



AUGUST

NEWSLETTER

Awards for All Grant

Thanks to funding from The National Lottery 'Awards for All grant', APS has secured vital funding to support its youth clubs, including The Zone in Northwich and Chester and KidConnect Chester.

The funding will help us continue creating opportunities for young people to feel supported, accepted, and part of their community, while encouraging independence, wellbeing, and personal growth

Read more on our blog: <https://www.autismpracticalsupport.org.uk/bright-futures-ahead-national-lottery-funding-for-aps-youth-clubs>

Chester Kids' Clubs and Youth Clubs

From September, we are delighted to offer two club locations for children and young people in Chester, giving our members even more choice and opportunities to connect, have fun and make friends.

Monday Evenings at Brio Leisure, Northgate Arena: We will be running both KidConnect (ages 7-11) 4.45-6.15pm and The Zone (ages 11-18) 6.30-8pm. These sessions will be packed with exciting activities including games, crafts, LEGO, and plenty of opportunities for fun and socialising!

Friday Evenings at SPACE: We are also pleased to continue our much-loved KidConnect and The Zone sessions at SPACE. With access to a fantastic large sensory room and soft play area, SPACE provides a unique and engaging setting for children and young people to enjoy.

Minions & Monsters Relaxed Screening

Monday 31st August 6-7.30pm

Storyhouse, Chester CH1 2AR

Join us for a relaxed cinema screening of Minions and Monsters at Chester Storyhouse. There will be no trailers or adverts before the film, creating a more comfortable and accessible cinema experience designed specifically for Autistic individuals and their families.

Tickets are £4 for APS members | £8 for non-members.

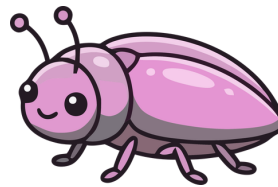
Book here: [Book Tickets Here](#)



Beetle Drive Fundraiser

Saturday 3rd October 1pm-3pm

APS Sension House, Denton Drive



We're excited to invite you to a Beetle Drive Fundraiser on Saturday 3rd October. A Beetle Drive is a fun and easy game where players roll dice to complete a beetle drawing, making it a great activity for all ages.

This special event is being organised and run by our amazing members, Freya and Emma, who have been working hard to make it a fun-filled afternoon for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned Beetle Drive enthusiast or trying it for the first time, it's sure to be a fantastic event full of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to APS, helping us continue to support children, young people, and families. There will also be a cake sale and tombola, so be sure to bring some extra change and try your luck while enjoying some delicious treats!

Ticket Prices:

- £2.50 per child
- £5.00 per adult

[Book Your Tickets Here](#)

Christmas at APS!

Meet Santa

Saturday 19th December, 10am-3pm
APS, Sension House, Denton Drive



The children will receive time with Santa in the grotto and a present. There will also be an opportunity to have a photo with Santa!

Adults and Children will receive food and unlimited drinks. Food will include: Pastries, waffles, toast, cereals, hot chocolate with marshmallows and juices, tea and coffee.

The price is £5 per person or £2 for any non-eating participants. Please book on all attending. [Book Tickets Here](#)

APS Christmas Gift

Available for all members of APS (including Siblings). Bags will include an assortment of neurodivergent friendly gifts, including one larger themed gift. Please use the link to order yours and to choose from the following themes for your main gift- Bath & Toiletry, Soft Toy, Stationary, Arts & Crafts and Sensory

The deadline for the orders is **Friday 31st October 2026**, with the gifts aiming to be collected from the last week in November. Collection will be either from one of our activities or from the APS office in Northwich.

An **optional donation of £3** would be gratefully received from anyone able to contribute.

[Pick Your Gift Here](#) (Please only choose one main gift option per child)

Christmas Card Competition

Our Christmas Card Competition is Back! 🎄 We're looking for festive, creative designs for this year's APS Christmas cards. The winning design will be professionally printed and sold to raise funds for APS.

Entry Details:

- A5 design
- Festive theme featuring APS
- Your own unique style (drawings, paintings, digital artwork, or mixed media are all welcome!)

Entry Deadline: Sunday 4th October 2026

The winning cards will go on sale from Friday 16th October 2026. and the winner (or winners) will receive a complimentary pack of 8 cards featuring their design, plus a special gift!

You can hand your design in at the APS Office, Northwich, CW9 7LU, or email to info@autismpracticalsupport.org.uk.

Good luck, and we can't wait to see your creations! ✨🎅🎨

Thanks for Your Support

Your membership already helps us make a real difference, thank you. If you'd like to support us further, you can donate or get involved in fundraising. Find out more below:

[Donate](#)

[Fundraise](#)

It doesn't cost anything to help. You can raise awareness by sharing our posts, talking about APS, and spreading the word which will help us reach even more families.



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