

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

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2026

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 – email us at chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.



Appeal for new Committee Members and Volunteers

The PSA is run by a small Committee of just 8 parents from a school of c450 pupils, and we are in need new Committee members and volunteers who can actively participate. There are lots of great reasons to join the PSA:

- **For the children** – show your child you value their education. Events and activities help enrich their School experience, and are much-loved by the children. The PSA also makes a big impact by part-funding Theatre Trips, Drama/Dance/Yoga Lessons, and supporting with bigger projects at the School which benefit all pupils.
- **For you** – enjoy a rewarding and social experience, whilst supporting the School community. You can also use your skills in a new way – whether you love organising, crunching numbers, engaging with the children, crafting, writing Newsletters (!), designing posters, if you are green-fingered or a star baker – you can help!
- **For the School** – help raise funds and have a voice in how those funds are spent to benefit the pupils. We contribute 100s of books to the School Libraries and Classrooms each year, as well as spending on additional resources – have your say about what will enhance the children's experience at School.
- **Be connected** – stay informed about what is happening in School and connect with others who are passionate about improving the learning experience.
- **It's good fun (honestly!)** – from planning events to helping at stalls, there are opportunities to get involved, meet people and enjoy yourself.
- **Keep the PSA going** – as families move on, new members help keep the organisation fresh and active and ensure continued support for the School. The majority of the Committee are parents with children entering Year 5 and Year 6 in September, so it would be great to get more parents from the younger year groups involved, to ensure the PSA can continue for many years to come!

Many hands really do make light work. If you can help, please email the PSA at chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com and say hello.

Sunflower Growing Competition Launch



On Friday 1 May 2026, we launched our Sunflower Growing Competition, together with a Bun Sale. We were overwhelmed by the support from the School community, and quickly sold out of sunflower kits. We raised a grand total of **£260.72**! We have since made up some spare kits, so do let us know if you still want to take part. If you're busy growing your seeds already, please remember to email the PSA with your photos and sunflower measurements over the Summer on chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com. 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.

Parent's Quiz Night and Raffle



We held a fantastic parent's Quiz Night and Raffle at The Mustard Pot on Tuesday 12 May 2026, kindly sponsored by Ison Harrison Solicitors in Chapel Allerton, who donated £150 to the PSA and a £50 cash prize for the raffle. Huge thanks goes to our amazing Quizmaster, Larry Budd, for another sterling performance, and to the Mustard Pot for hosting us. We had booze hampers for the winning team and runner up, thanks to Tesco and Majestic Wine, Meanwood, as well as some wooden spoons for the lowest scoring team (sorry!). Our raffle was made up of prizes generously donated by local businesses, including The Mustard Pot, Nyla's, Further North, Deliciosa, House of Koko, Tarbetts Fishmongers, The Little Bookshop, M&S Moortown and Chirpy, to whom we are incredibly grateful. We raised a fantastic sum of **£423.50**! Thank you to all the lovely parents who attended and supported this event.

Wellbeing Garden refresh

Our thanks goes to Tony Gent, who kindly volunteered his time to do a refresh of the School Wellbeing Garden, including sweeping and power-washing all the flagstones. Sadly the Wellbeing Garden is out of action whilst the temporary fencing has been erected at the front of School, but we hope the children can enjoy it again on their return to School in September. We aim to continue to refresh the outdoor spaces at School in the next academic year. Get in touch if you're green fingered and would like to get involved!

Y2 Trip to Filey



The PSA were pleased to be able to help fund the trip for Y2 to visit Filey on 19 June 2026, thanks to a very generous donation of £250 from Bareham Independent Financial Advisers. Thank you so much for helping us to get the kids to the seaside! The children designed some lovely postcards and wrote messages to say thank you!



The children had a fantastic day playing on the beach, splashing in the sea and eating ice lollies. Many thanks also goes to PSA Committee members Katie Naylor and Stefanie Auby-Johnson who also gave up their time to accompany the children on the day, together with parent helper Louise Goulsbra.

F2 Animal Handling



The PSA were very pleased to be able to support another exciting experience for the children in F2 this Summer term, namely animal handling! The children had a lovely time and were quite taken with this lovely rabbit.



Uniform Giveaway & Ice-Pop Sale

On Wednesday 1 July 2026, we held a uniform giveaway on the top playground together with an Ice Pop sale. Lots of uniform went to new homes and we made £36.83. Every little helps! Our green wheelie bin is still overflowing with donations, so please hold off making any further donations for now please.



Summer Fair!

On Friday 10 July 2025, we held our much loved Summer Fair. We were grateful to all the families who came along to take part in the games and activities and buy some refreshments or pocket money toys, despite the blazing sun! We had a much reduced space to work with this year, but it was lovely to be able to use the Small Hall as well as the playground to ensure the Fair could proceed as planned.

For the curious amongst you, there were 243 sweets in the jar, with two winners guessing just 7 sweets away from this total and splitting the winnings. Our new games and stalls: Pokemon Cards, Squish the Squishmallow and Prize or Potato were very popular, and the old favourites of Hook a Duck and the Lollipop Game were well attended too. We saw plenty of children having a go at our other skills games, Poo in the Loo and the Marble Game. The highest number of marbles collected in the Marble Game was 89.

This event would not have been possible without the help of all the parents and staff who kindly gave up their time to set up, mind a stall and tidy away, so huge thanks goes to everyone who helped out, and to Molly, Damien and Ms Pinder for helping to co-ordinate everything in advance.

We are also very thankful to all the businesses who supported us, including Armadillo Toys, who kindly donated Pokemon Cards, Tesco for donating sweets for our stalls, Guess the number of M&Ms in a Jar, and drinks for the Bottle Tombola, The Fruit Stall in Chapel Allerton for donating lots of watermelons and potatoes, and all the businesses who donated prizes for The Lollipop Game and Marble Game: Scott Hall Leisure Centre; Gravity Trampoline Park, Lazer Zone, The Climbing Lab, The Little Bookshop, Hollywood Bowl, Flip Out, Jackrabbits Pottery, Grasshoppers Soft Play, Mission Out, Ninja Warrior and Hobbycraft (who also donated Lucky Dip prizes).

Thanks to everyone's support, we raised **£1,025.92** – a really amazing sum which will be put to good use at the School! Here are a few photos from the event. Thank you again to all the families who supported us.

Grants, Grants, Grants!



Since our last Newsletter, we have heard that unfortunately, our applications to the Siobhan Dowd Trust for books for the School Libraries and to the Ford Trust for funding toward a soft-surface football pitch, have not been successful. We have recently made a further application to the Co-op Community Fund for monies toward Yoga Lessons run by Love Yoga, so please keep your fingers, legs and arms crossed for us! If any parents have experience of drafting grant applications and would like to share their top tips with us, please do get in touch.

Y6 Leaving Party

We are thrilled to be able to support the Y6s who will be leaving us this year, by donating £150 to cover the cost of an ice-cream van for their leaving party on Thursday 16 July 2026, taking place at the School. We wish them all the best in their move to Secondary School.



Save the Date!

	New Parents Coffee, Craft and Cake – Friday 18 September 2026 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.
	Halloween Disco – Thursday 15 October 2026 Our annual Halloween Disco will take place before 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. Timings for the event will be as usual: KS1: 4:45pm - 5.30pm and KS2: 5:45pm - 6:45pm. There will also be a sensory friendly space for children who might find the main event too loud or a bit overwhelming, which is run in conjunction with Neurostars. Please watch out for further updates on Class Dojo or in your What's App groups!

Easy Ways to Support the PSA

	In September 2026 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 The Beano, which will expire between October and early 2027. If you are interested in supporting us, please contact the PSA - chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.
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	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.
	You can also earn money for the PSA by signing up to Easy Fundraising at Chapel Allerton Primary School Parent Staff Association, Leeds Fundraising Easyfundraising. The PSA earns a small donation every time you shop at a wide range of retailers.
	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 box 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.
	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 10% 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.