Chestnut Lane and Elangeni Schools Association

Annual Report

Period ended 31 August 2025

The managing committee present their report and the financial statements for the 12-month period ended 31 August 2025.

Governing Instrument

The charity was established under a constitution adopted at a meeting of the association held on 21 April 1970, as amended at various subsequent Annual General Meetings and is registered with the Charity commission no. 291212. The charity's address is Chestnut Lane, Amersham.

Objects, Organisation and Activities

The charity is established to advance the education of pupils in the schools and to assist in the provision of facilities for education in the schools.

The charity is organised as an independent association of parents with a managing committee comprising elected members. Activities include a variety of projects to raise funds to; "Purchase services and equipment requested by the schools' head teachers". Examples of the activities held in 2024/25 include the Christmas Cinema Night, Family Fun Night, Summer fair and Sausage Sizzle. Income is also derived from a number of other regular sources such as commission on store voucher sales and Easy Fundraising.

Managing Committee

The members of the Managing Committee are:

Helen Purchase (Chairperson)
Robert Phillips (Treasurer)
Kate Nash (Secretary)
Mrs. Rehal (Chestnut Lane Head Teacher)
Miss. Burns (Elangeni Head Teacher)
Clare Prescott-Pounds
Sally Hardcastle
Trudie Holt
Mandip Malhotra

This list is not exhaustive and there are many other parents who have donated time to support the Managing Committee.

Managing Committee members are elected or co-opted on an annual basis, with the officers being elected from the membership of the Managing Committee. The Annual General Meeting is normally held in October.

Treasurers Financial Review – 2024/2025

It was another full year of CLESA activities and events (Christmas Cinema, Family Fun Night, Summer Fair)

CLESA would like to thank all parents who have donated their time and efforts to raise the net income of £16,949 (2023/24 £18,352)

The financial breakdown for the year is as follows:

- **£14,796** raised from events, including school lottery.
- **£2,154** in commission from the sale of Tesco, John Lewis, Sainsbury's vouchers and Easy Fundraising.

Please refer to the Statement of Financial Activities for the income and expenditure for the year.

The total net income generated of £16,950 is a slight decrease from the prior year of £16,950. CLESA was able to run the Christmas fair which was not run in 2023/24. Instead a Christmas Cinema event was run that was a great success but raised less than the Christmas fair in the prior year. In addition the Chesham Bois fete was not run this year. The events making up this year's total are analysed in date order below:

- The Children were delighted to attend the inaugural Christmas Cinema event as an alternative to the full Christmas Fair run in the prior year. The cinema generated a **profit of £1,746** (PY Christmas Fair: £4,803). Revenue was lower and the costs associated with screen hire and film licencing meant this was not as profitable as the traditional Christmas fair. Regardless it proved to be a wonderful event.

- **Sausage Sizzle and Tea in-a-Box initiatives generated a profit of £2,092** (PY: £2,188) **as CLESA ran three of these events throughout the school year, one per term**.

- **The Family Fun Night at Chestnut Lane and disco at Elangeni returned again this year and raised a huge £2,094** (PY: £2,437).

- **The Summer Fair raised a hugely impressive £5,227** (PY: £4,886). The day was a great success with children and parents enjoying the many different stalls, food options and raffle included in the total.

- **School Lottery continued and generated a profit of £1,432** (PY: £1,543). .

- **Easy Fundraising generated £364** (PY: £614). There are still only a limited number of parents signed up to the scheme and efforts are ongoing to recruit more parents to participate.

- **Profits from the gift card scheme were £1,738 (PY: £1,542).** Gift cards are automatically credited on a monthly basis by Chalfont Education Ltd. Rates of commission are 4% across all companies in the scheme (Tesco, Sainsbury's, John Lewis). The gift card scheme was run by Lou Woolf during this financial period.

The expenditures of the two schools amounted to £19,008 (PY: £7,814). A number of exciting school projects were undertaken in the prior year, which accounts for the lower spend this year:

- Chestnut Lane spent **£1,085**. This included £750 on Chromebooks licences, £96 on road safety reflectors and £239 on the Year 2 leavers disco.
- Elangeni spent **£17,923**. The major area of spend was equipment provided for the outside and playground areas of £16,795. In addition £1,032 was spent on Library books and £96 on road safety reflectors.

Funds available to the schools as 31/08/25

- Chestnut Lane has £32,515 funds available
- Elangeni has £13,052 funds available

Balance Sheet

Net assets as at 31st August 2025 totalled £45,568 (PY: £47,626). The assets were made up of the balance of the bank accounts.

Comments:

- CLESA hopes to be able to continue to deliver a full programme of events in the next financial year, although this is dependant on parent volunteers continuing to come forward to run and manage the events.
- CLESA aim to spend approximately what they earn in the year in line with charitable goals. Chestnut Lane spent considerably less than Elangeni this in the current year following low spend in the prior year. Expenditure will continue to be reviewed throughout the coming year and again at the next AGM to ensure funds are being used for the good of the charity / schools.

Appointment of the independent reviewer:

- Charities Commission require charities with over £25,000 of revenue to have an independent review. This threshold has been reached this year. Nigel Thompson CA was appointed as Independent Examiner in 2017 and has reviewed the 2025 accounts. With thanks to Nigel Thompson CA for his voluntary independent examination of these accounts.

Robert Phillips
CLESA Treasurer
September 2026

Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools Association
Statement of Financial Activities for the Period ended 31 August 2025

Events		Income	Expenditure	NET 2025	NET 2024
Christmas Cinema		£3,078	£1,334	£1,745	£4,803
School lottery		£1,432	£0	£1,432	£1,543
Family Fun Night/Elangeni Disco		£4,196	£2,102	£2,094	£2,437
Sausage Sizzles / Tea in a Box		£3,961	£1,869	£2,092	£2,188
Summer Fair		£8,034	£2,806	£5,227	£4,886
Quiz Night		£3,329	£940	£2,389	£0
Chesham Bois Fair donation		£0	£0	£0	£600
Admin - inc.PTA membership and small purchases		£0	£184	-£184	-£261
Money Raised from events		£24,030	£9,235	**£14,795**	£16,196
		£24,030	£9,235	**£14,795**	£16,196
Giftcard profits John Lewis / Sainsbury /M&S / Tesco		£1,738	£0	£1,738	£1,542
Easy Fundraising		£364	£0	£364	£614
Other Donations		£52	£0	£52	£0
Money raised in year				**£16,949**	£18,352
less School expenditure	Chestnut Lane			**£1,085**	£7,772
	Elangeni			**£17,923**	£42
Net (deficit)/surplus for the year				**-£2,059**	£10,538

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Cash at Natwest (Events account)	£25,895	£28,892
Cash at CAF Bank (Voucher account)	£18,432	£18,734
Paypal / Stripe Account Balances	£1,241	£0
	£45,568	£47,626
Net Assets	£45,568	£47,626
Accumulated Funds		
Chestnut Lane		
At 31 August	£25,125	£23,721
Share of Funds Raised	£8,475	£9,176
Expenditures	-£1,085	-£7,772
Adjustment to retained earnings		
Funds available	£32,515	£25,125
Elangeni		
At 31 August	£22,501	£13,367
Share of Funds Raised	£8,475	£9,176
Expenditures	-£17,923	-£42
Adjustment to retained earnings		
Funds available	£13,053	£22,501
	£45,568	£47,626

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Robert Phillips Treasurer

Dated September 2026
For and on behalf of the Managing Committee

The funds available to each school.

Accumulated Funds

Chestnut Lane	**£**
At 1 September 2023 - Funds as Per Balance Sheet	25,125
Share of Funds Raised in year	8,475
Expenditure in year	-1,085
Balance Sheet Adjustment to Funds Available	0
Funds as per Balance Sheet	32,515
Less Voucher Float	0
Funds available as at 31 August 2024	32,515

Elangeni	
At 1 September 2023 - Funds as Per Balance Sheet	22,501
Share of Funds Raised in year	8,475
Expenditure in year	-17,923
Balance Sheet Adjustment to Funds Available	0
Funds as per Balance Sheet	13,053
Less Voucher Float	0
Funds Available as at 31 August 2024	13,053

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: Charity Name

On accounts for the year ended: | **Charity no (if any)**:

Set out on pages: (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.