

CHAPEL ALLERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (CAPS) PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION (PSA) NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2025

About your PSA

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We are pleased to be able to update you on some of the work the PSA have done in recent months. The PSA is a Registered Charity and we have been busy fundraising to help the school provide extra resources to enhance the experience of pupils.

We would be pleased to hear from parents about what else you would like to see the PSA doing, and any other feedback you have. We are also conducting a survey of the teaching staff at the school to understand what else the PSA can help with in the next academic year, and what improvements would make a real difference to the children in the classroom and around School.

We are always looking for new Committee members and ad-hoc volunteers, to help support us with the ongoing work of the PSA and the events we run throughout the year. Volunteering is incredibly rewarding, and does not have to be an ongoing commitment – every little helps. Please do get in touch at: chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.



Uniform Giveaway and Sunflower Kit & Ice-Pop Sale



On 13 June 2025, we held a uniform giveaway on the top playground, which was a great success. Our wheelie bin was overflowing, but our dedicated volunteers got to the bottom of it! We were also able to assist in reuniting lots of lost property items with their owners. Do remember to label your clothes, check the lost property bins regularly. Lots of uniform went to new homes and we made a fantastic sum of **£94.95** selling ice pops and sunflower kits! Please remember to email the PSA with your photos and sunflower measurements over the summer. We will announce the winners when we return to school in September. Many thanks again to the [Yorkshire Garden Centres Group](#) and [ASDA](#) for providing the kits and the prizes!

Outdoor refresh



Last summer we started refreshing the outdoor spaces around school. This project was spearheaded by our lovely Treasurer, Kate McIntosh and PSA Committee Member, Anwyn Bier. As you can see from these photos, the large raised beds are positively blooming! We hope to continue to improve the outdoor spaces around school next year. As Anwyn and Kate are both leaving the PSA this year, as their children leave Y6, it would be great if any green-fingered parents can step up and help maintain the lovely raised planters and wellbeing garden – do get in touch if you can help!

Summer Fair



On Friday 11 July 2025, the PSA held its second Summer Fair since the Covid pandemic. We were grateful to all the families who came along to take part in the games and activities and enjoy some baked goods, fresh fruit, hot food and a tippie!

It was fantastic to see all the bustle in the playground, and families enjoying themselves in the sunshine. For the curious amongst you, there were 329 pieces of Lego in the jar, and the paper aeroplane which was thrown the furthest travelled an incredible 17m and 12 cm! All the teddies were named, and have been sent to their new homes!

This event would not have been possible without the help of all the parents and staff who gave up their time to set up, mind a stall and tidy away – a huge thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers – we are very grateful for your time and support. We are also very thankful to all the businesses who supported us by donating prizes, to Tesco and ASDA for donating sweets for our stalls, and to The Fruit Stall in Chapel Allerton for donating lots of melons! Thanks to everyone's support, we raised **£976.94** – a really amazing sum which will be put to good use at the school!

Y3 Trip to Filey & F2 Animal Visit



The PSA were pleased to be able to help re-arrange a trip for Y3 to Filey, after last year's trip was cancelled due to the appalling weather and a crash on the A64. The PSA contributed £500 of matched funding received from Lloyds Bank toward the cost, with other families and businesses donating the remaining funds. Many thanks in particular goes to Bareham IFA and Plumbcall for helping us to get the kids to the seaside! They had a fantastic day playing on the beach and splashing in the sea and eating ice cream. Many thanks goes to Katie Naylor who kindly volunteered to help out on the day.



After fundraising for the Y3 trip, the PSA had some leftover funds that we were able to put towards another exciting event - an animal visit for the children in F2. They had a lovely time caring for guinea pigs and bearded dragons to name but a few!



Playground Mural Project



The PSA are also pleased to have supported the creation of new murals for the top playground, containing images designed by children at the school and brought together by Anwyn Bier, a local illustrator and parent.

The murals contain positive messages to encourage the children, and we hope that they (and you) enjoy these colourful additions to the playground! Many thanks goes to Anwyn, who has worked closely with the School and the PSA for many years to make improvements to the indoor and outdoor spaces around school!

Grants, Grants, Grants!



Since our last newsletter, we have applied to Sport England for monies toward the refurbishment of the School Hall, and in particular the flooring. We expect to hear the outcome of our application in early August, over the summer break. We have renewed our application to the Siobhan Dowd Trust for funding for books for the School Library, and expect to hear in the Autumn Term. We also plan to make further applications to the Co-op Community Fund for monies toward the dance lessons run by the Northern School of Contemporary Dance.

Thank you Kate!

Our huge thanks goes to Kate McIntosh, who has been our incredible Treasurer for 8 years, but who is now stepping down, as her daughter leaves Y6 today. Kate has done an incredible job over the years, and has led on lots of exciting projects at the School, including the fabulous wellbeing garden. Kate will be very much missed, and we cannot thank her enough for all her hard work, humour and optimism.



Save the Date!

	<p>New Parents Coffee, Craft and Cake – Friday 19 September 2025</p> <p>We will be holding a Coffee, Craft and Cake event in the Small Hall for parents of new children at the School, so that they (and the kids) can get to know each other better, whilst enjoying some crafting activities and some yummy cakes. Siblings (and any other keen crafters) very welcome. This event will start at 3.00pm.</p>
	<p>Halloween Disco – Thursday 6 November 2025</p> <p>Our annual Halloween Disco will take place after the October Half Term break this year. This is always a fun event with our wonderful DJ returning again to entertain the children. We will be running a Parent’s Hub again, selling drinks and samosas, and hope to sell hot dogs before the disco starts. Timings for the event will be as usual: KS1: 4:45-5.30pm KS2: 5:45-6:45pm. Please watch out for further updates on Class Dojo!</p>

Easy Ways to Support the PSA

	<p>In September 2024 we will be asking local businesses and any families at school if they want to support our amazing school libraries by sponsoring a magazine subscription. We currently have subscriptions to 5 amazing magazines: Aquila, National Geographic Kids, Whizz Pop Bang, The Week Junior and Storybox, which will expire between October and December 2024. If you are interested in supporting us, please contact the PSA - chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.</p>
	<p>If you would like to purchase a book for the School Libraries, please visit our Library Wish List, held with The Little Bookshop in Chapel Allerton. The Little Bookshop (thelittlebookshopleeds.co.uk). TLB are kindly offering a 15% discount on books purchased for the school, whether in store or online. If you would like an inscription label to be placed in your book, please confirm this in the “Special instructions” field.</p>
	<p>Do you regularly shop online? Then consider joining “Shop & Give”. If you sign up, and then select the causes you wish to support, then each time you shop at affiliated stores via this site, you are raising money for the PSA. You can sign up at: Support 'Chapel Allerton Primary School' - TheGivingMachine.</p>



Does your employer operate a match funding scheme? Some companies operate schemes where they agree to match a sum of money that their employee has either saved, raised or donated to a charity. If your employer offers such a scheme, please consider the PSA and claim matched funding for any donation you make to the PSA.



Does your company or employer select a charity to support each year? If so, please consider nominating the Chapel Allerton Primary School Parent Staff Association, to help us raise funds for lots of fantastic projects!



Each year, the School organises a Victorian Day and a Greek Day, for years 2 and 4 respectively. We are very grateful to receive any donations of fancy dress that we can offer up to parents in advance of these dates. We have dedicated boxes for these in the Small Hall, or just place them in the Green Wheelie bin in the Small Hall and we will sort these! Thank you.