

CHAPEL ALLERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (CAPS) PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION (PSA)

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2025

About your PSA

Welcome to our May Newsletter. We are pleased to be able to update you on some of the work the PSA have done since March and events we have planned in the coming months. The PSA is a Registered Charity and we continually fundraise 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.



To continue supporting the School as we do, and to help with organising events, we are always looking for new volunteers, whether ad-hoc or longer term. Many of our events run on a Friday due to the availability of volunteers and space in the Small Hall. We would also like to be able to run events on alternative days of the week, but would need new volunteers to facilitate that. If you can help in any way, please do get in touch at: chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.

Playground Mural Project



The PSA are pleased to be supporting an exciting new playground mural project at the School, to brighten up the many brick walls that surround the building. Anwyn Bier, a local illustrator and parent has been busy this half term working with groups of children in School to create some amazing nature based designs, to incorporate into the mural. The focus so far has been on drawings of bugs, birds, flowers and trees. Your child may have even completed a drawing at home! Anwyn will be working on pulling all the designs together in the coming weeks!

Ice Pop Sale

On Friday 2 May 2025, we took advantage of the sunny weather and held an ice pop sale in the top playground after school. We were blown away by the incredible turn-out! Thank you for bearing with us as we retrieved extra stock from the freezer in the Small Hall, and apologies to those final few people who missed out. The freezer has now been refilled, so we are ready for the next sunny spell! Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing **£81.85!**



Sprint Sprint



Our annual Spring Sprint took place during the week commencing 28 April 2025. The children had great fun running around the school playground during their PE Lessons to complete as many laps as possible, even in the heat! We raised an amazing **£1,955** via our Just Giving page this year, and have had lots of cash donations and bank transfers too – thank you so much to everyone for their generosity. We will confirm the final amount raised in our next newsletter, but it's well over £2,000 which is a really fantastic sum.

The funds raised this year will be used to fund improvements to the School Hall. If you have any Gift Aid forms or final donations at home, please do send those into School after half term. The Just Giving page will stay open until July!

JustGiving™

www.justgiving.com/campaign/springsprint2025

Sunflower Competition Launch



On Friday 16 May 2025, we launched our sunflower growing competition, with a bun sale and craft event in the Small Hall. Thanks so much to all the talented bakers and the volunteers who helped on the day. We raised a whopping **£334.50!** Thanks again for your amazing support. With many thanks to the Yorkshire Garden Centres Group (including Tong Garden Centre, and Tingley Garden Centre) and Asda Killingbeck, who have donated most of the kits and the prizes. We still have some kits left to sell, at just £2 each, so do let us know via email if you want to purchase a kit, and we can get one to you - chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com. We will also be selling the remaining kits at our Uniform Giveaway event on **Friday 13 June 2025**.

Each kit contains:

- Pack of 5-6 seeds
- 2 x plant pots
- 2 x flower supports
- Bag of compost
- Sunflower colouring pages
- Sunflower mini craft kit



Please send your photos and measurements to the PSA over the summer as they reach their peak, and we will announce the winners in September 2025!

Grants, Grants, Grants!



We continue to look for opportunities to apply for grant funding to help fund projects at the School. We are in the process of applying for funding from Sport England to help fund the replacement of the flooring in the School Hall, since it is used for sporting activities both by School and the wider community. We have also applied for a Tesco Community Grant, to fund a new sound system for the School Hall. We are reapplying to the Siobhan Dowd Trust for more books for the School Library, and will keep you posted. Do let us know if you have successfully applied for grant funding before, and if you can share your expertise!

Save the Date!




Uniform Giveaway & Sunflower Kit Sale – 13 June 2025

If your kids have outgrown their trousers or are in need of a Summer dress, never fear, as we will be holding a uniform giveaway on 13 June 2025 in the top playground after school. Please do help us reduce waste and recycle (and get rid of some of our stock – as our donation bin is nearly full!)

We will also be selling our remaining Sunflower Kits for those who want to enter our competition. If the weather's nice, we might even get those ice pops out again!

	<p>Summer Fair – Friday 11 July 2025 from 3.00pm onwards</p> <p>After the success of last year’s Summer fair, our first post-Covid, we will be holding another at the end of the Summer Term. Prepare yourselves for some fun activities, a bake sale, the ever-popular chocolate tombola!</p>
<p>Volunteers Needed!</p> 	<p>Summer Fair - volunteers needed</p> <p>We will be looking for lots of volunteers to help us run the stalls at our Summer Fair, as we really can’t do this with just the handful of people on the Committee who run our regular events. If you can help, please email us on: chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com or let your year group parent representatives know! Thank you so much!</p>

Easy Ways to Support the PSA

	<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>
	<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.</p>
	<p>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!</p>
	<p>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.</p>