



# 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

29.01.24  
What is fair?

05.02.24  
Children's mental health week

19.02.24  
Rights and Respect

26.02.24  
School Governors

### Dates for your diary

02.02.24  
NSPCC Number Day

09.02.24  
School closes for half term

19.02.24  
School re-opens

26.02.24  
Parents evening (Y1 & Y2)

27.02.24  
Parents evening  
(Whole school except Y1)

29.02.24  
Parents evening  
(Whole school except Y2)

## Uniform Policy Updates and Reminders

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of updates that have been agreed by the School's Governing Body in relation to parts of our school uniform policy, and to give reminders about parts that remain the same. I have taken parent and staff feedback to our Governing board and the following updates have been confirmed:

### **Updates (highlighted in bold)**

#### Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear necklaces, bracelets, anklets or rings to school, with an exception being made for objects of religious significance. Applications for these to be worn should be made to the Headteacher and we may ask the children to remove these objects during PE if possible. **Clear, plastic, small stud earrings with safety backs are permitted in school. Parents and Carers who send their child into school wearing clear, plastic, small stud earrings do so at their own risk. School will not take any responsibility to earring-related injuries, or loss of earrings, with full accountability being placed upon parents and carers.**

#### Watches

Children are permitted to wear watches in school. If this is a 'smart' watch which can support the monitoring of fitness during the day, then they are permitted during PE lessons if permission from parents has been obtained by the teacher. **Watches with the functionality to record videos or take photographs are not permitted in school.**

Many Thanks

*C. Hewitt*

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Headteacher

## Y6 Booster Classes

In preparation for the Year 6 children's SATS in May, Booster classes are on Thursdays (except 27.03.24) 3.15-4.30pm and will cover Maths and English. Children are invited to bring an additional snack and drink to have at 3.15pm before their class begins.

Thursday 1st February

Thursday 8th February

After February half term, the sessions will be on the following dates:

Thursday 22nd February

Thursday 29th February

Thursday 7th March

Thursday 14th March

Thursday 21st March

Wednesday 27th March

After the Easter holidays, the sessions will be on the following dates:

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 25th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 9th May

## 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 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. THIS IS 9 WEEKS AWAY.

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.

## 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.

## Dates for the Diary

### February

Friday 2nd February — NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 6th February — Young Voices

Friday 9th February — School closes for half term

Monday 19th February—School re-opens

Monday 26th February & Thursday 29th February — Year 1 Parents Evening (please note change of dates)

Monday 26th February & Tuesday 27th February —Year 2 Parents Evening (please note change of dates)

Tuesday 27th February — Parents Evening (EYFS & KS2)

Thursday 29th February — Parents Evening (EYFS & KS2)

### March

Thursday 7th March — World Book Day

Friday 15th March — Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Friday 22nd March — Non-uniform Day (chocolate donation)

Tuesday 26th March — Easter Bingo

Thursday 28th March — EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March — School closes for half term at 2pm

### April

Monday 15th April — School re-opens

Tuesday 23rd April — Leavers Photos

### May

Monday 6th May — Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May — Friday 17th May SATS week

Monday 20th May — Wednesday 22nd May - Year 6 Residential

Thursday 23rd May — EYFS & KS1 Sports Day (am) and KS2 (pm)

Thursday 23rd May — School closes for half term

### June

Monday 3rd June — School re-opens

Wednesday 12th June — Year 1 & 2 end of Year School trip

Friday 14th June — Year 3 & 4 end of year school trip

### July

Friday 5th July — Summer Fair

Wednesday 17th July — Year 6 production

Tuesday 23rd July — Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 23rd July — School closes at 2pm

### September

Wednesday 4th September — School re-opens



### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

**Nursery**

**Evie Semmens**

**Polly Green**

**Reception**

**Gianna Gill**

**Owen Dale**

**Y1**

**Darcy Hughes**

**Emilia Stein**

**Y2**

**Kevin Ujj**

**Matilda Campbell**

**Y3**

**Olivia Hawkes-Scott**

**Alfie Baddeley**

**Y4**

**Harmony Slater**

**Annabel Underhill**

**Y5**

**Ruby Ball**

**Ava Hopkins**

**Y6**

**Izaak Killa**

**Jayden Baddeley**

### Class Attendance for w/c 15th January

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	96.7
Reception	94.2
Year One	97.3
Year Two	97.4
Year Three	97.4
Year Four	99.1
Year Five	94.4
Year Six	95.6

Well done to Nursery, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 for hitting our 96% attendance target!!

### 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 Montrose when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group.



## School Diary — Next Week in School

### Monday 29th January

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Multisports (3 of 10)

### Tuesday 30th January

Years 4, 5 & 6 Dance 3.20-4pm (4 of 5)

Steve's Boccia and Kurling Years 1 and 2 (3 of 9)

Keyboard and Guitar lessons

### Wednesday 31st January

Toddler Group 9.30-11am

Archery 12.15-1pm (3 of 4)

NO Strings lessons

Athlete visiting—Sports for Schools

### Thursday 1st February

Steve's circuit training Years 3, 4 and 5 (3 of 9)

Drumming lessons

Year 6 Booster Class 3.15-4.30pm

### Friday 2nd February

Choir 12-12.30pm

NSPCC Number Day



### Term Dates for 2023-2024

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

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

### Term Dates for 2024-2025

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<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Wed 4 Sept	Thurs 24 Oct
<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Mon 4 Nov	Fri 20 Dec
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Mon 6 Jan	Thurs 13 Feb
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 4 April
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	Tues 22 April	Thurs 22 May
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	Mon 2 June	Tues 22 July

School also closed:  
May Day—Monday 5th May 2025

These term date cards are available to collect  
at the school office.

Our school value for this half term is **RESILIENCE**.



### 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

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

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 7th February.

### Fish Friday Payments

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

Please note Fish Friday for this half term is **£13.00 (5 weeks).**





## YEAR 6 TRANSITION FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on [LASCSttransitions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:LASCSttransitions@sthelens.gov.uk) so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differences between Primary &amp; Secondary</li> <li>Independence &amp; Preparation</li> <li>Travel to school</li> <li>Next Steps</li> </ul>
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a transition?</li> <li>Managing change</li> <li>Developing independence</li> </ul>
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managing worries &amp; nerves</li> <li>Emotions Scales</li> <li>Looking for the positives</li> </ul>
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being Prepared</li> <li>One Page Profiles</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Preparation &amp; Practice</li> </ul>

Exciting News! St Helens StoryFest is just around the corner, bringing magic, laughter, and adventure to our February Half Term! ✨

Join us for a Wondrous Storytelling Festival, featuring a host of shows perfect for the entire family.

Starting on Saturday 10th until 17th February 2024 we (St Helens Library Service), in partnership with Wonder Arts, are bringing you performances for all the family, from a Royal Fancy Garden Contest, to a playful show about (mis)understanding the rules to a family-friendly physical comedy about Art and everything in between.

Tickets are £3.10 each or £10 for a group of 4.

Book online at [www.wonderarts.co.uk](http://www.wonderarts.co.uk)

# St Helens StoryFest

10th - 17th February

A **Wondrous** Storytelling Festival for Families

Tickets **£3.10** or **£10** for a group of 4. Book online at [wonderarts.co.uk](http://wonderarts.co.uk)

Kid Carpet:

**The Noisy  
Garden Centre**



**St Helens Library**

Saturday 10th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Daryl & Co:

**Boxed In**



**Chester Lane Library**

Monday 12th February  
2.30pm

Angel Exit Theatre:

**Book Club for  
Super Spies**



**Haydock & Moss Bank Libraries**

Tuesday 13th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hands Down Circus:

**Tape That**



**Thatto Heath Library**

Wednesday 14th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hurly Burly:

**You are the Sun**



**Chester Lane Library**

Thursday 15th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm

Oliver Sykes:

**Fishing for Rainbows**



**Eccleston Library**

Friday 16th February  
10.30am

Crows Nest Theatre:

**Is that a Yeti Hetty?**



**Eccleston Library**

Friday 16th February  
11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm & 2.00pm

Oliver Sykes:

**Creative Writing  
Workshop**



**Eccleston Library**

Friday 16th February  
2.30pm

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**SPLAT!**



**Newton Le Willows Library**

Saturday 17th February  
10.30am & 2.30pm