

St Mary's PTA Banbridge



Annual Trustee Report for the year ended 30th June 2025

NI Charity No. 101743

Overview

St. Mary's PTA Banbridge supports the operations of St. Mary's Primary School and Nursery. Working with children, parents, carers and the wider school network, we strive to improve the education of the children through providing resources, facilities and activities outside the school environment. We create a forum for communication between parents, school staff and the wider community of Banbridge.

Our organisation is administered by volunteers, the majority of which are current and former parents of children within the school. There is an overarching focus to not only maintain standards, but to improve outcomes, especially for those faced with hardship. We provide a range of community activities for families within our catchment area and have put an emphasis on delivering parenting and adult support activities. The Cost of Living crisis has led to a continued need for support; in previous years we have provided online support, counselling support, parenting courses, intercultural awareness programmes, provided educational resources and information booklets.

The PTA has a wider community focus, working in partnership with local sports clubs and community groups to promote community cohesion.

Summary of achievements

In the current financial year St Mary's PTA has worked diligently and has achieved the following:

- Through the Halifax Foundation the school benefited from free counselling sessions for St Mary's students and in providing Gymnastics, Football, Gaelic and Table Tennis coaching for all children free of charge (£8,275).
- Provided additional Gymnastics, Football, Gaelic and Table Tennis coaching for all children free of charge.
- Sponsored an anti-bullying project in the school, rewarding acts of kindness and encouraging the children to become aware of the needs of others.
- Provided financial support within the school community
- Contributed to sports equipment.

The PTA also sponsored handwriting awards, leaver's trophies & hoodies and made a contribution to the P1 welcome packs. They also contributed towards Easter treats for the children & made a contribution towards decorations for P4 First Holy Communion & P7 Confirmation.

The above expenditures were financed through the fundraising efforts of the PTA (£6,036).

Financial Position

At the year end the PTA holds funds in its Bank account of £15,093.94 with outstanding payments of £1,647.58. This leaves a reconciled bank balance of £13,446.36.

Of these funds £nil is restricted and £13,446.36 is unrestricted.

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance under section 4(b) and continue to take it into account in decision making where the guidance is relevant.

Principal address of the Charity

St Mary's PTA, St Mary's Primary School, Reilly Street, Banbridge, Co Down BT32 3DJ

Trustees who served during the year to 30th June 2024

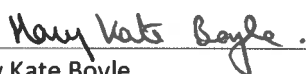
Mary Kate Boyle (Chairperson)

Caroline Robinson (Vice Chairperson)

Denise Quigley (Secretary)

Emer Mc Kernan (Treasurer)

Approved by the trustees on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mary Kate Boyle
Chairperson



Emer Mc Kernan
Treasurer