

OPAL SHED

Over the summer, this custom built shed was constructed to provide much needed storage for the OPAL lunchtime play equipment.

The PSA funded the construction (completed brilliantly by Simon from Allsheds Ltd, a Stretham based business, in collaboration with groundworks contractor Connor Harland).

Mrs Everest oversaw the planning before she left, Mr Barsby supervised the work during the summer and Mrs Johnson has now taken over as OPAL lead. Mrs Johnson says 'We are looking forward to housing our preloved bikes etc into the shed next week after I have gone through and checked the safety of each bike. Thank you for all the hard work that went into the funding of this shed'



PUMPKIN PYO

Well done to those children who were in Gardening Club last term!

Mrs Spencer, who ran the club, says 'I am delighted to say that Gardening Club's efforts in June have paid off and we have successfully grown pumpkins at Stretham Community Garden. We are advertising a pumpkin pick on the patch and raising money for school's PSA.'

Please do come along to the Community Garden at 10am on Saturday 10th October- it's first come first served so come promptly to make sure you don't miss out!

Thanks to all at the Community Garden for their kind support of our school.



SUMMARY OF 2025/2026

PSA Fundraising 2025/26



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Donations*	£1,250
Treat Fridays	£1,233
Summer Fair	£1,062
Sponsored Swim	£1,029
Christmas Fair	£1,022
Feast Disco	£886
Christmas Disco	£863
Summer Disco	£793
Stretham Feast	£773
Christmas Market	£691
Colour Dash	£604
Rainbow Raffle	£564
Winter Film Night	£524
Autumn Film Night	£520
Teatowels	£493
Shopping Paybacks**	£367
Refreshment Sales	£306
The Little Recyclers	£305
Animal Experience	£224
Games Afternoon	£160
Sports Day	£120
Ely Junior Park Run	£42
Greetings Cards	£37
Lloyds Bank Cash Handling Fees	-£42
PSA Insurance	-£171

*With thanks to Masters Logistical (£345.55 for hi-vis vests), Isolex Consulting (£270 for new reception area chairs), Eco Verde Services (proceeds of office raffle), Nick and Bev Woolston (£170.61 Halloween display collection), Champion Heating and Plumbing (£120 for new starter bags), Costello Medical (£75), Nicola McGregor (£22.33 Facebook birthday fundraiser), and Rohan and Hugo (£15 cake sale)

**£333 from EasyFundraising and £34 from MyNameTags

What our teachers have said about PSA-funded items and activities in 2025/26



"The OPAL project has changed the face of playtimes. It has brought significant joy to our children with opportunities to engage in performing arts, arts & crafts, small world and Lego play, the calm and quiet zone in the reading tent, and more hands-on physical play in the ball skills area, sandpit and mud kitchen. None of this would have been possible without ongoing, generous funding'. Mrs Everest



"It was the best trip I have ever been on and the children got so much enjoyment from it. The forest school session has inspired me and got me thinking about how we can put some of the activities into our forest school area." Sandringham Trip, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Dunham



"After 12 years of helping to create Stretham School's 'Explorers Area' in an unused patch of the school grounds and volunteering his time to whittle wood, light fires and play the guitar in forest school sessions, Mr Froment has joined our Forest School family by gaining his Level 2 Forest Schooling qualification – funded by the PSA. This equips him to effectively assist the Lead Practitioners in planning and delivering our outdoor, child-centred learning. With a trained assistant, we can safely run higher-quality sessions – like tool use, shelter building and fire lighting – without compromising on staff-to-student ratios. And we can continue to offer pupils regular engagement in a natural, multi-sensory environment to enhance their self-belief, language development, and cooperation with peers and adults, reduce anxiety, and build independence, physical stamina and fine/gross motor skills, leading to greater focus back in the classroom." Mrs Johnson



"It was fantastic to see everyone in their rockstar outfits and to be a part of the whole school bouncing and bopping along to a very catchy song with an excellent meaning." Rock Kidz, Mr Sweeney



"It was wonderful to see every child in school immerse themselves in this interactive role play. Every child was beaming! What an absolutely fantastic day, full of joy." Little City, Mr Sweeney



"What an amazing experience this was! To sing with hundreds of other children in a world-famous venue is something that the children will never forget!" Young Voices at the O2, Mr Sweeney



"It was wonderful for every single one of our children to experience a live show and to get excited about Christmas! There was a real buzz afterwards. We hope to see them back again soon!" Pantomime, Mr Sweeney



"It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic as they completed their etchings. The artwork produced was both impressive and meaningful, and the children had a brilliant time being part of a whole school project to create a display." Artist Day, Mrs Bowen



"Developing a life-long love of reading is no easy feat but it is made easier by showing children that reading can be engaging, different and simply fun. This year, we invited a local storyteller into our Forest School Area during World Book Week to engage each class in an oral storytelling treat in a natural setting. Our children of all ages were absolutely captivated by our visiting storyteller and her natural world tales of the Fens. PSA funding truly brought storytelling alive for our children." World Book Day Storyteller, Mrs Everest



"Thank you so much for generously funding the school's National Trust membership. Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Wicken Fen. They especially enjoyed the pond dipping. Wonderful memories for the children." Mrs Dunham

PSA Spending 2025/26



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OPAL (Play) Equipment*	£5,461
Sandringham Trip	£4,483
Projector	£979
Forest School Level 2 Qualification	£529
Rock Kidz	£504
Little City	£500
Young Voices Transport	£500
Pantomime	£495
Hi-Vis Vests for School Trips**	£346
Leavers' Books	£311
Reception Area Chairs**	£270
Artist Day	£250
Sing Up Subscription	£250
World Book Day Storyteller	£250
Selection Boxes from Santa	£201
Ladybird Class Shed	£169
Book Bags for New Starters	£141
Panto Deposit for 2026/27	£100
SATS Breakfasts	£55
National Trust Membership	£53
Easter Eggs	£45
Welcome Bags for New Starters**	£32
Sports Day Ice Pops	£19
Sponsored Swim Ice Pops	£11

*Includes large storage shed and groundworks (£5,000), small storage shed (£170), sandpit gravel (£50), dry-robes (47), hi-vis vests for OPAL rangers (£44), storage drawers (£40), storage boxes (£36), stage curtain (£26), Lego base plates (£20), tarpaulins (£20), tarpaulin pegs (£8)

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Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraising events and activities this year and made all of this possible!



PSA NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MARTHA. CHAIR OF THE PSA

As previously announced in June, I will be stepping down as Chair of the PSA at the AGM in October. So far, we have a new Ladybird parent who is willing to be a **Co-Chair**, which is wonderful. So **we need to find a second person willing to join them as a Co-Chair** (or alternatively, someone willing to take on the full role of Chair in which case the Ladybird parent could then take the deputy role of Vice Chair).

Without a new Chair, there will be a **reduced programme of events** this term, with **NO** Christmas Fair. **If the position remains vacant into 2027, the PSA will have to close down completely as it is a legal requirement for a charity to have a Chair.** It would be **incredibly sad** for Stretham School to lose the PSA, meaning less resources and experiences provided for our children at the school.

But hopefully it won't come to that! Please consider if you could step in to support at this critical time. **Remember.....**

- you don't have to commit to the role forever- a year or two would be great!
- you will have the support of a highly experienced treasurer and a committed team of 11 members- a wonderful group of people
- there are only 5-6 meetings per year- the rest of the planning and communicating is done via a PSA team Whatsapp group- easy and convenient
- you will have checklists to guide you through all planning and running of our regular events and you can always reach out to me if you have any questions.
- you do not have to be at every event, it is a team effort. It just needs you to coordinate, delegate where necessary and ensure all plans are in place
- as part of the PSA, you will get to be involved in deciding how funds are spent and, as Chair/Co-Chairs, you will be the main point of contact for the school staff. So it's a great way to get to know all the staff, understand more about school life and feel connected
- your children will love being PSA kids! (mine are really going to miss playing with others at our meetings, coming early to events etc)
- you do NOT have to speak in public. I did that in my time as Chair simply because I enjoy it, you can put your own spin on the Chair Role. Public speaking is certainly not a requirement of the position.
- it is INCREDIBLY rewarding to run events that people enjoy, to raise funds for the school and then see those funds used to benefit the children. I have loved being Chair and highly recommend it!

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please do email me at strethamrsa@gmail.com or catch me on the playground.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18/09 TREAT FRIDAY

25/06 DISCO

7/10 LITTLE RECYCLERS

10/10 PUMPKIN PYO

15/10 AGM

23/10 TREAT FRIDAY

13/11 TREAT FRIDAY

24/11 CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

08 & 10/12 NATIVITY REFRESHMENTS

11/12 TREAT FRIDAY

**FURTHER EVENTS MAY BE ADDED ONCE
THE CHAIR ROLE HAS BEEN FILLED**

