



# BILLINGE CHAPEL END



— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 15th December 2023

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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.

## Dates for your diary

18.12.23

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

19.12.23

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

20.12.23

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

21.12.23-KS2

Morning Carol service 8.30am

21.12.23

School closes at 2pm

8.01.24

School re-opens



## Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2023!

On behalf of the staff and governors at Billinge Chapel End Primary School, we would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2024 bring you all joy, good health and happiness.



## Poster Competition

Below are the winners in each class of the poster competition for Billinge Parish Council. Well done to you all!!!

Year 2 Seb Colquitt - (Winner)

6 runners up:

Reception—Mia Platt

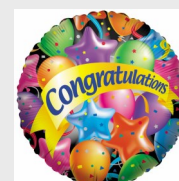
Year 1 - Luke Gardner

Year 3 - Martha Hamilton

Year 4- Harmony Slater

Year 5 -Eleanor Dignam

Year 6 - Rose Severs



### Christmas Parties

This year's Christmas parties will be held on the dates below. **All children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.** At around 11am children will be provided with a hot barm and then will eat their party food at around 2pm.

If your child is on packed lunches they will not need to bring one on party day.

If your child is on school meals they will not need to pay for a school meal on party day.

Dinner money for that week will therefore be £7.80

<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Christmas Party</b>	<b>Monday 18th December</b>
<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Christmas Party</b>	<b>Tuesday 19th December</b>
<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Christmas Party</b>	<b>Wednesday 20th December</b>



### Christmas Holidays

School closes on Thursday 21st December. Children may bring in a small, quiet toy of their choice. Please note: school can accept no responsibility for any damage to toys whilst they are on site. School uniform should be worn as normal. School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024.

### Important !!

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 21st December 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 20th December.**

### Christmas Nativity

#### Wriggly Nativity and A Happy Clappy Nativity

Congratulations to our EYFS and Y1/Y2 pupils who gave magnificent performances of their nativity plays this week. The children worked really hard to provide us with fantastic productions and never cease to surprise me with their confidence, singing, and acting abilities.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work in preparing costumes, scenery and, of course, the productions themselves.



### Christmas Bauble Competition Winner



The designer of the winning bauble is Vinnie Barlow in Nursery, congratulations!!!

Children can collect their baubles at the end of term to take home and hang on their own Christmas tree!



A huge thank you from the PTFA. With your continued support we have raised a fantastic £1850.50 during the Autumn term. This money will be used to enhance the children's education and provision during their time at Chapel End so we are extremely grateful. We hope you have a peaceful and restful Christmas.

### Christmas Shopping!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to register with Easyfundraising. This really is money for nothing especially if we all use the app when doing our Christmas shopping. The concept is very simple, you need to download the Easy Fundraising app and then nominate Billinge Chapel End PTFA as your chosen cause. After that for any shopping you do through the app a donation will be given to the PTFA.

Many thanks for your anticipated support and Happy Christmas Shopping!

Mrs Grimshaw



Our school value for this half term is 'HONESTY'.



### 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.

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.

### Instrumental Lessons

Please find below the new start dates for instrumental lessons for after Christmas.



<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Starts Again</u>
Guitar/ Keyboard	9.01.24
Strings	10.01.24
Drums	11.01.24





### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Everyone!</b>	<b>Tommy Sparrow</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Everyone!</b>	<b>Branden Foster</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Everyone!</b>	<b>Luke Gardner</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Everyone!</b>	<b>Everyone!</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Billy Hewson</b>	<b>Zachary Roberts</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Darcy Brown</b>	<b>Alice Holland</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Maddie Turnbull</b>	<b>Olly Lemaire</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Tilly Burrows</b>	<b>Joseph Forster</b>

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

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	86.5
Reception	95.8
Year One	97.3
Year Two	99.6
Year Three	97.8
Year Four	94.6
Year Five	98.5
Year Six	91.9

Well done to Years 1 ,2 ,3 and 5 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 18th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

### Tuesday 19th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

### Wednesday 20th December

Toddler Group Christmas Party 9.30-11am

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Y1/Y2 Code Club (5 of 5) 3.15-4.15pm

### Thursday 21st December

Choir singing at 8.30am outside school

Bring a small toy

**School Closes at 2pm**

### Friday 22nd December

School Closed



## School Diary — First Week back School

### Monday 8th January

School re-opens

### Thursday 11th January

### Tuesday 9th January

Year 4, 5 & 6 Dance 3.20-4pm.

### Friday 12th January

Choir 12.12.30pm

### Wednesday 10th January



### 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

These term date cards are now available to

### Term Dates for 2024-2025

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Autumn Term 2024	Wed 4 Sept	Thurs 24 Oct
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

collect at the school office.

### 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 Christmas, please email school at [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by Wednesday 20th December.

### Fish Friday Payments

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

Please note Fish Friday for next 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 [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>



# SAFER & HEALTHIER

## Top Tips to Stay Safe

### Walking in Icy & Snowy Conditions



When walking in ice and snow:

- Keep your knees relaxed.
- Feet pointed slightly outward.
- Take short, slow, shuffling steps.
- Keep your centre of gravity over your feet.
- Walk flat footed and wear shoes with slip-resistant soles and good treads.
- Look ahead and extend your arms out to maintain balance.
- Keep your hands out of your pockets.
- When on steps, always use the handrail for support.
- Watch where you are stepping.
- Take your time – allow any extra time that may be needed in icy conditions.

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Dear Parents/Carers

St Helens Council has a duty under the [School Admissions Code](#) to consult on the admission arrangements of Community & Voluntary Controlled schools and the Co-ordinated Admission Scheme at least once every seven years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

The last full consultation on admission arrangements and co-ordinated schemes took place in December 2016, for the 2018/19 academic year. Last September I contacted all schools, governing bodies and diocesan boards with capacity (SCAP) information, and to ask for any details of any changes to be made to admission arrangements prior to formal consultations taking place. Two primary schools are making changes for 2025/26.

Please find a link below to the proposed admission arrangements and proposed schemes for the 2025/26 academic year...

[Pupil place planning and schools organisation - St Helens Borough Council](#)

Comments or suggestions about the proposed arrangements and schemes can be made to

[schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk) by Friday 19 January 2024.

Thank you

*Craig Hewitt*

*Headteacher*

*Chapel End Primary School*





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Thurs 4th Jan

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Friday 5th Jan

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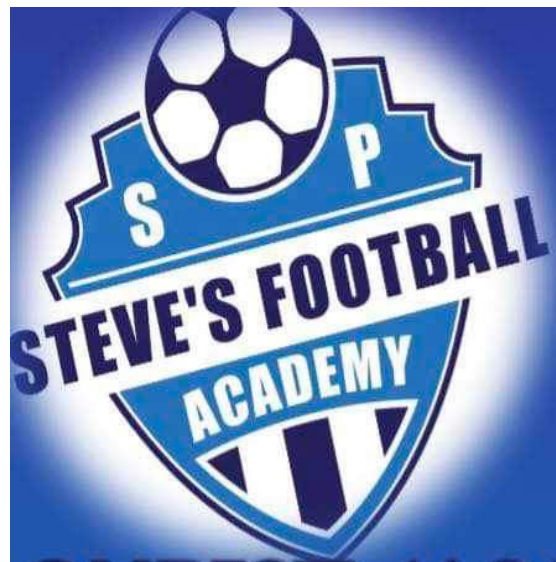
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**CLASS DATES AND TIMES:**

**Ages**

**5-8 Years**

**1030am - 130pm**

**28th December 2023**

**Ages**

**9-12 years**

**1030am - 130pm**

**29th December 2023**