

Fundraising for No Pens Day: Taking your fundraising further

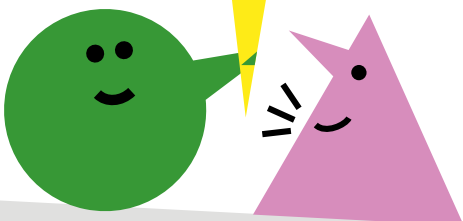
Thank you

for signing up to No Pens Day. For this exciting fundraising event, we're asking each pupil to bring in £1 to take part in lots of pen-free activities, all whilst having fun raising valuable funds for Speech and Language UK.

Check out some of our top tips to get the most out of your show and tell fundraising for No Pens Day! We've even thrown in some extra ideas on how to boost your funds and help more of the 1.9 million children struggling with talking and understanding words!

 Lets get going!

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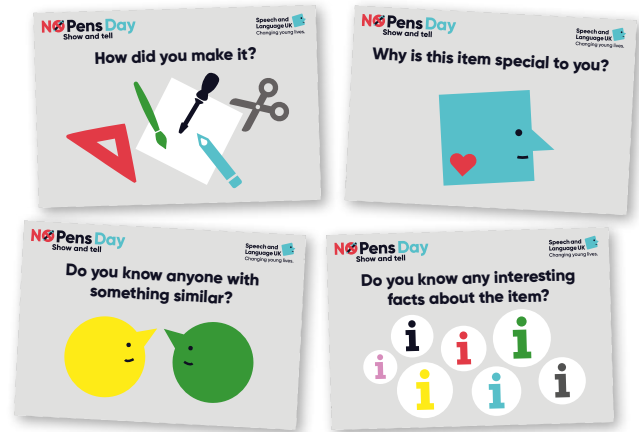


Show and tell

We said the biggest ever show and tell, right?!

Now that everyone has donated their £1 for No Pens Day, instead of presenting their show and tell in front of the class, make your fundraising go further and choose a couple of children who would like to present in front of the whole school and ask people to sponsor them.

Virtual show and tell – Work with other schools in your area to make your show and tell even bigger. You could even do a Zoom call with multiple schools and sponsor children to present their show and tell to as many people as possible!



Speedy show and tell – Sponsor children for how many show and tells they could do in one day! They could present to multiple classes, their parents, grandparents, neighbours...

Visiting show and tell – What about taking pupils to visit a care home and presenting their show and tell to the residents there and asking for more sponsors and donations?



Competitions

Bring in your £1 so you can put down those pens and challenge your friends! Bringing some healthy competition to your classroom is a great way to boost the funds you've already received. We've put together some of our favourites below. You could even create challenges based on communication skills. Why not offer prizes for the winner or winning class?

Easy fairground games – Roll up, roll up, turn your classroom into a buzzing fairground with stalls and games. Children could donate 20p, 50p or £1 to enter a game.

- Find the ball under the cup
- Hook a duck
- Throw the ball in the bucket
- Guess the sweets in the jar
- Rock, paper, scissors tournament

For older children, you could ask them to design their own fairground game and charge other pupils and teachers to play.

Top tip

Get the parents involved too and keep the fair open after school!

Blindfolded obstacle course – Working in pairs one child explains to the blindfolded child how to successfully get through the course giving them instructions from a distance. The first pair to the finish line gets a prize. Why not make it harder and include a ten second penalty for touching an obstacle? Create different courses in each classroom or a whole obstacle sports day and ask for donations to play or for parents to come and watch.

Wind up toy or remote control toy racing – After an amazing show and tell featuring their favourite toy car, why not put on a race? Children pay to enter a toy or bet on their favourite to win!

Board games – Set up different board games around the classroom and each child pays a small amount to join the games. These could be anything from two-player games of "guess who" and giant connect four, to group games of Uno or KerPlunk.

Video games – Up your fundraising game and start a Mario cart leader board. This could even be a game seen in a show and tell. Children pay to enter and play a game against their classmates, you never know, the teachers might be more competitive than the children!

Auction

Hold an action auction with children bidding on special privileges like being a teacher for half an hour, getting to leave the lesson ten minutes early for lunch or watching a movie instead of a lesson!

Challenge

Fundraising goal – Set a class or school goal and if the children smash their target they could win a reward. Extra-long playtime, class trip, or even watching the teachers put on a funny dance show!

Matched donations – £1 is just our suggested donation but the more the better! If a class raises a set amount their teacher could offer to match their donations. If your class are fantastic fundraisers you could end up raising more than you thought!

Sponsorship – Create sponsorship forms children can take home and ask family members to sponsor them to do their show and tell and not use a pen for the whole day.

Baking

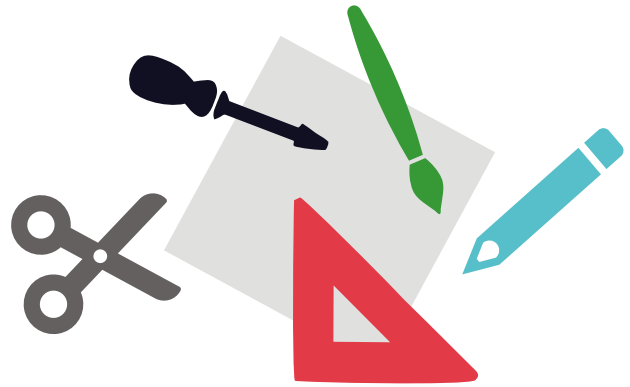
Need to boost your No Pens Day fundraising (and an excuse to eat cake)? You can't beat a good old bake sale after school or at lunchtime.

Bake off – Uncover the aspiring Paul Hollywoods of your school and make it a competition with judges and prizes!

Bake sale, but make it show and tell! – As part of their show and tell, a child might like to show a class or talk them through how to create a simple recipe, bringing in some samples for the other children to buy afterwards.

Top tip

Ask parents or local businesses to donate cakes and baked goods.



Crafts

Remember to ask your class to bring in £1 to take part in the No Pens Day activities, we've got some creative ideas to make it a day they won't stop talking about!

Check out our NEW printable chatterbox game – Easy origami for your kids to create in the classroom and take home with important information on why we're fundraising for Speech and Language UK. It also includes a QR code for parents to donate at home!

Mementos – Make and sell mementos of your No Pens Day to the parents. This could be a photo frame with a photo of their child presenting their show and tell or taking part in a challenge.

Lights, camera, action! – Why not get the children involved in creating a video of your No Pens Day including all the exciting games and challenges they participate in or including a show and tell item. Then hold a film night at the end of the week and ask for donations from parents for a ticket to view the film. You could even sell drinks and popcorn to boost your fundraising even more!



Disco

Pens down, hands up! Get your groove on and host a funky kids disco, selling tickets and snacks. Why not ask for donations for song requests or hold a dance competition?



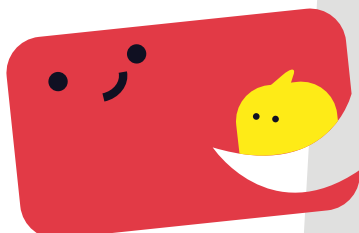
Teachers

You didn't think we'd let them off that easy?

Sweepstake – Ramp up the competition in the staff room and hold a lunchtime teachers sweepstake for a popular TV show or sporting event.

Sponsor a teacher – Do you have a teacher brave enough to take on one of our sporting challenges or come up with their own challenge for children, parents and teachers to sponsor them? It could be as easy as wearing a silly hat for the day or asking them to bring in their own show and tell item!

Sponge throwing – Watch out this might be more popular than you thought! Children donate to throw wet sponges at a teacher, why not charge extra to throw at the headteacher?



Christmas



Did you know that on No Pens Day it will be 29 days till Christmas! Why not get ahead of the game and plan a Christmas event for No Pens Day? Remind your children to bring in £1 to raise vital funds for Speech and Language UK, then add some festive cheer to increase the amount your schools raises!

- **Christmas concert** – End the year on a high, celebrate your achievements and throw an incredible concert whilst raising money from ticket sales for Speech and Language UK. The children could even do a show and tell of their amazing talents. You can guarantee your No Pens Day will be anything but a Silent Night!
- **Gifts and cards** – Add No Pens Day to your Christmas fair and have stalls selling Christmas gifts or cards made by the children. These could be calendars for next year with the children's photos on or other personalised items for parents to buy!
- **Raffle** – Ask parents or local businesses to donate some awesome prizes that everyone will want to get their hands on, sell your tickets and watch the funds roll in! Who wouldn't want the chance of winning an early Christmas present while supporting an incredible cause?
- **Santa's grotto** – Set up a magical grotto for Santa and his elves and ask for a donation from the children to visit. Why not ask the children to bring their show and tell item to Santa to receive a gift.
- **Festive refreshments** – Whether at one of your Christmas events or just one day after school, maximise your donations by tempting the parents with some warming winter drinks. Hot chocolate with marshmallows, coffees, mulled wine – not forgetting the mince pies! You could even get the children involved with serving biscuits or receiving the donations.

Recycling

Make your £1 donations go further without spending another penny. Include the environment in your No Pens Day! There are recycling companies that will pay you to donate old clothes. You just need to advertise, ask parents to bring in lots of clothes donations and the companies will collect your bags and pay you. An easy way to raise extra funds on No Pens Day for Speech and Language UK and a great way to make space for all those new Christmas presents!

<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/>

<https://www.recycle4school.org.uk/>

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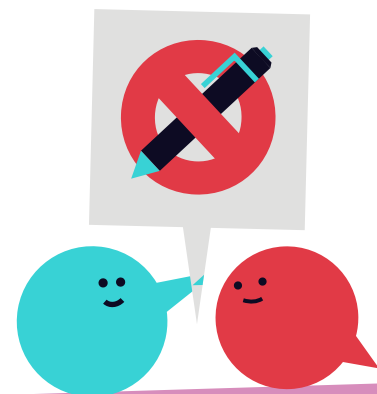
Parents

As well as attending all the events and buying the mementos, we'd love for parents to continue getting involved in raising money for the 1 in 5 children struggling with talking and understanding words. There are lots of events throughout the year for parents to get involved with, we've even had parents run the London Marathon for us! Point them to the Get Involved page of our website:

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/get-involved/>

Chatterbox template

We love to celebrate our incredible fundraisers and see the exciting things you do on No Pens Day to help raise money for children with speech and language challenges. Remember to ask your class to bring in £1 to take part and then pay in your fundraising and send us your photos and videos of your No Pens Day for us to feature on our website and promote the fun for next year! nopensday@speechandlanguage.org.uk



We can't wait to see what you get up to!