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Let's make 2025/26 the best year ever for the Gatehouse Primary Academy PTA

Hi everyone,

I hope this finds you all well! For those of you who don't know me yet, I'm the Chair of the Gatehouse Primary Academy PTA (Parent Teacher Association). Over the last couple of years, the PTA has gone through some changes but we are now in a great place to relaunch, re-energise, and bring our whole school community together.

Our main role is to raise funds so that we can give our children special school experiences and opportunities that go beyond what the school budget can cover. These might include trips, workshops, playground resources, learning tool or events – all to help create joyful and enriching moments for the children.

This 2025/26 year we are aiming to raise much needed funds to help make a huge difference to the school experience of every pupil at Gatehouse.

We want this to be our biggest and best year yet- and we need *YOU* to help make that happen!

The PTA is a registered charity, and we're committed to being inclusive, transparent, and collaborative. This means:

- All decisions on how money is spent through voting
- To vote, all you need to do is attend our meetings (No pressure to take on tasks or volunteer!)
- We'll have one meeting per term, where you will hear updates, share ideas and have your say.

Our most important meeting of the year is our Annual General Meeting happening on 30th September at 3.30pm. At this meeting we will:

- Share what was raised and spent last year
- Vote in committee members for the coming year
- Outline our plans and gather feedback

We do need a few key roles filled this year in order to keep everything running smoothly and meet charity compliance – so even if you are just curious or thinking about helping a little more, we'd love to see you there.

We completely understand that everyone has full lives and limited time. That's why we are asking: If every family could volunteer just once, even for an hour or two at one event this year, we'd be off to an amazing start. Many hands make light (and fun) work!

We'll be sharing more soon on upcoming events, meetings, and how you can get involved. If you would like to be added to the PTA messenger group, have any ideas or questions, please get in touch via pta@gatehouse.devon.sch.uk

Let's make this a year to remember for our children, our school, and our community.

Thank you for all your continued support!

Warm wishes,

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Chair – Gatehouse Primary Academy PTA

