

# BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 16th December 2022

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## Themed Weeks

At Chapel End Primary School we provide a broad curriculum offer. Part of this offer is for all of our children to learn about events from different religions, traditions, cultures and ways of life from around the globe.

## Week Beginning

19.12.22  
Hannukkah

## Dates for your diary

19.12.22  
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

20.12.22  
KS2 Christmas Party

21.12.22  
Chapel End Rocks Concert  
9.15am

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert  
1.15pm

## Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2022!

On behalf of the staff and governors at Billinge Chapel End Primary School, we would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May 2023 bring you all joy, good health and happiness.



Below are the winners in each class of the poster competition for Billinge Parish Council.

Reception- Emilia Stein (Winner)

4 runners up:

Year 1-Luna McMinnis  
Year 2-Scarlett Fass  
Year 3-Annabel Underhill  
Year 4-Laila Clarke





## Donations at the Big Christmas Sing

This year at the Christmas Big Sing we will be collecting voluntary donations for the charity Mummy's Star. We welcome any donation no matter how large or small, it will all support this very good cause.

# mummy's star

We are the only charity in the UK and Ireland dedicated to supporting women and their families affected by cancer during pregnancy or within 12 months after giving birth.

"Thank you so much for letting me know that I have been eligible for a grant. This means so much to me as I have been struggling to find the money for the additional expenses of counselling sessions and extra petrol. Seeing this made me cry as it is nice to have good news for a change. Thank you so much again. I am so very grateful."

Mummy's Star Mum

"I've just cried reading this. I cannot thank you and your incredible charity enough for the work you do. I will definitely be keeping you up to date on treatment. I'm using the forums and everyone seems so lovely."

Mummy's Star Mum

"Mummy's Star carries an important message for women. They are not alone in this and other people have experienced it too. Practical advice and support means so much more when it comes from those who have the relevant experience."

Richard Simcock, Oncologist



### get involved

The success and ongoing work of Mummy's Star is dependent on the goodwill of our volunteers and the donations we receive, because every penny helps us. Here are some examples of where your fundraising goes:

£30	Childcare for a day
£35	An hours private counselling for a mum
£100	Travel to hospital for treatments
£500	A mini break for a family

Your support enables our small team at Star HQ to continue supporting affected women and their families in a way that is personalised and sensitive to each of the individual's needs.

We have plenty of planned events and fundraising ideas to help you raise money. You can find further information on our website and social media pages or alternatively please get in touch via email.



we're here to help!

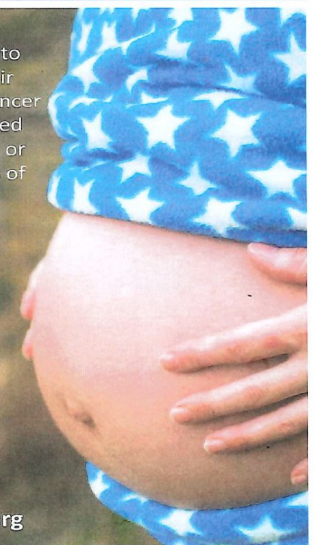
For more information visit [www.mummysstar.org](http://www.mummysstar.org) or email [info@mummysstar.org](mailto:info@mummysstar.org)

Registered charity in England & Wales (1152801), Scotland (SC246446) & Ireland (20106822). Registered Company (18499615)

## cancer & pregnancy

### advice & support

We offer support to any mum and their families where cancer has been diagnosed during pregnancy or within 12 months of giving birth.



[mummysstar.org](http://mummysstar.org)

supporting pregnancy through cancer and beyond



Have you received a diagnosis of cancer during pregnancy or within the 12 months of giving birth?

### for me

The news of a pregnancy or a recent birth is usually an exciting time for all prospective and existing mums. It can however be cruelly interrupted by the news of a cancer diagnosis and the worry that this brings to both you and your wider family. Worse still, this could have also led to the loss of a pregnancy or a baby. Our aim is to help you get the support you need during this upsetting and uncertain time.

We are specifically set up to offer that support if you find yourself in this situation and we hope that by providing a compassionate team along with emotional support, comprehensive information, links to support services and information on employment rights and financial/home claims, we'll be able to help you on your cancer journey.



Has a family member or friend received a cancer diagnosis during pregnancy or within 12 months of giving birth?

### for someone close

A cancer diagnosis can impact in ways that are often unseen for the partner, children, parents, siblings, friendship circles and work colleagues.

People often don't realise that they are struggling to help their loved one and may need support themselves.

We try to offer support in a number of ways, from suggestions as to how you can offer practical help, pick me ups for mum, how to find support for you, information about our grants programme and also advice and support about entitlements that you may be unaware of. We are able to have a support forum for partners and for the wider family to access.



Are you treating a patient with a cancer diagnosis during pregnancy or within 12 months of giving birth?

### for healthcare professionals

Mummy's Star is a useful third sector resource available to provide information, advice and guidance to healthcare professionals caring for women diagnosed with cancer during pregnancy or postnatally.

Please feel free to get in touch and visit our website resource if you are supporting a woman or her family in this situation. Our team is friendly, professional and well-informed and available to take referrals for support, provide information, guidance or simply lend you a compassionate listening ear.

You can also book a free training session with us for your healthcare team. Please contact us for more information.



### How we can support you

- ★ Advice and support with a cancer diagnosis in pregnancy or within the first 12 months of giving birth.
- Links to localised support services.
- Small grants programme.
- Emotional support via our forums.
- Home visits (where possible).
- Financial & employment information.
- Bereavement support.
- Advocacy on behalf of our families.



### Supporting partners, family and friends

- ★ Advice and support to help someone close to you with a cancer diagnosis in pregnancy or within 12 months of giving birth.
- Links to localised support services.
- Info on small grants programme.
- Support for partners, friends and family via our forums.
- Bereavement support.
- Advocacy on behalf of our families.



### Support for healthcare professionals

- ★ Advice and support to help you in caring for patients with a cancer diagnosis in pregnancy or within the first 12 months of giving birth.
- Free training sessions for healthcare teams.
- Links to localised support services.
- Bereavement support.
- Advocacy on behalf of our families.



### Christmas Parties

This year's Christmas parties will be held on the dates below. **All children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.** At around 11am children will be provided with hot bacon/sausage/vegetarian sausage/gluten free barm and then will eat their party food at around 2pm.

If your child is on packed lunches, they will not need to bring one on party day.

If your child is on school meals, they will not need to pay for a school meal on party day. Dinner money for that week will therefore be £5.00.

Nursery, Reception,  
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party

Monday 19th December

Y3/4 Y5/6 Christmas Party Tuesday 20th December



### Christmas Holidays

School closes on Wednesday 21st December. Children may bring in a small, quiet toy of their choice. Please note: school can accept no responsibility for any damage to toys whilst they are on site. School uniform should be worn as normal. School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

### Important Information!!

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, we finish early on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be normal times). Please note on Wednesday 21st December school finishes at the following times:

**1.50pm Nursery, Reception,**

**2.00pm Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**Please ensure you are at school in plenty of time to pick up your child promptly.**

**NB: The last After School Club of the term will be Tuesday 20th December.**

### Early Bird Club

Early Bird Club will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023. The Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £4 per session and should be paid in ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

### Buzz Club

Buzz Club will re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2023. The Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £6 per session and, like the Early Bird Club, should be paid in ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

Please note that these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers, so bookings should be made by the Friday before the week your child is attending, by emailing

## Christmas Nativity

### A Very Special Baby (EYFS) & Bethlehem's Buzzin! (Y1/Y2)

Congratulations to our EYFS and Y1/Y2 pupils who gave two magnificent performances of their nativity plays this week. The children worked really hard to provide us with fantastic productions and never cease to surprise me with their confidence, singing, acting and musical abilities.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work in preparing costumes, scenery and, of course, the production itself.



## Instrumental Lessons

Please find below the new start dates for 2023



<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Starts Again</u>
Strings	11.01.23
Brass	11.01.23



## Autumn Leaves

As we move further into the Autumn months, the nights are drawing in and the leaves are starting to fall, we would like to remind everybody to take extra care when walking on our paths around the school grounds, although every effort is made to keep them clear, with the nature of the setting and being surrounded by trees it isn't always possible and as a result the paths can be quite slippery.

## Volunteers

A number of classes in school need volunteers to help with reading. If you are able to spare a morning or afternoon, or even an hour to help in school, we would be extremely grateful. Please inform Mrs Trivass when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group. Thank you for your support.

## E Safety

I would like to direct all parents and carers to the E Safety section of our school website. Information about how to add parental controls to your child's digital devices along with many more useful tips can be found on there.



### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Luna McMinnis</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Amias Aslam Gallagher</b>	<b>Alfie Armstrong</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Megan Pilling</b>	<b>Ella Tobias</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Ella Bristo</b>	<b>Laila Clarke</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Ty Thomson</b>	<b>William Mather</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Lucy Hladikova</b>	<b>Elle Thomson</b>

### Y6 Residential - 29th to 31st March 2023

Reminder that the cost of the holiday will need to be paid in full on SchoolMoney by Friday 13th January 2023. This is 4 weeks away.

Spending money of 6 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) can be handed to the school office any time from now until March.

We will be arranging a meeting before the February holidays in 2023 where we will give out necessary paperwork and provide you with information such as a kit list etc. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have and discuss, if necessary, any special needs.

## School Diary — Next Week in

### Monday 19th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas party

### Thursday 22nd December

School Closed

### Tuesday 20th December

KS2 Christmas party

### Friday 23rd December

School Closed

### Wednesday 21st December

Chapel End Rocks Concert 9.15am

Christmas Carol Concert 1.15pm

**School closes -**

Nursery and Reception 1.50pm

Years 1-6 2pm



### Term Dates for 2022-2023

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 Sept	Thurs 20 Oct
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 31 Oct	Wed 21 Dec
Spring Term 2023	Wed 4 Jan	Thurs 9 Feb
Spring Term 2023	Mon 20 Feb	Fri 31 March
Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 April	Thurs 25 May
Summer Term 2023	Mon 5 June	Wed 19 July

School also closed:  
May Day—Monday 1st May 2023

### Term Dates for 2023-2024

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2023	Wed 6 Sept	Fri 27 Oct
Autumn Term 2023	Tues 7 Nov	Thurs 21 Dec
Spring Term 2024	Mon 8 Jan	Fri 9 Feb
Spring Term 2024	Mon 19 Feb	Thurs 28 March
Summer Term 2024	Mon 15 April	Thurs 23 May
Summer Term 2024	Mon 3 June	Tues 23 July

School also closed:  
May Day—Monday 6th May 2024

## Change of Meal Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after Christmas, please email school at [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by **Friday 16th December**.

## Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term**. Fish Friday for next half term is **£12.50 (5 weeks)**.

## School Swimming Lessons

We are very pleased to be able to offer all children in Years 5 & 6 the opportunity to visit the swimming baths once a week over half a term period to participate in swimming lessons. Lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

The dates for each year group are as follows:

### Year 6

4th November 22  
11th November 22  
18th November 22  
25th November 22  
2nd December 22  
9th December 22  
16th December 22

### Year 5

24th February 23  
3rd March 23  
10th March 23  
17th March 23  
24th March 23  
31st March 23

The swimming lessons will take place at Queens Park Health & Fitness Centre and transport will be arranged by school.

Below are the swimwear requirements set by the local authority.

*'Pupils should be encouraged to wear swimming caps during the lessons or hair must be tied back. Correct swimwear must be worn at all times.*

*Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two piece at all). No Wet Suits.*

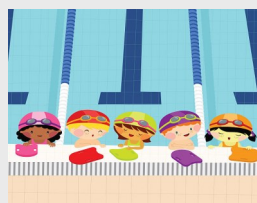
*Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid thigh length with no pockets (no Bermudas or long shorts are acceptable as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). No Wet Suits.*

*No Jewellery to be worn including all types of earrings.*

*Any child attending the pool without the correct equipment will not be allowed to swim.'*

**Any armbands/floats etc will be provided.**

A letter has recently been sent out to parents of Year 6 containing more details and a letter to parents of Year 5 children will be sent out nearer the time.







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of a family  
i can count on

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Love  
me

and  
Listen  
TO me



show  
me The



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LUNCH  
INCLUDED

OPEN TO ALL

**FREE\***

PLACES AVAILABLE

\*For eligible St Helens  
resident children  
(see over)

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# Christmas '22



## Our ComputerXplorers Holiday Tech Clubs

**ComputerXplorers** leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!

# ST HELENS

we are here!



### St Helens Library @ World of Glass Chalon Way E, St Helens, WA10 1BX

We'll be providing fun, exciting and educational activities as part of the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Scheme. This includes a healthy meal and fun, enriching activities for kids over the christmas holidays!

\*Available to eligible St Helens residents in receipt of benefit related free school meals. If you are unsure of eligibility, please speak to your child's school.

**19th-23rd December - 10am-2.30pm**

Stop Motion Animation   Video Game Building   The Mighty Micro:Bit

Scratch Coding

Minecraft

**Weds 28th December - 10am-1pm**

**World of Glass** **MINECRAFT** **Glass Build Challenge**

**29th-30th December - 10am-2.30pm**

App Developer

Robotics

Minecraft

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information  
& bookings: [linktr.ee/compxbolton](https://linktr.ee/compxbolton)



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## Passionate about computing in primary schools

We are passionate about the need to inspire children about computing and know that 'Year 8 is too late' to start that job. Whether you are looking for After School clubs, STEM workshops or computing classes for the whole school for the year or just a few weeks, we have the flexibility to work to suit you.

### WHAT THEY SAY...

"It was an excellent session. Children seemed very fired up and distinctly pleased with their creations. Having an expert teacher who believes in what they are teaching makes a huge difference."

### WHAT THEY SAY...

"Your micro:bit workshops have enthused many of the pupils about the idea of what STEM subjects can be, which has led to an increase in the uptake of our STEM enrichment course. A big plus is the amount of interest amongst girls as they have been a priority for us. I feel it has broken down the barrier towards STEM subjects for a number of the girls."

### WHAT THEY SAY...

"ComputerXplorers Club is extremely popular as it is fun, relevant and up to date with the opportunities it offers. It has supported our Computing curriculum and is led by knowledgeable staff who guide the children well. ComputerXplorers also interacts with the parents, keeping them informed of the topics covered and providing ways they can work with their child. We can highly recommend ComputerXplorers, it is a definite hit and I know it will go on being so!"

### Contact us to find out more:

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## UNIQUE COMPUTING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN



- ★ AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTING CLUBS
- ★ COMPUTING CURRICULUM CLASSES
- ★ STEM WORKSHOPS

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## INSPIRING COMPUTING CLASSES FROM THE TECH SPECIALISTS

Boost children's STEM skills for a great head-start in life

### AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTING CLUBS



- ★ Fun, hands-on and educational
- ★ After school or lunchtime clubs
- ★ Everything from coding and robotics to Minecraft and game design
- ★ Improve STEM enrichment opportunities
- ★ Weekly parent updates
- ★ Aligned with the National Curriculum

Now, more than ever, we need to set our children up to succeed in a technological world.

Igniting the spark that helps transform young people into creators of technology rather than just consumers of it is what we, at ComputerXplorers, do best.

With sessions on everything from coding, robotics and physical computing to web

### COMPUTING CURRICULUM CLASSES



- ★ Specialist delivery of the computing curriculum tailored to your needs
- ★ Educational, engaging, hands-on computing classes
- ★ An added value alternative to PPA cover
- ★ Improve school STEM skills
- ★ Aligned with the National Curriculum

design, creative 3D animation and digital arts there is something to spark every child's creativity.

Our passion for all things tech has already inspired thousands of children across the UK. Working with children of every age from Early Years upwards, we specialise in EYFS and Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.

### STEM WORKSHOPS



- ★ Increase engagement with STEM subjects
- ★ Spark creativity, ignite career possibilities and have fun
- ★ Support curriculum areas such as Maths, DT, Computing, Geography, History and English
- ★ Tailored to your needs: half day, full day, 90 minutes etc.
- ★ Aligned with the National Curriculum

We teach children not only what's behind the technology, but build in critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity and confidence to every class.

Our fun, educational and inclusive sessions ensure children with all levels of abilities and needs are supported to achieve success.

### Just a few of our many programmes

- ★ Creative App Developer
- ★ STEM Inventor
- ★ Robotics
- ★ TV Producer
- ★ Physical Computing
- ★ Stop Motion Animation
- ★ Game Design
- ★ Code Camp
- ★ Python Programming
- ★ Game-based learning with Minecraft
- ★ Junior CSI



**Preparing Children for the Future**





# **CHRISTMAS SING ALONG**



**GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH OUR  
SAINTS SING ALONG!**

**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

**10:00 – 10:45 AM**

**THE TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**

**TICKETS AT JUST £4!**

**SUITABLE FOR AGES 0-2**

**COME DOWN FOR A CHRISTMAS  
SINGALONG AND SENSORY FUN, WITH  
BOOTS, SANTA AND HIS  
CHRISTMAS GROTTO, WITH DIGITAL  
PHOTO OPPURTUNITY**

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# **CHRISTMAS BOOGIE TOTS**



**GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON, AND  
GET IN THE CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH OUR  
SAINTS BOOGIE TOTS!**

**MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

**11:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

**THE TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**

**TICKETS AT JUST £4!  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 0-5  
COME DOWN FOR A CHRISTMAS**

**DANCE AND PARTY, WITH  
BOOTS, SANTA AND HIS  
CHRISTMAS GROTTO, WITH DIGITAL  
PHOTO OPPURTUNITY AND SELECTION  
BOX FOR ALL AT THE END!**

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# **SANTAS WORKSHOP & PARTY**

**TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**THE TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM**

**TICKETS AT JUST £5!**

**SUITABLE FOR AGES 5 – 11**

**COME DOWN TO SANTA'S WORKSHOP,  
FOR A RANGE OF FUN, WITH ARTS AND  
CRAFTS, DISCO, PARTY GAMES  
AND MORE!**

**BOOTS WILL ALSO BE HERE ALONG WITH  
SANTA AND HIS CHRISTMAS GROTTO,  
WITH DIGITAL PHOTO OPPORTUNITY  
AND SELECTION BOX FOR ALL  
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