



# BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



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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

18.09.23

Recycling

25.09.23

Sukkot

4.10.23

Black History

9.10.23

E-Safety

### Dates for your diary

22.09.23

Roald Dahl dress up day  
(wear yellow)

29.09.23

Open Day

3.10.23 & 5.10.23

Parents Evening

7.11.23

Flu Vaccination

# OPEN DAY 2023



Parents



Carers



Families

## Billinge Chapel End

## Primary School

Friday 29th September 2023

9:30AM – 11AM

[Chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:Chapelend@sthelens.org.uk)

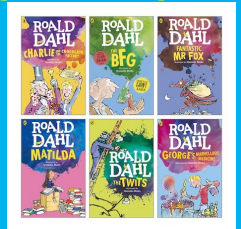


[www.facebook.com/chapelendbillinge](https://www.facebook.com/chapelendbillinge)

School Open Day

## Roald Dahl

It is tradition at Billinge Chapel End that we celebrate the works of Roald Dahl in the month of his birthday which is September. This year we are celebrating his works on Friday 22nd September. Children can attend school in either clothing matching his favourite colour 'YELLOW' or a favourite Roald Dahl character dress up.



EYFS have PE on a Friday so please could they wear trainers on this day.

## Team Captains

The new team captains have now been elected from Y6

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice-Captain</u>
Emerald	Megan Leigh	Ty Thomson
Ruby	Joe Piert	Charlotte Ford
Sapphire	Amaya Aslam	William McMinn
Topaz	Mason Leigh	William Mather



## Wow — The Walk to School Challenge

REMINDER: We are once again taking part in the Living Streets Walk to School Challenge. We are trying to encourage as many children as we can to walk, park and stride, cycle or scoot to school. Your child will log how they have travelled each day, if they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they will be rewarded with a badge.



## Toddler Group

Our very popular toddler group is now up and running again. Sessions are every Wednesday morning at 9:30am-11am and is £2 per child.

There are play activities, songs and rhymes for the children and hot drinks, biscuits and toast available for adults (the children have biscuits too).

We look forward to seeing you there !



## Admissions to Secondary School - September 2024

Parents of current Year 6 pupils will have received a paper copy application form to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Please hand any completed forms into the School Office. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FORM IS FOR ST HELENS RESIDENTS ONLY. IF YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT BOROUGH (ie IF YOU PAY YOUR COUNCIL TAX TO A COUNCIL THAT IS NOT ST HELENS) YOU NEED TO APPLY ONLINE ON THAT COUNCIL WEBSITE (eg Wigan residents should apply at [www.wigan.gov.uk](http://www.wigan.gov.uk)).



## Y6 Residential - 20th to 22nd May 2024

### Manor Adventure, Willersley Castle, Peak District

For the children that are attending the Y6 residential in May 2024, the payment balance has now been added to your child's SchoolMoney account. It has been set up so that you can pay as much as you want, when you want, but must be paid in full by 31st March 2024.

Spending money of 3 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) can be handed to the school office any time from now until May.

A meeting will be arranged for April 2024 with detailed information regarding activities, room arrangements and kit lists. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have and discuss, if necessary, any special needs.



### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

**Nursery**

**Alfie Westwell**

**Vinnie Barlow**

**Reception**

**Hudson Cartwright**

**Olivia Mellor**

**Y1**

**Arthur Kavanagh**

**Bobby O'Toole**

**Y2**

**Lilly Haworth**

**Kevin Ujj**

**Y3**

**Molly Haworth**

**Isabelle Mills**

**Y4**

**Oliver Gaskell**

**Leela Kavanagh**

**Y5**

**Daniel Partington**

**Isla Jackman**

**Y6**

**William McMinn**

**Amayiya Aslam**

### School Diary — Next Week in School

#### Monday 18th September

Multi sports Years 1 & 2 (1 of 5)

#### Thursday 21st September

Football Years 3, 4 & 5 (1 of 6)

Swimming Year 5 (2 of 12)

#### Tuesday 19th September

Football Years 1 & 2 (1 of 6)

#### Friday 22nd September

Roald Dahl Day

#### Wednesday 20th September

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Judo 12.15-1pm



### 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

**Our school Value of this half term  
is Kindness**





### School opening hours

Reminder - start time of the school day is 8:45am for all classes.

Doors will open at 8:40am and it is expected that all children are settled for registration at 8:45am.

Classroom doors will be closed at 8:55am and children arriving after this time will come through the office and be marked as late.

Nursery 15 hours children will be collected at 11:40am, with 30 hours children being collected at 3pm. The EYFS door will remain open from 3pm- 3:15pm so Reception children can be collected.

The end of the school day for children Year 1—Year 6 is 3:15pm

### Attendance and holiday requests

The Local Authority and DFE are now working very closely with schools to ensure that all children are attending school regularly and consistently. If a child is missing school regularly or is persistently late their academic progress can be seriously jeopardised. For example; a child with a 90% attendance rate at the end of the year will have missed four whole weeks of school and 100 hours of learning opportunities. As a school, we have a threshold agreed with the LA of **96%** attendance as a minimum and our Attendance Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold.

### Earrings

It is school policy that children do not wear earrings in school, this includes earrings with plasters covering them. We would like to ask all parents/carers to remove children's earrings before they arrive at school. Teachers are authorised to support children in removing earrings if they wear them in school.



### PE Kit

Just a reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they will be doing PE.

EYFS Friday

Y1 Monday

Y2 Monday

Y3 Monday

Y4 Thursday

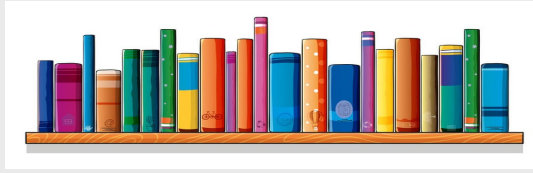
Y5 Thursday

Y6 Wednesday



### 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 email the School Office when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group. Thank you for your support.



### Instrumental Tuition at Chapel End Primary School

**We are delighted to let you know that The Schools Music Service will be returning to provide instrumental music tuition from this term onwards.**

**We currently offer classes on guitar, keyboard and violin in school, in small group half hour sessions, during the school day.**

**It is our belief that music greatly enriches the life of a child, both academically and socially.**

**If you would like more information about classes here is a link to their website where you can see how everything works - [www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk)**

**If you know what instrument your child would like to learn, or you have learned with them before, you can register for classes on their website and they will sort everything out for you.**

**Please watch their short video for more information.**

**Also, if your child has had music tuition with them in the previous academic year, please ensure that you have made a new application for this year's tuition to put them back onto the teacher's pupil list.**



### POLITE REMINDER

Please note that unless you have a blue badge or have an arranged agreement with Mr Hewitt, parking on the school car park is not permitted.

Should you have a badge and haven't already done so, please bring to the school office so we can we take a copy for our records.



### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £6 per session and should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

### After School Club

After School Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £8 per session and, like the Breakfast Club, should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

Both of these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers.

IMPORTANT—We do have procedures in place for booking places in both of these clubs. Firstly, please email school by 1.00pm on a Friday for the sessions you would like booking for the following week ([chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk)). The costs for both clubs are shown above. When you book by email you then need to total the cost of your sessions and add this to your child's SchoolMoney account. You can add this in the Club top-up section on the account.

If you need to attend Breakfast Club in an emergency, on a day that you haven't booked, please ring Breakfast Club on that morning and see if there is a place available. Likewise, if you need After School Club and you haven't booked in please ring school and we can see if there is a space.

If you need to cancel a booking on the day please ring school and speak to a member of staff to inform them that you don't need the place on that day. This place can then be offered to another child. If you need to cancel a future booking you can do this by email.

Please be aware that staff have the authority to refuse a booking if the SchoolMoney account is not up to date.

### Change of Meal Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after half term, please email school at [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by Wednesday 25th October.

Please note that meal arrangements can only be changed after each school holiday.

### Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term.**

Fish Friday for this term is **£20.00 (8 weeks).**



## School Swimming Lessons

Lessons will take place for Year 5 children on Thursday mornings from September to December.

The dates are as follows:

14th September 2023

21st September 2023

28th September 2023

5th October 2023

12th October 2023

19th October 2023

9th November 2023

16th November 2023

23rd November 2023

30th November 2023

7th December 2023

14th December 2023

The swimming lessons will take place at Ashton Leisure 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.**





# MUSIC SERVICE ENSEMBLES AT ST HELENS TOWN HALL

## 2023 - 24 FREE!

### TUESDAY...

VOCAL GROUP

4.30PM - 5.50PM

### WEDNESDAY

WIDER  
OPPORTUNITIES BAND

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE  
WIND BAND

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE  
STRINGS

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

4PM - 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

YOUTH WIND  
ORCHESTRA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

SINFONIA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

5.15PM - 6.30PM

### TUESDAY...

ROCK & POP BAND

4.30PM - 5.50PM



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BELOW TO JOIN AND  
REGISTER TODAY



St Helens Music Education Hub are delighted to share their range of ensemble for 23/24 that they provide FREE for all students who live in the Borough.

Any students that learn a musical instrument, from the real beginners right through to the more advanced musicians, are welcome. Their Vocal Group on Tuesdays is open to any student who enjoys or would like to explore singing.

### Uniform Orders

New uniforms can be ordered through school. Uniform order forms are available from the dispenser in the entrance hall and on Chapel End Spider, in the virtual office. Please return your orders to school, we will then add the cost of your order onto your child's **SchoolMoney** account to enable you to make payment. Please write your child's name clearly on the order form, as this will be printed on the label inside the garments you order. Please ensure the form is completed correctly i.e. size and item required.

### School Uniform

A full list is given below. Children may continue to wear Summer uniform throughout September as September is often quite warm but all pupils should be in full Winter uniform by the second half of the Autumn term.

#### Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.  
White polo T-shirt  
Grey trousers  
Grey short-trousers in summer  
Plain grey socks  
Black school shoes

#### Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.  
White polo T-shirt  
Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers  
Red gingham dress in summer (red and white checks)  
Grey tights  
White socks (recommended for Summer) Grey socks (recommended for Winter)  
Black Shoes

#### PE Kits

Your child will participate in PE lessons on specified days each week. Parents will be informed which days their child has PE and children can wear their PE kit all day. If a child has an after-school PE club, they will wear their uniform and change into their kit at the end of the school day.

Plain white round neck T-shirt  
Plain red shorts  
Plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie  
Plain black jogging bottoms  
Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.

**For more information on PE, swimming, hair etc please read our Uniform Policy on Chapel End Spider under Essential Information, Policies.**



# Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

## Free School Meals

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you (or your partner) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit and net earnings, from your last assessment period, is not more than £616.67 per month. (If your household's net earnings change each month then they should not exceed £1,233.34 in the last two consecutive months or £1,850 in the past 3 months).

Once eligible, your child will continue to receive free school meals in primary or secondary school until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary (Year 6) or secondary (Year 11). After this period, you may need to re-apply.

## Pupil Premium

Your child's school will also receive additional funding if you are in receipt of a qualifying award listed above. It is therefore important that you claim free school meals and the pupil premium even if your child does not wish to take a school meal.

## Important note for parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2

As you are aware, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Parents and carers who receive the qualifying benefits (listed above) should still make an application for free school meals. This is because our school can get additional government funding dependent on the number of children that qualify for statutory free school meals (based on your entitlement to certain benefits and awards).

**Even if your child does not wish to take a universal free meal please still claim to enable school to get the funding.**

## **How to Apply**

You can apply online as part of your initial claim for housing benefit / council tax reduction or you can complete the separate free school meals application form. Your eligibility will be checked to claim free school meals electronically so you will not normally need to provide supporting evidence. If you are successful you and our school will be informed of the decision.

## **Contact details**

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Write to:	St Helens Council, Revenues and Benefits, PO Box 10592, Nottingham NG6 6DP
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