

Chase Swimming Club Parent Newsletter

Edition 1 - May 2026



Welcome

Further to Charlotte's email a few weeks back regarding vacancies on the committee, a few of us have put our names forward and attended our first committee meeting on Wednesday 29th April at Cannock Leisure Centre.

Lisa Spink is your newly appointed Parent Liaison Officer, and the committee has decided to introduce a Parent Newsletter to keep you all informed and updated on club developments, staffing, competitions, and upcoming plans. The aim is to issue a newsletter following each committee meeting to share with everyone what had been discussed, and to let you know when the next one will be in case you have anything to raise. The next meeting will take place in June 2026.

Committee members

Chair: Charlotte Killen - ckchair.chasesc@gmail.com

President: Paul Grainger

Secretaries: Sarah Wilson & Cheryl Marrs - information@chasesc.gmail.com

Treasurer: Vacant

Officials coordinator: Michelle - official.chasesc@gmail.com

Members secretary: Sarah Allen (with support from Lou Burton) - membership.chasesc@gmail.com

Welfare officer: Hayley Foley - welfareofficer.chasesc@gmail.com

Meet coordinator: Aid Street - meetsecretary.chasesc@gmail.com

Parent liaison: Lisa Spink

Other committee members: Natalie Kendall, Gareth Jones, Richard Baker

Help urgently needed

As you can see above, the role of treasurer remains vacant and for the club to continue operating, we need to fill this position urgently. If anyone has any accountancy or bookkeeping experience, or knows someone that does, we'd appreciate you reaching out to us. The club is open to remuneration such as waiving swimmers fees.

Officials update

As swimmers continue to progress, we are looking for parents to help out at swimming officials. You don't need previous experience - training will be provided and it's a great way to get more involved with the club.

Roles include: Timekeeping, Turning judge, Stroke judge, Meet administration support.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Michelle.

Coaching update

Adam Whitehouse will cover junior sessions on Mondays and Fridays, and Sundays where possible. The club will also advertise for a Level 2 Junior Coach.

Senior land training previously held on Saturday mornings has paused as Lee is no longer able to run the sessions. Alternative options are being explored.

Discussions are taking place around extra pool time on Fridays at Cheslyn Hay for the Academy squad. Nothing is yet confirmed and we will keep you posted on developments regarding this.

Meets & Season structure

June and July meets targeted: Nova and Derby Excel (long course). The long course season runs from January - July/August after Nationals.

Short course runs from September - December. The Chase Roebuck Meet is planned for October with various other short course meets targeted during this window.

Club championships

Club championship dates are under review pending County Development training confirmation. The County Development Programme is invite-only, targeting specific age groups who achieve set times. Once dates have been confirmed, we will let you know.

Club merchandise

The club is reviewing kit suppliers due to long delays with the current supplier. Designs will remain very similar to our current kit.

National T-shirts will be provided for qualifiers, with Regional T-shirts considered for next year.

Swim Camp - Feb 2027

An overseas swim camp is being considered with Stourbridge SC. To attend, swimmers must be aged 13+ prior to departure for safeguarding purposes. Further information to follow.

Swim shop

A swim shop is being organised at Cheslyn Hay to raise money for the club. If you have any costumes or equipment that are in good condition, please contact a committee member to donate.

Squad criteria

A squad criteria document is being produced to clarify swimmer progression. We hope this will be useful for both parents and swimmers to aim to progress in the sport.

Trophy cabinet

The club is planning to install a trophy cabinet at Cheslyn Hay to showcase the club's achievements.