Choose your autumn term event

From intimate gatherings to large-scale celebrations, our autumn term event flowchart is your guide to creating memorable experiences

WANT TO HOLD A BIG EVENT ?

YES → We have a big organising team

NO → It will be easy to find volunteers

YES → We want to hold it outside

NO → We have a lot of support in the local community

Read our articles on expanding your reach at pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/community-engagement

From "We have a big organising team"

YES → We have a big budget

NO → We have a lot of support in the local community

We have a big budget
YES → We want to raise a lot of money

NO → Auction of promises
pta.co.uk/events/step-by-step/step-by-step-auction-of-promises

We want to raise a lot of money
YES → We want to hold it at the school

NO → Community harvest festival
MAKE IT WORK! Invite the community along to eat, drink and make scarecrows

We want to hold it at the school
YES → Bonfire event with fireworks or laser light show

NO → Our crowd enjoys a formal event

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YES → Black tie ball (see page 32) or casino night

NO → Barn dance or ceilidh

From "We have a lot of support in the local community"

YES → Pumpkin festival
MAKE IT WORK! Invite local food trucks, craftspeople and a brewery to get involved

NO → We want to hold it outside

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YES → Lantern parade or Christmas light trail

NO → Murder mystery night
Make it memorable by hiring a specialist supplier
pta.co.uk/events/step-by-step/step-by-step-murder-mystery-night

From "We want to hold it outside" (pumpkin)

YES → Pumpkin festival
MAKE IT WORK! Hold it after school with a PTA-run barbecue and pumpkin-decorating competition

NO → We want to hold it during the day

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NO → Wine tasting evening
pta.co.uk/events/ideas/sip-and-swirl-with-a-pta-wine-event

YES → It's just for the children

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YES → Kids' autumn crafternoon
MAKE IT WORK! Ask your volunteers to set up crafting stations in the hall and hold it after school

NO → Postcard show
MAKE IT WORK! Ask children and creative parents to design postcards and hold a show. Invite grandparents too

From "We have a lot of support in the local community" (right side)

YES → We want a big night out

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YES → Pub quiz and raffle

NO → Pamper evening
pta.co.uk/events/step-by-step/step-by-step-pamper-evening

Our school encourages Halloween celebrations
YES → Halloween disco (see page 33)

NO → Movie night
Sell hotdogs, popcorn and drinks
pta.co.uk/events/step-by-step/step-by-step-film-event

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YES → After-school picnic and cake sale
MAKE IT WORK! Invite new starters and their families

NO → We want to hold it outside

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YES → After-school picnic and cake sale

NO → PTA coffee morning
MAKE IT WORK! Welcome any new parents along