



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

22.04.24

St George

29.04.24

Local History

6.05.24

Sun Awareness

13.05.24

Mental Health

Dates for your diary

23.04.24

School Photos

26.04.24

Grandparents' Afternoon Tea 2pm

6.05.24

BANK Holiday
(School closed)

13-17.05.24

Sats Week

20-22.05.24

Year 6 residential

Welcome Back!

I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back! We hope you have had a great half term. We look forward, as always, to working in partnership with our parents and carers this Summer.



We start the term by announcing amazing news! Chapel End Primary School has been listed in The Sunday Times top 500 schools in the country. Well done to the whole school community for achieving this accolade!



[England's](#)

[primary schools revealed \(thetimes.co.uk\)](https://www.thetimes.co.uk)

[top 500](#)



This half term our PSHE/Coram Scarf lessons will focus on 'Being my Best'. Here are some of the themes the children will be exploring....

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Keeping my body healthy - food, exercise, sleep Growth Mindset	Growth Mindset Healthy eating Hygiene and health Cooperation	Growth Mindset Looking after my body Hygiene and health Exercise and sleep	Keeping myself healthy and well Celebrating and developing my skills Developing empathy	Having choices and making decisions about my health Taking care of my environment My skills and interests	Growing independence and taking ownership Keeping myself healthy Media awareness and safety My community	Aspirations and goal setting Managing risk Looking after my mental health

School Photographs

Academy Photography are visiting school next **Tuesday 23rd April** to take class photos, leavers individual photos and individual photos of any children who have joined us since September. Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.



Y6 Booster Classes

In preparation for the Year 6 children's SATS in May, Booster classes are on Thursdays 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 25th April, Thursday 2nd May, Thursday 9th May

Y6 Residential - 20th to 22nd May 2024 Manor Adventure, Willersley Castle, Peak District

A reminder for children that are attending the Y6 residential in May 2024, that spending money of 3 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) needs to be handed into the office.

PTFA News

Thank you to all that came to support our Easter Bingo. We raised an amazing amount of £640. Many thanks for your continued support.



Bedding Plants

Please note that Bedding Plant order forms need to be given to Mrs Marsh today. Thank you.



Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group will be on each Wednesday until 22nd May.
(except on Wednesday 15th May due to SATS week)

Wednesday 22nd will be our last Toddler Group until further notice.



Billinge Juniors U8 team

Billinge Juniors U8 team are looking for players for next season. If you are currently in year 3 and looking to join a football team, please get in touch with Andrew on 07900 380147.

Training is on Wednesday and matches are on Saturday.

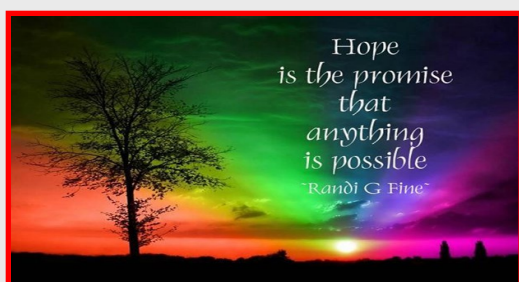


Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6th May.



Our school Value of this half term is HOPE





Pupil of the Week

Wonder Wall

Nursery

Emilia Grundy

Oscar Allen

Reception

Alice Charge

Edith Raven

Y1

Darcie-Grace Bridge

Lyla Barker

Y2

Esmae Gough

Harry Hudson

Y3

Freddie Robertson

Molly Haworth

Y4

Darcy Brown

Daisy Chisnall

Y5

Freddy Haworth

Maddie Turnbull

Y6

Tim Martindale

Megan Leigh

Class Attendance for w/c 25th March

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	94.8
Reception	100
Year One	100
Year Two	98.4
Year Three	94.6
Year Four	94.3
Year Five	90.2
Year Six	91.9

The national target for attendance in Primary schools is 96%

Congratulations to Reception and Year 1 for hitting 100%! WOW!!!

Well done to Year 2 for hitting our 96% attendance target!!

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

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



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 22nd April

Reception, Years 1 & 2 Mini Olympics (2 of 5) 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 23rd April

Keyboard and Guitar lessons

School photos

Steve's Football Reception, 1 & 2 (2 of 10) 3.15-4.20pm

Wednesday 24th April

Toddler Group 9.30-11am

Fencing lessons 12.15-1pm

Netball KS2 3.15-4.15pm

String lessons

Thursday 25th April

Steve's Football Year's 3, 4 & 5 (2 of 10)

Year 6 Booster class 3.15-4.30pm

Friday 26th April

Grandparents' Afternoon Tea 2pm



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

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Autumn Term 2024	Mon 4 Nov	Fri 20 Dec
Spring Term 2025	Mon 6 Jan	Thurs 13 Feb
Spring Term 2025	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 4 April
Summer Term 2025	Tues 22 April	Thurs 22 May
Summer Term 2025	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

April

Tuesday 23rd April—Leavers photos

Friday 26th April—Grandparents' Afternoon Tea 2pm

May

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday (school closed)

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

Monday 24th June—Year 5 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). 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 Whit holiday.

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after Whit, please email school at chapelend@sthelens.org.uk by **Tuesday 21st May**.



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)**.



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.





• COULD YOU CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD?

**If you have a spare bedroom,
and are over 21 years old, you
could foster for St Helens.**

• **Get in touch, to find out more
sthelens.gov.uk/fostering
or call 01744 671146**



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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. Can i foster?

A. Anyone over the age of 21 can apply to foster

Q. Am i Too old to foster?

A. There is no upper age limit to foster

Q. Do i need experience with children to foster?

A. No! Not everyone has experience with children. We provide all the training and support that you will need to foster.

Q. Can i foster if i am gay?

A. Yes! Anyone can apply to foster, regardless of sexual orientation. What is important is the life that you could offer a child.

Q. Can i foster if i work?

A. Yes! Working carers can provide a structured family life for children.

Q. I'm on benefits - can i foster?

A. Yes! Anyone can apply to foster, whether you are living on benefits, working part time, working full time or are retired.

Q. Do i need a spare room?

A. Yes. All children requiring foster placements require their own bedroom. However, foster carers can care for a baby in their bedroom up until the child reaches 24 months.



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A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair and a young girl with brown hair, both smiling and whispering to each other. The woman is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right, who has her hand over her mouth in a classic 'whisper' gesture.

DO SOMETHING LIFE CHANGING...

MAKE SPECIALIST FOSTER CARE YOUR CAREER

♥ **WEEKLY FEE AND ALLOWANCE UP TO £1,000**

♥ **EXTENSIVE TRAINING**

♥ **EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT**

CONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT MORE.



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Q. What is the difference between a Specialist Foster Carer and a Foster Carer?

- A. Our specialist carers have the skills and experience to care for children with complex and challenging needs and can support children to reintegrate into a family home environment from residential care homes. UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children) and Parent and Child placements also come under our Specialist Foster Carer provision.

Q. Could I be a specialist foster carer?

- A. If you are over the age of 21 and have prior experience working with children and young people who have experienced trauma and abuse, then you could be considered for this role.

Q. What support will I receive?

- A. You will receive specialist training and support from a range of professionals. You will receive a fostering fee of up to £1000 per week.

Q. Could I continue to work?

- A. The fees provided to our specialist carers enable at least one carer to focus on fostering full time, without having any other work commitments. This means financial stability for the carer and consistent care to the child or young person.

Q. I have the experience but would like to provide short breaks care/respire. Can I apply?

- A. Yes! Our full-time specialist carers and the children they care for need additional support at times and if you can offer short term/respire care, then please enquire.

Q. Do I need a spare room?

- A. Yes. Children being placed will require their own bedroom.



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