTA when available.

Co-option

To try to build longer term sustainability into the PTA, Cassie Schofield has agreed to become a Co-Treasurer and a second Financial Signatory on the PTA Accounts.