

# BILLINGE CHAPEL END

## — SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23rd September 2022

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Email: [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk)



### 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

26.9.22

Michael and All Angels

3.10.22

Black History

10.10.22

Sukkot

17.10.22

Conflict and resolution

### Date for your diary

Parents Evenings:

11.10.22 / 13.10.22

Christmas Fair

2.12.22



## E-safety



E-safety is always high on our agenda here at Chapel End Primary School. May I direct you to our E-safety section of the school website where you can find a newly published booklet relating to parental controls within the home.

[Billinge Chapel End Primary School: E-Safety](#)

Our school value for this half term is  
**KINDNESS**



### Admissions to Secondary School - September 2023

Parents of current Year 6 pupils can now apply online for a secondary school place for September 2023. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and education/school admissions/applying for secondary schools for 2023.](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/applying-for-secondary-schools-for-2023)



### Admissions to Primary School - September 2023

To qualify for admission to Reception in September 2023, children must be aged four on or before 31st August 2023.

Online applications are now open and the closing date is 15th January 2023.

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and education/school admissions/ applying for primary schools for 2023.](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/applying-for-primary-schools-for-2023)



### Admissions to Nursery - January, April & September 2023

If your child turns three after 31st August 2022 and you wish to apply for January, April or September 2023 admission please email [schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk) to request an online application form as the online system has now closed.



# Rainford High Open Evening 2022

Families of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend Rainford High's open evening on Thursday 29th September 2022. Prospective pupils are able to take a tour around the state of the art facilities and experience what the day to day school life is like at Rainford High.

The evening will take place between 6:00 - 8:00pm with Principal introductions at various times throughout the evening. Please see poster below for more details.

## ADMISSIONS 2023

## JOIN RAINFORD HIGH FOR ITS OPENING EVENING ON THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER



RAINFORD  
HIGH

From 6pm until 8pm, staff and current students will warmly welcome prospective pupils and their families into the state-of-the-art school.

Introductions from the principal, Mr Ian Young, will take place in the auditorium from 6:05pm, 6:30pm, 6:55pm and 7:25pm. Attendees can enjoy a tour around the school's modern facilities, watch demonstrations and talk to staff about the excellent educational and pastoral offering available to children throughout their Rainford High journey.

To find out more, visit: [www.rainford.org.uk](http://www.rainford.org.uk) or call the school on 01744 885914.



EVERYONE Matters  
EVERYONE Helps  
EVERYONE Succeeds

### Rainford High

Higher Lane, Rainford, St Helens, Merseyside WA11 8NY  
[www.rainford.org.uk](http://www.rainford.org.uk) Tel: 01744 885914

## Up Holland High School Open Evening 2022

Families of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend Up Holland High School open evening on Thursday 29th September 2022. Prospective pupils are able to take a tour around the school and experience what the day to day school life is like at Up Holland High School. The evening will take place between 5:00- 7:30pm with the Headteachers welcome at 5:30 and 6:30pm.





## Team Captains

The new team captains have now been elected from  
Y6

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice-Captain</u>
Emerald	Eva Blackburn	Poppy Sheil
Ruby	Ruby Parker	Milla Mullarkey
Sapphire	Olly Regan	Faye Jackman
Topaz	Joseph Fisher	Layla Hitchen

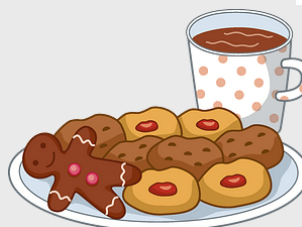


## Toddler Group

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

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

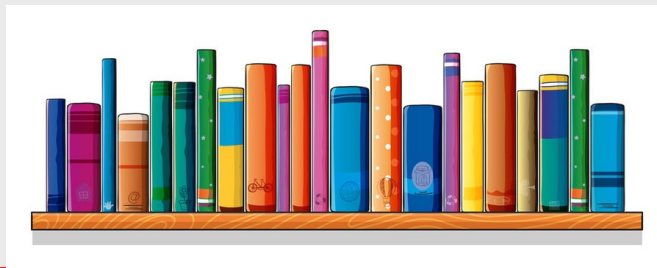
We look forward to seeing you there!



### 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.

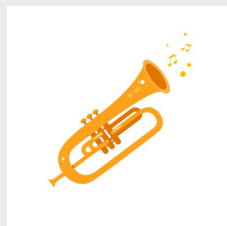
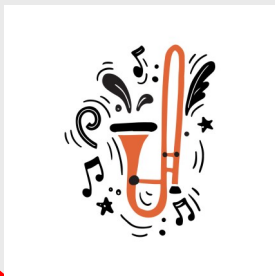
Thank you for your support.



### Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons with the Schools Music Service will begin in the week beginning 26th September for children currently registered with them.

Please note Guitar lessons will start week commencing 3rd October.



### Wigan Observer - School Starters Supplement

The Wigan Observer Newspaper will be visiting school next week to take a photograph of our new Reception class. This will be published in a special 'School Starters 2022' supplement sometime in the autumn, further details of exactly when will follow as soon as we know.



### School Photographs

This week your child has brought home the proofs from their school photographs that were taken recently. Can any orders be returned to school in the envelope provided no later than Friday 30th September.

Thank you.



### Christmas Cards

Early next week, your child will bring home their own design for a Christmas card. This will be attached to an order form in which, if you require cards, paper, mugs etc it should be returned to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. All orders should be placed online following the instructions on the form and then the artwork will be collected from school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, products will be delivered to school in good time for Christmas. **No** money should be sent into school as all of your ordering and payments are now handled by the Christmas card company. Should you require a blank order form for your child to complete a different design at home please request one from the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support, Mrs Grimshaw.



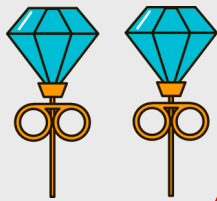
### Attendance and holiday requests

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 Education Welfare Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold.



### Earrings

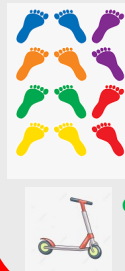
It is school policy that children do not wear earrings in school, this includes earrings with plasters covering them. We would like to ask all parents/carers to remove children's earrings before they arrive at school. Teachers are authorised to support children in removing earrings if they wear them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



### 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 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.



### Medical Appointments during school hours

All medical appointments, including dentist and doctor's appointments, should be arranged, whenever possible, outside of school hours. **Please note that in order to satisfy DFE requirements, when appointments are taken in school time, parents must provide medical evidence to support the absence for example by providing an appointment card or hospital appointment letter, clearly marked for the attention of the office staff.**

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### 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 Tuesday

Y2 Tuesday

Y3 Thursday

Y4 Tuesday

Y5 Friday

Y6 Monday



### Ryman Stationery Vouchers

A reminder if you are shopping for stationery at Ryman each £5 you spend you will receive a 50p voucher. These vouchers can then be handed to school in order for us to purchase items for our school. If anybody gets any of these vouchers they will be greatly received.





## Breakfast and After School Clubs

**Reminder:** Bookings that are persistently not made the week before the required session will be charged at:

Breakfast Club—£6.00

After School Club—£8.00

**NB:** Please send all bookings via email to [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by 1pm on Fridays for sessions required the following week.

## 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 19th October.

## Dinner Money Payments

Please note dinner money is paid **in advance of the week** via SchoolMoney. Dinner money is £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

When you log on to SchoolMoney the figure shown is your current balance either in credit or debit as at that particular day.

### **Debit Balance**

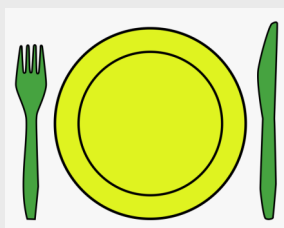
Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing **PLUS** the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

### **Credit Balance**

If your balance is in credit, please ensure you have enough credit for any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week. If not, a further payment will need to be paid to bring your account up to date.

## Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term**. Fish Friday this term is **£15.00 (6 weeks)**. Please follow the same instructions above.







Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week. Children who are attending school from each class have their work placed on Mr Hewitt's Wonder Wall to celebrate their achievements.

### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

**Nursery**  
**Reception**

**Y1**

**Y2**

**Y3**

**Y4**

**Y5**

**Y6**

**Esme Johnston**

**Ellie Ross**

**James Barnes**

**Ayat Aman**

**Ella Tobias**

**Louie Wood**

**Izaac Killa**

**Luiza Bazi**

**Mia Platt**

**Darcy Hughes**

**Veronica Malowicz**

**Martha Hamilton**

**Harmony Slater**

**Lucy Osborne**

**Amaiya Aslam**

**Eleanor Crimes**

### School opening hours from September

To ensure that we achieve the new DFE statutory school hours for primary schools we have brought the start time of the school day forward to 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.



### School Diary—Next Week in School

#### Monday 26th September

Y1 / Y2 Football (2 of 5) 3:15-4:15

Choir

Drumming 3:15-4:15

#### Thursday 29th September

#### Tuesday 27th September

Y3 / Y4 Football (3 of 5) 3:15-4:15

Y6 Football Tournament

Digital Leaders Meeting 3:15-4:00

Wigan Observer Reception Photograph

#### Friday 30th September

Rocksteady Music

#### Wednesday 28th September

String Lessons

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Fencing Session (3 of 5)

Drumming 3:15-4:15

Y3 / Y4 Dodgeball Tournament

### Term Dates for 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022	Opens on Mon 5 Sept	Closes on 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

# #LETGIRLSPLAY

***Want to give more girls the opportunity to access football?***

***What support is available for my school?***

- Exciting and engaging programmes to kick-start your football journey in schools. Find out more about Disney inspired Shooting Stars and Barclays Game On
- Free training and CPD to support staff to deliver girls' football in school
- Access free resources to support your school in delivering girls' football
- Leadership opportunities for girls at your school. From refereeing to ambassador roles, discover how you can get your pupils involved.

Scan the QR code to access free resources, training and much much more.



The **#LetGirlsPlay** Biggest Ever Football Session is returning in 2023, and you won't want to miss it. Put **Wednesday 8th March 2023** in your diary now – registration is opening soon.

We aim to build 300 Barclays Girls Football School Partnerships by 2024, each with a dedicated education expert with knowledge and understanding of education and girls' football in their local area.

To find out who your local partnership is, check out the **Girls Football in School** website.

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**GIRLS' FOOTBALL**  
**SCHOOL**  
**PARTNERSHIPS**  
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

# 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 reapply.

## 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**

Telephone:	01744 676666
Write to:	St Helens Council, Revenues and Benefits, PO Box 10592, Nottingham NG6 6DP
Email:	educationbenefits@sthelens.gov.uk