

St Thomas Becket School Association (STBSA)

The STBSA are a voluntary group of parents who host events to help raise money for our school. All funds are used to enhance our children's learning experiences.

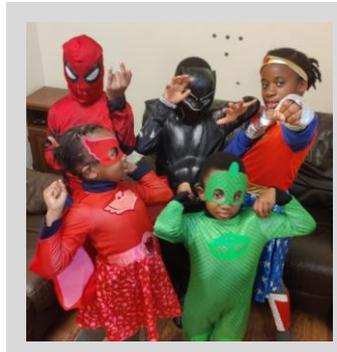
Fundraising this Academic Year

Will go towards smart interactive boards for all classrooms. The cost per unit is £1,800, the STBSA would like to purchase 10 boards so all classrooms within our school will have these facilities.

Autumn 2021 Review

Heroes & Villains Dress-Up Day – October 2021

Another year of amazing H&V costumes - well done to all the children and families, a sterling effort yet again. The STBSA provided prizes for the 'teacher's favourite' outfit in each class. Here are a couple of the STBSA's favourites:



Spiderman (Ashley yr 3), T'Challa (Ashton yr 3), Wonderwoman (Dylann yr 4), Owllette (Divine yr 1), Gekko (Justin Reception)



Professor Ugur Sahin . Developer of the Pfizer-Biontech COVID vaccine so total hero! Reuben in Year 4

The STBSA Won £1000!

The STBSA came second in the Tesco Bags of Help vote, between 31st July – 30th September 2021. Tesco awarded us with a prize of £1000 towards IT equipment for our school.



Thank you to everyone who voted for us whilst shopping in Tesco stores – we were up against the Red Cross.

A Small 'Thank You' From Us to the NHS

Our Rainbow raffle, which took place in July 2021, fundraised £795. The STBSA promised to donate 10% of the proceeds from this event to the NHS: a small thank you for keeping us all safe and well.

In September one of our school mums, [Alice Cairney Sadra](#), presented a cheque for £79.50 to Matron Martine at Lewisham Hospital's critical care unit on behalf of all the families at our school:

"Thank you so much from all of us on the Critical Care Unit at Lewisham!"
Matron Martine Rooney



Alice presenting Matron Martine Rooney our cheque.

NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

11th and 14th January am/pm

Present amnesty and Christmas jumper donations

Throughout January & February

Wooden Hearts

10th February

Non-uniform day

14th February

Valentines Quiz night – 7pm, The Portland Arms

4th March

World Book Day Dress-up

6th- 11th March

Easter donation days – donation day per class – details to follow

16th March

Bags2School

25th March

Krispy Kreme Friday - Mother's day

1st April

Non-uniform Day

27th April

Happy's Circus on the playing fields

Virtual Balloon Race – 31st October 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined our virtual balloon race, we sold 83 balloons and raised £146. Talia Sheridan's (Yr 1) balloon travelled the further than any balloon supporting our school, placing 7th in the overall race, thousands of balloons had entered. The STBSA provided prizes for the three balloons purchased to support our cause.

Top 20 balloons within cause

★ #1 Talia's balloon: travelled 281.44km POPPED

★ #2 Cillian : travelled 229.82km FINISHED

★ #3 Popsie Nicole Balloon: travelled 220.61km FINISHED

Quiz Night

The STBSA held our first quiz night at the Portland Arms in November. We raised an impressive £200, which went towards the Christmas parties for each of the classes. The STBSA provided a drink, a packet of crisps and a treat for every child at our school to help them get into the Christmas spirit.

Thank you to Colin and the team at the Portland Arms for their continued support of the STBSA <https://www.portlandarmspub.co.uk/>.

Our next quiz will take place in the Portland Arms on 14th February.



CHRISTMAS WITH DICKENS!

In December the STBSA funded a Christmas panto for all our children. The Globe theatre came into our school for 2 pantos (Christmas with Dickens) on 2nd last week of term.

'Christmas With Dickens! brings all the joy, wonder and festive cheer of Dickens' world to schools'.



Santa Zoom

We had a wonderful day Santa Zooming in December. Thank you to everyone who dialled in. Santa saw 34 children and needed a well-deserved nap afterwards.

Every family received a framed photo, plus a present for the children who participated.

Thank you to Jamie and Catherine for putting on such an authentic experience yet again. Thank you to Siobhan O'Hanlon Calleb for expertly wrapping the presents.



It's Hamper Time! The STBSA 2021 Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations for inclusion in our Christmas hampers, they all looked wonderful and made fantastic prizes for our raffle. In total we had 50 prizes available and we sold 1283 tickets. In total we raised £1628 for our school from this initiative.

A special thank you to the Old Fox and Hounds Pub (<https://whatpub.com/pubs/CRO/11644/old-fox-hounds-croydon>) and Knightsbridge Roofing (<http://www.knightsbridgeroofing.co.uk/>) for sponsoring this event. The STBSA would also like to recognise all the local businesses who donated prizes, please visit the STBSA Facebook page for further information.



The Salvation Army

We were inundated with new toy donations for The Salvation Army in December. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts. The STBSA received the following email from the Salvation Army thanking our school for our efforts.



We wanted to say a formal thank you to you and all those involved in donating Christmas presents. These will go to children in the community who may otherwise go without at this special time of year.

Thank you for all your effort and thoughtfulness.

A Christmas Trail ...

Drum roll ... this year's Christmas Trail winners were Emilia and Theo Krzyzewska with 289 Christmas words, in 2nd place Zoe and Talia Sheridan with 191 words, and 3rd place was Hania and Edek Gibson with 80 words. Congratulations to all those who took part.

A special thank you to Streets Ahead for sponsoring this event, we raised £600 for our school.

The St Thomas Becket School Association Presents
A Christmas Trail
In support of St Thomas Becket Primary School
December 11-12 Follow the trail

- Purchase a trail map - £3 per team
- Follow the trail around Woodside 8 Addiscombe
- Letters are located no further than 10 mins walk from Addiscombe
- Collect letters displayed at each location
- Form Christmassy words to WIN prizes!

An event for the entire family to enjoy!
Please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa/index.cfm?event=events>

Spring 2022 – Fundraising Activities

Present Amnesty and Preloved Christmas Jumper Donations

Do you have any new, unopened Christmas presents that you do not want or need, perhaps you would consider donating them to the STBSA?

Have your little ones grown too big for their barely worn Christmas jumpers? We'll take them!

If you can donate either of the above please bring the items into school on 11th and 14th January, donation boxes will be at both gates at drop off and pick-up.

Streets Ahead Boards

The STBSA receives £7 per board erected to advertise our various events. If you have not yet opted into having a board outside your home, please email becketboards@gmail.com to opt-in for next time this initiative is run.

The STBSA raise between £1000 - £1500 per year from having these boards outside family homes.



Other events

- Children's portraits tea towels and reusable shoppers – keep an eye out, these will be on sale later this term
- Quiz Night in the Portland Arms, February 14th – 6 in a team, cash prizes. Enter through the STBSA website.
- Bag2School – a collection will take place on the 16th March. Clothes, and soft toy donations can be bagged and dropped in the staff car park before school. Please do not leave any items after 9am.
- Please do not forget about using Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile when shopping online – select the STBSA as your chosen charity.
- Please continue to support us through <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play> and select St Thomas Becket School Association – we've raised nearly £1000 since May through this initiative.

Wooden Hearts 2022



February is the month of love – a time for Valentine's Day and remembering those we care about. Following the success of our wooden hearts fundraiser last year, the STBSA are again asking children and families to buy wooden hearts, to write the name of someone you care about on the heart, and then to loop the heart onto the fence on Birchanger Road.

Hearts are available from the STBSA website for **£2 each**. Hearts will be delivered to classes each Friday until 11th February.



Easter Hampers

The STBSA will be asking for donations of small Easter themed items of inclusion in Easter hampers. Items can include small eggs, sweets, Easter themed decorations, wine etc. We are hoping to create 40 hampers for sale. Each year group will be allocated a donation day during the week of the 6th March, and collection boxes will be at the entrances to the school.

Please donate as many items as you can, and please only donate items that are suitable for a hamper and not sitting in the back of your cupboard.

Hampers can be purchased from the STBSA website.

Krispy Kreme Friday – Mother's Day!

Order a box of Original Glazed Krispy Kreme's from the STBSA for £10 for a dozen. A treat for all the family, carers or your mum on Mother's day.

Availability is limited so please submit your orders through our website at your earliest convenience. The doughnuts can be collected from the playground on the 25th March, or collected from the STBSA directly, at their homes.



Preloved or Outgrown Uniform

Please join the STBSA uniform exchange page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1283717535329136/>.

This page was set up to enable parents to exchange unused or grown out of uniform, to help reduce back to school costs and protect the environment

Employer Matched Funding

An increasing number of large companies operate a match funding scheme whereby they "match" charity fundraising undertaken by their employees. The amounts donated range from approximately £250 to £1000+ per employee per event. If you believe you maybe eligible for matched funding, and need further information, please contact the stbsateam@gmail.com.

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Even the kids will love it!



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only! limited ticket
availability – move
quickly to avoid
disappointment!!!

Save the date!

The circus is coming to St Thomas Becket

April 27th 2022

The circus tent will be erected on the school playing fields,
for one show and one night only!

Tickets £10 each

Tickets available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=41627>

A 10% discount is offered on a family of 4 - 2 adults and 2 children booking
Under-2's are free, when prepared to be seated on a parents lap

STBSA Committee: Sarah Ellis, Breege Rawlinson and Emlyn Pratt

Website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa/index.cfm#.Yc5NW2DP3IU>

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