



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

27.02.23
Fairtrade

06.03.23
Holi-Hindu

13.03.23
Mother's Day

20.03.23
Ramadan

Dates for your diary

02.03.23
World Book Day

17.03.23
Red Nose Day

22.03.23
Spring Song

27.03.23
Easter Bingo



On Friday 7th July, we are celebrating our 50th anniversary!

We will be opening up the school to our current school families and past staff, governors and pupils from years gone by.

On the day we will have stalls where 50th anniversary themed crafts made by our children will be on sale, choir performances, a bbq, a football tournament, a bouncy castle, may pole dancing and lots more.

In the hall, we will house an exhibition of photos and artifacts that have accumulated over our 50 year history. If you have any memorabilia that you would be willing to display on the day please could you inform the school office and bring it into school no later than Friday 30th June. We will safely store items that come in and return them after the event.

To commemorate this day, we are having special T-shirts made that children and adults can purchase. They are designed so that they represent the anniversary, but can also be used as your child's PE T-shirt next year. More information on pricing and sizing charts will follow in next week's newsletter.

For this event we are also regenerating our wildlife garden next to the lower playground where families can enjoy a picnic if they so wish. We are also creating a whole school piece of artwork which will be displayed outside of breakfast club at which families can have a photo taken.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Mr Hewitt

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day in school next Thursday 2nd March . We are basing the theme of the day on the book The Invisible. This is a heart-warming story which promotes the message that we can stand out and be seen and do something positive for the community.

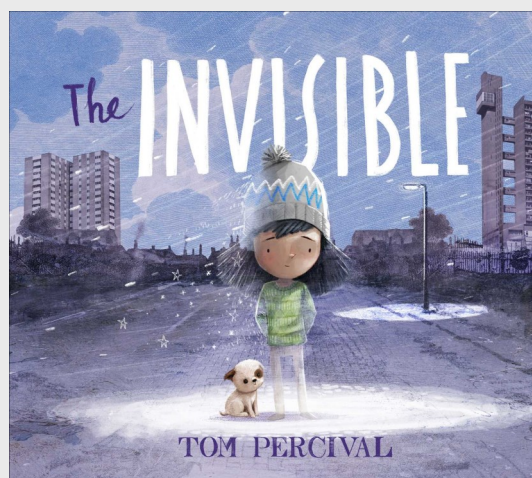
The book is about a girl who feels invisible and overlooked in society due to her family living in poverty, but makes the decision to contribute to her society in a positive way which makes people take notice.

We are asking the children to wear bright clothes on the day, the colours represent being seen. During the day each of our classes will decide on a project on which they can complete which will benefit our local Billinge Community.

We are also collecting clothing, blankets or bedding which our school council representatives will transport to the Salvation Army store to support the homeless and people living in poverty.

If you would like to donate one piece of adult clothing, blankets or bed linen which we could take to the Salvation Army Store please send it in on the day with your child.

Today your child will bring home a £1 National Book Token—this can be used towards purchasing a new book or swap the token for a FREE book. For further details please find more information on the reverse of the book token.



Comic Relief Friday 17th March



Together at Chapel End Primary School this year we are joining the Red Nose Day campaign.

Children can wear non-uniform and have a crazy hair style!

We would ask for a voluntary donation of your choice towards 'Red Nose Day' and this can be paid via SchoolMoney.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Wartime

Spring Song

POP

Rock

As part of our Music Curriculum our children in each year group learn a song from a different genre of music. On Wednesday 22nd March each class will perform their song to families on the junior playground. To make this event come alive we would like the children to dress in a style that represents the genre of music that they are performing.

EYFS—Pop; Y1—Reggae; Y2—Rock; Y3—Soul and Funk; Y4—Dance; Y5—Country; Y6—Wartime

Soul + funk

Dance

Reggae

Country

Parents Evening

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd March

Tuesday 21st March—3.30-6.30pm

Parents evenings for Reception—Year 6 are taking place in school in the classrooms.

Thursday 23rd March—12.45-3.15pm

Reception meetings to be held in EYFS meeting room. Years 1 & 2 meetings will be held in the classrooms next door to Year 1 and 2 classrooms. Years 3-6 meetings will be held in the main hall.

Parents will be able to book slots using our T2P Parents Evening system. Availability will go live on Wednesday 1st March at 4pm.

Nursery meetings will be held all day on Thursday 23rd March. Mrs Montrose will contact families to arrange individualised times. These meetings will be in EYFS meeting room and can be accessed through the white nursery door near the main office.

PTFA Spring Term Events

Mother's Day Gift Shop

With Mother's Day approaching we have decided to give the children at Chapel End the opportunity to purchase a small gift for the special people in their lives. These gifts will be toiletries-based and will be presented in a gift bag with a tag that the children can write themselves. All gifts will be £2.50. In order to avoid too many children shopping at once and to give the children the opportunity to save their pocket money we will be providing specific shopping days for each class on the following dates:

Y5 and Y6—Monday 13th March

Y3 and Y4—Tuesday 14th March

Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2—Wednesday 15th March

Mother's Day this year is on Sunday 19th March.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support



Easter Bingo

On Friday 24th 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 Monday 27th March - 3.30-5.00pm.

Included in the ticket price (£2.00) are bingo games and a small chocolate gift for each child. 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 will go on sale on Monday 6th March from the school office. Please try to ensure you have the correct change when purchasing your tickets. Thank you.



Nursery & Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

It is traditional at Chapel End to hold an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' for all Nursery and Infant children. This will take place on Friday 31st 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.



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 Friday 31st March school finishes at the following times:

2.30pm All Children

This is usually a 2pm finish, however on this occasion Year 6 are attending the residential and will return at approximately 3.30pm. If your child doesn't have a sibling in Year 6 they will finish at 2.30pm. If they have a sibling in Year 6 they can stay until their normal collection time 3pm-3.15pm.

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 Thursday 30th March.

Curling Competition

Well done to Kevin, Alan, Veronica and Lilly.

You did us proud!





King Charles III Coronation

On Friday 5th May Chapel End will be celebrating the King's Coronation with a 'Street Party' for school lunch. The street party will take place outside on the Junior playground weather permitting.

All the children and staff may come to school dressed in red, white and blue.

The lunch will consist of party food: more information to follow.

All children have been invited to have a street party lunch that day.

If your child is on school dinners or Fish Friday they will automatically have a street party lunch as it is on a Friday.

If your child is on packed lunches and would like a street party lunch then please email the school office chapelend@sthelens.org.uk.

Reception, Y1 or Y2

Children in these year groups are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. No payment needed.

Nursery, Y3-6 - Current packed lunches

If your child is having a street party lunch, please pay £2.50 via SchoolMoney .

Nursery, Y3-6 - Current school meals

Please pay your dinner money as normal and your child will be provided with street party lunch on the day.

Nursery—15 Hours

All children attending Nursery for 15 hours are invited to stay for the street party lunch. Please pay £2.50 via SchoolMoney.



Y6 Booster Classes

In preparation for the Year 6 children's SATS in May, Booster classes are on Wednesdays 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.

The sessions will be on the following dates:

Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 15th March

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

Wednesday 19th April

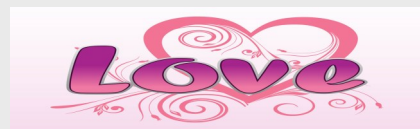
Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 3rd May

Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 8th May due to the King's Coronation.

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



Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

This week your child will have brought home the latest Scholastic Book Club leaflet. Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/billinge-chapel-end/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books. Any orders will then be delivered to school. Please place your order by Friday 17th March. Thank you.



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.

We currently offer classes on cornet, guitar, trumpet and trombone 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

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.



Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term.** Fish Friday for this half term is **£15.00 (6 weeks).**

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.

Early Bird Club

Early Bird Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £4 per session and should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

Buzz Club

Buzz Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £6 per session and, like the Early Bird Club, should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

Please note that these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers, so bookings should be made by 1pm the Friday before the week your child is attending. by emailing your requirements to the school office chapelend@sthelens.org.uk



Pupil of the Week

Wonder Wall

Nursery	Penny Bavis	Alice Hill
Reception	Emilia Stein	Darcy Hughes
Y1	Jessica Gaskell	Ava Noonan
Y2	Olivia Hawkes-Scott	Billy Hewson
Y3	Henry Glynn	Sofia Vernazza
Y4	Chloe Hitchen	Joseph Hawkes-Scott
Y5	Evie Wall	Alfie Gough
Y6	Ruby Parker	James Bailey

School Diary — Next Week in School

Monday 27th February

Year 1 & 2 Multiskills 3.15-4.15pm (2 of 5)

Tuesday 28th February

Year 1 & 2 Steve's football 3.15-4.20pm. (2 of 6)

Dance lessons 3.15-4.30pm

Year 1 & 2 Board Games Club 3.15-4pm (2 of 6)

Year 5 & 6 Football 3.15-4.15pm

Year3-6 Tag Rugby 3.15-4.15pm (2 of 5)

Wednesday 1st March

Toddler Group 9.30-11am

String Lessons

Brass Lessons

Y3 Gymnastics tournament

Year 6 Booster lessons 3.15-4.30pm.

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Years 3-6 Steve's Tennis 3.15-4.20pm (2 of 6)

Friday 3rd March

Year 5 Swimming 1-2pm (2 of 6)

Code Club 3.15-4.00pm (2 of 5)

Term Dates for 2022-2023

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 Sept	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

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

Dates for the Diary

March

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day

Sunday 19th March - Mother's Day

Thursday 21st March and Thursday 23rd March - Parents Evenings

Wednesday 22nd March - Spring Song

Friday 24th March - Non-uniform Day for chocolate donations

Monday 27th March - Easter Bingo

Tuesday 28th March - Year 3, end of Year school trip

Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st March - Year 6 Residential

Friday 31st March - Nursery & Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 31st March - last day of term - 2.30pm finish

April

Thursday 20th April - Year 5, end of Year school trip

Thursday 27th April - Year 4, end of Year school trip

May

Friday 5th May - King's Coronation celebrations

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 10th May - Year 1, end of Year school trip

Tuesday 23rd May - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 25th May - KS2 Sports Day

June

Monday 12th - Friday 16th June - Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 19th June - Year 5 trip to Edge Hill University

Wednesday 21st June - Year 2, end of Year school trip

July

Wednesday 5th July - Year 6 Production

Friday 7th July - 50th Anniversary and Summer Fair

School Swimming Lessons

We are very pleased to be able to offer all children in Years 5 the opportunity to visit the swimming baths once a week over half a term period to participate in swimming lessons. Lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

The dates are as follows:

Year 5

24th February 23

3rd March 23

10th March 23

17th March 23

24th March 23

31st March 23

The swimming lessons will take place at Queens Park Health & Fitness 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.

