



Community Engagement News- November 2025

The PTFA

The Hyde Park PTFA committee is a dedicated group of parents, carers, teachers, and friends who actively partner with the school to enrich the experience of every student. We exist to **bring our whole school community together**, fostering a connected environment where parents, teachers, and children feel respected, valued, and fully engaged.

Beyond fundraising, our core mission is to build community, create vital opportunities for support and friendship, and promote a positive school culture.

How We Work:

- **Supporting the School:** We raise funds for **important school projects** that directly benefit the children's learning and environment.
- **Connecting the Community:** We plan and hold **inclusive, low-pressure events**—for children, families, and adults—designed purely to bring people together to enjoy themselves, without adding stress.
- **Building Connections:** Co-Chairs Jo Deerman (Y2 & Y4 parent) and Michaela Webber (EYFS & Y3 parent) lead the charge, focused on making the PTFA a welcoming space where families can **connect, laugh, and feel part of a supportive "village."**

Whether through sharing an idea, volunteering an hour, or simply participating in an event, every member of the wider community helps the PTFA achieve its goal of making school life at Hyde Park richer and friendlier.





Black History Month

Our Black History Month celebrations were a huge success thanks to the incredible participation of our community! We were delighted to host our **West African parents**, who generously shared their culture through the universal language of food.



Parents, children, and staff had the opportunity to enjoy a special cultural end of day treat, with an extra-special thank you lunch held for all staff on the last day of term. Events like these allow us, as a school, to **actively engage with our diverse community** and learn directly from each other, raising awareness and understanding of different cultural backgrounds.





Continuing our wonderful Black History Month activities, we were honoured to welcome the esteemed African performing artist and actor, **Patrice Naiambana!**

Patrice, of Sierra Leone heritage, has an extensive professional background, including roles with the **Royal Shakespeare Company**, Channel 4, and a recent appearance in the Netflix series *The Irregulars*. He generously shared the richness of his culture with our children and parents through **dynamic drumming, engaging stories, and expressive dance.**

The interactive session was a fantastic opportunity for our community to immerse themselves in West African traditions. We remain committed to engaging with our diverse community to ensure we all continue to **learn from one another** and celebrate the beautiful cultural differences that make our school so unique.

