



# BILLINGE CHAPEL END



— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 15th March 2024

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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

18.03.24  
Holi

25.03.24  
Easter

## Dates for your diary

22.03.24  
Non-Uniform  
(chocolate donation)

26.03.24  
Easter Bingo 3.30-5pm

28.03.24  
EYFS & KS1  
Easter Bonnet Parade

28.03.24  
School Closes for half term  
1.50/2pm



## Easter Bingo



# EASTER BINGO

Refreshments available

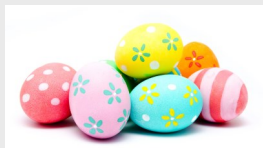
Raffle

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
3.30pm - 5.00pm.  
£3.00

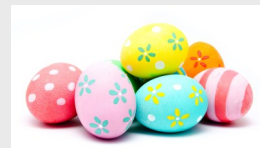
Please note this is not a child-only event. All family members are welcome. EVERYONE who is attending needs a ticket. Tickets are available at the school office.

Our school Value of this half term is LOVE





## PTFA Spring Term Events



### Easter Bingo

On **Friday 22nd March** we will be holding a non-uniform day. The children will be able to attend school in their own clothes in return for a donation of a small Easter Egg or a chocolate bar. These donations will then be used as prizes for Easter Bingo.

Easter Bingo will take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - 3.30-5.00pm.

Tickets are priced at £3 each and include several games of bingo. There will also be a raffle and refreshments available. In order for us to be able to comply with Fire Regulations and also to make sure that we can comfortably seat everybody, everyone attending needs to purchase a ticket. Tickets are on sale at the school office. Please try to ensure you have the correct change when purchasing your tickets. Thank you.



### Nursery & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade



It is traditional at Chapel End to hold an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' for all Nursery and KS1 children. This will take place on **Thursday 28th March** and we very much hope that all children will participate.

We hope that, with your help, your child will make a simple Easter or Spring hat to bring to school on that day. Small prizes will be given to the 'best' ones in each class. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the children will be able to go home wearing their decorated hat. Please speak with your child's teacher if you require any further information.

### 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 2 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.

You have received a letter about an information meeting on Tuesday 16th April. Please complete and return the reply slip ASAP. Thank you.

### 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 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

### Important -Advanced 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 Thursday 28th March 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 Wednesday 27th March.**



### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Raffy Brown</b>	<b>Annie Comiskey</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>George Smith</b>	<b>Alice Hill</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Betsy Barlow</b>	<b>Luke Gardner</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Poppy O'Neill</b>	<b>Everyone!</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Madoc Hughes</b>	<b>Ayat Aman</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Max Roberts</b>	<b>Ollie Lees</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Louie Wood</b>	<b>Charlie Dunn</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Megan Roberts</b>	<b>Benjamin Lees</b>

### Class Attendance for w/c 4th March

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	94.2
Reception	97.4
Year One	98.8
Year Two	98.3
Year Three	98.7
Year Four	94.8
Year Five	99.4
Year Six	87.5

**The national target for attendance in Primary schools is 96%**

**Well done to Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 5 for hitting our 96% attendance target!!**

**By continuing to work together I am sure that we can get all classes meeting 96%.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### 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. 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.

## School Diary — Next week in School

### Monday 18th March

Reception, Years 1 & 2 Multisports (9 of 10) 3.15-4.15pm  
Phonics Workshop 9am

### Tuesday 19th March

Keyboard and Guitar lessons  
Steve's Boccia & Kurling Years 1 & 2 (9 of 9) 3.15-4.20pm  
Football Year 5/6 3.15-4.15pm

### Wednesday 20th March

Toddler Group 9.30-11am  
Netball KS2 3.15-4.15pm  
String lessons

### Thursday 21st March

Steve's circuit training Years 3, 4 & 5 (9 of 9) 3.15-4.20pm  
Drumming lessons  
Year 6 Booster Class 3.15-4.30pm  
Phonics Workshop 9am

### Friday 22nd March

Non-Uniform Day (chocolate donation)



### 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

	Opens on	Closes on
<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.

## Dates for the Diary

### March

Friday 22nd March—Non-uniform Day (chocolate donation)  
Tuesday 26th March—Easter Bingo 3.30-5pm  
Thursday 28th March—EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade  
Thursday 28th March—School closes for half term 1.50/2pm

### April

Monday 15th April—School re-opens  
Tuesday 16th April—Year 6 Residential meeting 3.15pm  
Friday 19th April—Open Day 9.30-11.30am  
Tuesday 23rd April—Leavers photos  
Friday 26th April—Grandparents' Afternoon Tea 2pm

### May

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday  
Monday 13th—Friday 17th May — SATS week  
Monday 20th —Wednesday 22nd May — Year 6 Residential  
Thursday 23rd May—EYFS & KS1 Sports Day (am) & 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 1.50/2pm

### September

Wednesday 4th September — School re-opens

## 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.

The next time your child can change their meal arrangements is after the Easter holiday.

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after Easter, please email school at [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by Tuesday 26th March.



## Fish Friday Payments

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

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



## School Uniform Shop

Our onsite uniform shop is open in the foyer. Parents and carers are able to purchase items of uniform for £2 each or 3 for £5. All polo shirts are 2 for £1.

Any items purchased can be paid in cash or on School Money, Thank you.





## 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 [LASCStransitions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:LASCStransitions@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>



# EASTER TECH CLUBS

## Computer Xplorers

Leading the way in  
providing tech-based  
activities that are both  
inspirational and  
educational!


**CODING-LEGO ROBOTICS-GAME DESIGN-MINECRAFT & MORE**

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**OPEN TO ALL-**

**ComputerXplorers Tech Club**

 Rainford High School  
Higher Lane, Rainford, WA11 8NY  
 2nd-11th April 2024

 9am or 11am-3pm

Join us to embark on a fun-filled journey into the world of coding, gaming, and creativity! Both paid and funded\* places are available to book for kids aged 5-15.

**FREE  
PLACES\***





**HAF EXCLUSIVE\*-**


**Minecraft Big Biome Builds!**

 St Helen's Library  
World of Glass, Chalon Way, WA10 1BX  
 3rd-5th April

 10am-2pm

 Newton Le Willows Library  
Crow Lane E, WA12 9TX

 10th-12th April

 10am-2pm

Build, explore and create with us this Easter. Funded\* places only available to book for kids aged 5-15.



\*FREE places available to those eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child in Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school.

**BOOK!** Visit the link or scan the code-  
**[computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan/book](https://computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan/book)**

Questions? Email us- [bolton@computerexplorers.co.uk](mailto:bolton@computerexplorers.co.uk)



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ST HELENS  
BOROUGH COUNCIL





**BILLINGE SCOUTS PRESENT**



**FRIDAY  
29TH MARCH, 2024**

# **VILLAGE EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT 2024**



**Looking for a fun and exciting way to celebrate  
Easter 2024 with your family? Look no further  
than our Easter Scavenger Hunt event!**

**STALLS  
EASTER EGGS ON COMPLETION  
REFRESHMENTS**

**10AM - 2PM STARTING AT BILLINGE  
PARISH HALL.**

**£3  
PER CHILD**



£8 adult one ADULT only



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

## QUIZ NIGHT

AT GARSWOOD UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB, GARSWOOD

FUND RAISER FOR  
25TH ST. HELENS BILLINGE SCOUT GROUP

HOT FOOD INCLUDED IN THE PRICE  
QUIZ INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

STAND UP BINGO (PAY ON THE NIGHT FOR YOUR TICKETS)  
RAFFLE (PAY ON THE NIGHT FOR YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS)  
FOOTBALL CARDS (EXTRA COST TO ENTER)  
DJ/MUSIC  
SCOUTS VERY OWN COMPERE

APRIL 15TH 7:00 PM

GARSWOOD ROAD, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD,

WIGAN, WN4 0XA

Adult Ticket £8 each

Child Non-Scout Member £4 each

Child Scout Member £2 each

Please contact our GSL

Markyp4@yahoo.com





25TH STHELENS

# LET'S SCOUT IN BILLINGE

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

25TH APRIL 6 - 8:30PM

BISPHAM HALL SCOUT ESTATE, BILLINGE

**BEAVERS**

Age 6 - 8

**cubs**

Age 8 - 10.5

**Scouts**

Age 10.5 - 14

We have a variety of fun-filled activities for scouts to earn badges, learn something exciting, and have fun.

### OUR ACTIVITIES

- Day Trips
- Badge Programs
- Overnight Camping

### OUR FEATURES

- Certified Trainer
- Indoors in winter
- Outdoor woodland in summer



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