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

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2026

About your PSA

Welcome to our Autumn 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.

Coffee, Craft and Cake Event







On Friday 18 September 2026 we held a special event for new families at the School. There was tea, coffee and some amazing cake on offer, thanks to our talented volunteer bakers, as well as some pocket money toys to purchase and free craft activities for the children to enjoy. It was lovely to see families getting to know each other better, and to see the children getting stuck in! We were pleased to share information about what the PSA gets up to at the School, and invite everyone to get involved. Thank you for your support! We raised **£92** from this event!

Sunflower Growing Competition



In May 2026, we launched our popular Sunflower Growing Competition and were really pleased to see lots of children keen to take part. After a lovely summer, we asked for all entries to be submitted in late September, once the sunflowers had reached their peak. There were some absolute giants this year!

Our KS1 winner was xxxxxxx with a sunflower measuring an impressive 234cm, and our KS2 winner was green fingered xxxxxx with a sunflower measuring 145cm.

We hope the winners and runners up enjoy their prizes! Many thanks again to the Yorkshire Garden Centres Group and ASDA for providing the kits and the prizes, and to Cliffs Hardware in Moortown for donating the compost for the kits.

Children's Yoga Lessons

We are very proud to be funding Yoga Lessons for all children across the School this academic year. In previous years the PSA have funded the cost of drama lessons from the Leeds Playhouse and dance lessons from the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and this year School are trying something new. Yoga can help to boost children's confidence, support them with focus, emotional regulation and mental wellbeing, as well as improving physical health. The lessons will be run by the lovely Zoe Baldwin-Jones from Love Yoga, starting after half term. As ever, we are very grateful to all the support from parents and carers throughout the year which enables the PSA to fund this, as the programme costs around **£4,500** per year.

Love Yoga LEEDS

Magazines for the School Library





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Children at the School are incredibly lucky to be able to access lots of wonderful magazines as well as books in our Libraries, thanks to generous local sponsors. We have just renewed our subscription to the popular The Week Junior magazine, thanks to Bareham Independent Financial Advisers (www.barehamifa.com), a local family-owned firm who provide expert financial planning advice. This is their fourth year sponsoring the magazine, for which we are very grateful!

This season we have also started a brand new subscription to Match of the Day magazine, thanks to a winning contribution from Plumbcall, a Leeds based plumbing supplies business who have been top fans of the School Libraries in recent years, sponsoring several titles. We are sure this new addition to the Libraries will hit the target and the kids will really get a kick out of it!

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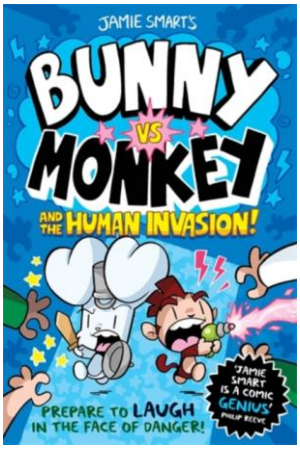
Uniform & Fancy Dress Giveaway

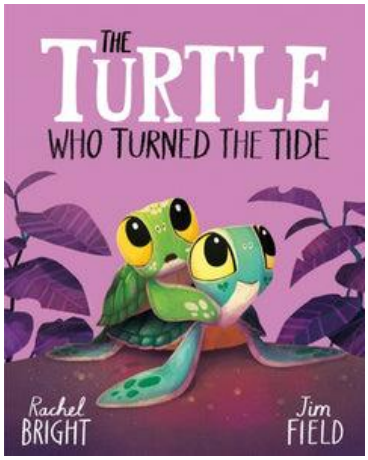
On Friday 19 October 2026, we held a uniform giveaway in the Small Hall, together with a fancy dress giveaway, so everyone could pick up an outfit for the Halloween Disco. We were thrilled to have so many families attend and reuse the uniform and Halloween outfits. We are really keen to protect the environment by passing on pre-loved uniform. We welcome donations of clean, good quality uniform to our green wheelie bin in the Small Hall. You can recycle uniform which is past its best (pen marks, worn out knees, too much bobbling) using the charity clothes bin at the back School – opposite the School canteen. Thank you for support!

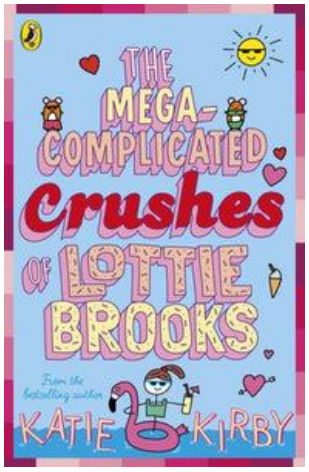


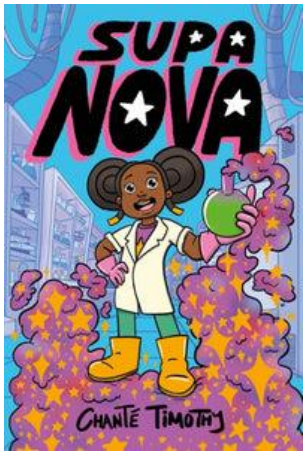


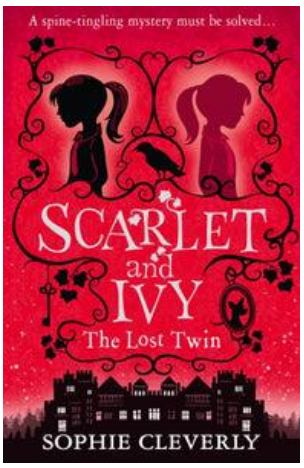
The Library Wish List – Amazing Book Donations!

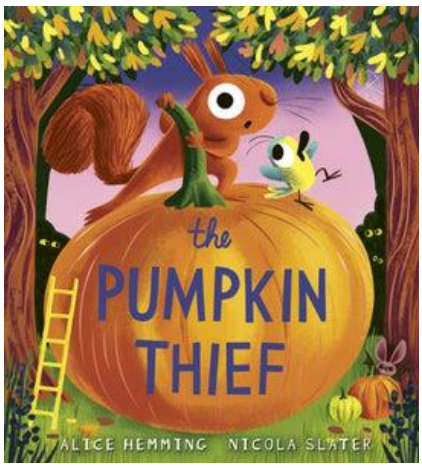




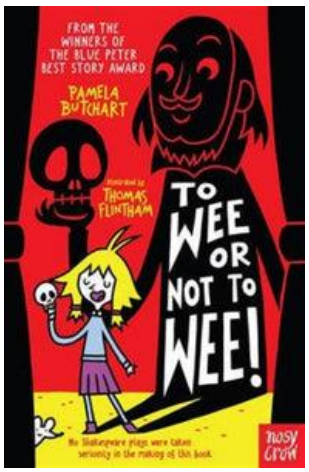












We are incredibly grateful to all the families who have kindly purchased a book or two from our Library Wish List at The Little Bookshop in Chapel Allerton. This is just a small sample of the recent donations! During this National Year of Reading*, we are aiming to add another 1,000 books to the School Libraries, to increase the total stock of books and meet the recommended guidelines of having 10 library books for each pupil in School. Any support from families and local businesses is greatly appreciated. We are sure the children will enjoy reading these amazing new books!

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Special thanks goes to the amazing Bareham IFA, who kindly donated **£100** for the PSA to spend on books from The Library Wish List, as well as sponsoring a magazine for the Library. With the 10% discount offered by The Little Bookshop, this really went a long way. Thank you so much!

*The National Year of Reading 2026 is the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives. For more information see here: National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust.

Halloween Disco

We were thrilled that so many families could attend the annual Halloween Disco on Thursday 15 October 2026, kindly run by the School Staff. This is always a fun event with the wonderful DJ Dan entertaining the children with some spooky tunes and confetti cannons. The children had lots of fun! Our sensory friendly event, run by School in conjunction with the fabulous Kristen from Neurostars, was also a great success, and the children enjoyed themselves in a quieter space. We are also grateful to all the parents who skipped the local pubs in favour of the PSA-run Parent Hub, and enjoyed a drink and a Samosa and bought a few raffle tickets! Together, the Disco and Parent Hub raised **£1,159.42**, and our next day sale raised a further **£75.03**, all of which will be put towards projects at the School. We are grateful to local businesses for supporting our raffle: Canteen, Pizza Express Roundhay, House of Koko, The Little Bookshop and Leeds Playhouse. Thanks also to our amazing volunteer bakers! There were some very spooky bakes!



Co-op Local Community Fund

We are pleased to announce that our application to the Co-op Local Community Fund for monies to put toward the Children's Yoga Lessons has been successful. We are now in the running to receive grant funding, but the amount we receive is down to you! The programme runs from **18 October 2026** to **24 October 2027.** The more Co-op members that select our cause and shop with the Co-op, the more funding our project will receive. If you are a member, please log into your Co-op account, and select the Chapel Allerton Primary School PSA as your local cause after 18 October 2026. Last time were selected to take part in the Co-op Local Community Fund, we raised around £1,600, so please do select us as your local cause, so we can make the most of this fundraising opportunity.

If you're not a member, please do consider joining. It costs just £1 to join and you'll get that £1 back on your first shop in store. Members can have a say in how the Co-op is run, get lower prices on everyday essentials, and support local causes. For more information or to become a member, see here: www.coop.co.uk/membership. Thank you!

Supporting music in School



Fun fact: Phil "Philthy Animal" Taylor, the longtime drummer of the heavy metal band Motörhead, grew up in Leeds and studied at Leeds College of Music.

The PSA is happy to be able to support the delivery of the music curriculum in School through the purchase of equipment for music lessons. In recent years we have bought recorders for new year groups learning this fine instrument and this year have additionally purchased some drumsticks for use in the reception class music lessons.

Your reward for nearly making it to the end of this bumper Newsletter, is some fun musical facts ….



Fun fact: The recorder features in the songs 'Ruby Tuesday' by The Rolling Stones, 'If 6 Was 9' by Jimi Hendrix and 'Stairway to Heaven' by Led Zeppelin.

Appeal for new Committee Members and Volunteers

The PSA is run by a small group of parents and we are in need of new Committee members and volunteers who can actively participate. The events and activities we organise help enrich the children's school experience, as well as being good fun. 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. Please do consider getting involved and supporting the School if you can. If you can help, please email the PSA at chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com and say hello.

Save the Date!



Bun Sale – Friday 4 December 2026 from 3.00pm

We will be holding a bun sale in the Small Hall to help us raise funds for more books for the School Libraries, from our Library Wish List at The Little Bookshops. Come along and grab yourself a sweet treat. Please note that alongside our home baking, which is nut-free, we will have some shop-bought individually wrapped items, for those who need to check ingredients lists for common allergens.



Christmas Cards order deadline – 2 November 2026

This half term the children have been busy designing some lovely Christmas Cards. If you are interested in purchasing these, order forms have been sent around in book bags. We've seen some incredible designs over the years and it's a lovely touch to send to family and friends. A small amount from each order gets paid to the PSA, to put towards projects at the School and IQ Cards also plants a tree for every School that takes part!

The order forms have a unique number which you need to place an order online, directly from IQ Cards. The online order system is scheduled to close on 2 November 2026 at 23:59, and the cards will be returned to School on 18 November 2026.



Christmas Raffle – Prizes needed!

Our ever popular Christmas Raffle will be back again this year. We had some incredible prizes donated by local businesses last year and generous parents at the School. If you would like to support us by offering a raffle prize please do get in touch at: chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com. The raffle is drawn on the last Thursday before the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your help!

Easy Ways to Support the PSA



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.



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 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.
	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.
	Volunteer! We are always looking for new volunteers, who either want to help on an ad-hoc basis, or get more involved by joining the PSA Committee and helping us to plan events, decide on allocation of funds, and think of even more ways to enhance the experience of children at the School. If you can help, please email us at chapelallertonpsa@gmail.com.