The Acland Burghley Parent Teacher Association (abPTA)

Acland Burghley is a unique, creative, and inclusive community. The abPTA contributes to this wonderful culture by supporting the school to organise fun events that help raise much-needed enrichment funds and build links between the school and parents and carers.

Everyone is automatically a member of the abPTA, and we encourage parents and carers to actively support and get involved where they can.

What do we do?

Our annual events programme includes a Chilli Night, Winter Concert, Community Fair & Tabletop Sale, Quiz and Celebration BBQ. We run termly parent social evenings and provide refreshments and support at open events and new parent welcome evenings. We also run occasional events like our Art Auction.

The money we raise helps to fund the purchase of resources such as new music, sports and playground equipment; funds artwork for school spaces; contributes towards improvements to the site, and provides extras to help celebrate the achievements of young people.

How can you help?

Please come to our events! They are a great way to meet other parents and carers, build the school community and raise funds. Everyone is welcome.

We are always looking for volunteers. Families at Acland Burghley have a huge range of talents and passions, and we like to make use of them! There's no particular commitment required – you can cook a chilli once a year, serve at an event for half an hour or join the committee and plan a totally new event for us!

Who are we?

We have a small core PTA committee, a team of Year Group reps, an AEN parent rep, and a wider group of volunteers who share their time and skills with us as and when they can. If you are interested in being a rep for your year group, please get in touch with the current Chairs, Siân Halkyard & Renata Farmer: abptachair@gmail.com

How do I find out what is going on?

- The abPTA Whatsapp channel is a broadcast only group; no chat, just useful dates and information. You can join here: https://tinyurl.com/abptainfo
- Join our mailing list if you'd like to receive more information on upcoming events, including our calls for volunteers: abptachair@gmail.com
- Follow us on Instagram, where you can see what we get up to at our events: @aclandburghleypta
- Join us on Classlist to connect with other parents (see separate information sheet)
- PTA news is also included in the school's weekly bulletin, (usually at the end in bright yellow!) Look out for our announcements.

We look forward to welcoming you to Year 7 and meeting you at a PTA event soon.

The abPTA Team

Acland Burghley on Classlist

Every family new to Acland Burghley will receive an email invitation to **join Classlist** when their child starts at the school: https://www.classlist.com

We use Classlist to coordinate parent communications and send updates on PTA events and activities. It is a great forum for connecting with other parents in your child's year, asking questions, getting support for issues that you or your child are facing, and sharing feedback with the school. There is a section for each year group, as well as a dedicated AEN (additional educational needs) group, which is open to families from all years.

The site allows you to contact, and receive emails from other Acland Burghley families safely and securely. The site is fully data protection registered and the school does not upload any information into the site – all information is inputted by parents themselves.

The online system requires you to enter, manage and update the personal information that you wish to share with your child's year group. It means that you have full control over which of your contact details are shared, for example, just an email address or your full contact details. You can even choose to keep your email address hidden. All requests to join Classlist are approved by the school before they are validated – this is a secure, closed community group.

It often takes a few weeks for school to get invitations sent out in September due to GDPR so please bear with us! If you haven't had an invitation in the first two weeks of term, please email abptachair@gmail.com

Please note that you will still need to receive emails from the school in the usual way (so do make sure they have your up-to-date contact details). Classlist is purely for parent-to-parent and abPTA communication.