



# 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

16.09.24

Protected characteristics

23.09.24

Roald Dahl & other children's authors

30.09.24

Poetry

7.10.24

Yom Kippur —  
Jewish Festival

## Dates for your diary

27.09.24

Roald Dahl Day

1.10.24

Flu vaccinations

18.10.24

Year 4 Grandparents Coffee  
Morning

24.10.24

Autumn Disco—4pm



We are back !!! Our Toddler group is starting again, we open next Thursday 19th September at 9.30am.

**Toddler Group**  
0-4 YEARS

**BILLINGE CHAPEL END  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**EVERY THURSDAY  
(TERM TIME ONLY)  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

Come to stay and play, sing songs  
and have some fun!

**£2 PER FAMILY INCLUDING  
A DRINK AND SNACK**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON:  
01744678230

Our school Value of this half term is Kindness



Do you shop at Asda. A new reward scheme has been launched and is running until the end of November. It doesn't cost you anything and we get money every time someone signs up or spends with Asda Rewards. So please sign up and select us. And tell your parents, aunties, uncles, siblings and friends to do the same. We get £1 for each sign up and 0.5% of the value of each shop!! Only until November so don't delay. Thank you.

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# Important Notice

There will be no after school club provision on Monday 23rd September due to staff safeguarding training. Breakfast club provision will operate as normal on this date.

## Roald Dahl

It is tradition at Billinge Chapel End that we celebrate the works of Roald Dahl in the month of his birthday which is September. This year we are celebrating his works on Friday 27th September. Children can attend school in either clothing matching his favourite colour 'YELLOW' or a favourite Roald Dahl character dress up. EYFS have PE on a Friday so please could they wear trainers on this day.



## Dates for your diary

Week beg 23rd September - Y6 bike ability

27.9.24 Roald Dahl Yellow day

1.10.24 flu vaccinations

18.10.24 Year 4 grandparents coffee morning

Week beg 21.10.24 DT week

24.10.24 Y1 values assembly 9AM and Autumn Disco 4PM

Week beg 11.11.24 Anti-Bullying Week

Week beg 18.11.24 Assessment Week

Week beg 25.11.24 Art Week

29.11.24 Christmas fair

4+5. 12.24 Parents evenings

11.12.24 Learning Lodge parents meetings

9.12.24 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

10.12.24 Nativity parents show 1 - 1:30pm

11.12.24 Nativity Parents Show 2 - 1:30pm

12.12.24 Nativity Grandparents show - 1:30pm

13.12.24 Christmas Jumper day & Choir carols to families on arrival to school.

13.12.24 Christmas Dinner Day

16.12.24 EYFS Christmas party

17.12.24 KS1 Christmas party (Y1+Y2)

18.12.24 LKS2 Christmas party (Y3+Y4)

19.12.24 UKS2 Christmas Party (Y5+Y6)

Dates for  
your  
diary.....

### School opening hours

Reminder - start time of the school day is **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

Drop off and pick up for the 2 year old provision is 9AM, 12PM and 3PM

### 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 School Attendance Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold. Please see the new attendance policy for 2024 on the school website: [28676462 \(chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk\)](https://28676462.chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk)

### Earrings

Clear plastic small stud earrings with safety backs are permitted in school. Parents and carers who send their child into school wearing clear, plastic, small stud earrings do so at their own risk. School will not take any responsibility to earring related injuries, or loss of earrings, with full accountability being placed upon parents and carers.

### 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.

### Medical Appointments during school hours

Last year **126** school sessions were missed through pupil's medical appointments being arranged in school time. 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 Wednesday

Y2 Wednesday

Y3 Monday

Y4 Tuesday

Y5 Tuesday

Y6 Thursday





### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Polly Barker</b>	<b>Diana Mehrjouei</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Thomas Stewart</b>	<b>Cassian Leyland</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Stanley McKie</b>	<b>Etta Green</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Sophia-Rose Comiskey</b>	<b>Bobby O'Toole</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Poppy O'Neill</b>	<b>Matilda Campbell</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Billy Hewson</b>	<b>Lilly Sturgeon</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Sonny McMinnis</b>	<b>Ella Tobias</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Daniel Partington</b>	<b>Louie Wood</b>

### Class Attendance for w/c 2nd September

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
2's	100
Nursery	100
Reception	100
Year One	95.00
Year Two	97.9
Year Three	92.0
Year Four	95.8
Year Five	98.6
Year Six	100

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

**Congratulations to 2's, Nursery, Reception and Year 6 for hitting 100%! WOW!!!**

**Well done to Years 2 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.



## School Diary — Next week in School

### Monday 16th September

Years 1, 2 & 3 Football (1 of 5) 3.15-4.15pm

### Thursday 19th September

Toddler Group 9.30-11am

### Tuesday 17th September

### Friday 20th September

### Wednesday 18th September



### Term Dates for 2024-2025

	<u>Opens on</u>	<u>Closes on</u>
<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.

### Uniform Orders

New uniforms can be ordered through school. Uniform order forms are available from the dispenser in the entrance hall and on Chapel End Spider, in the virtual office. Please return your orders to school, we will then add the cost of your order onto your child's **SchoolMoney** account to enable you to make payment. Please write your child's name clearly on the order form, as this will be printed on the label inside the garments you order. Please ensure the form is completed correctly i.e. size and item required.

### 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 Tuesday 22nd October.

Please note that meal arrangements can only be changed after each school holiday.

### Fish Friday Payments

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

Fish Friday for this term is **£20.65 (7 weeks).**

### Early Bird Club

**Early Bird Club** runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £6 per session and should be paid **IN ADVANCE** via SchoolMoney.

### Buzz Club

**Buzz Club** runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £8 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](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk).

## School Swimming Lessons

We are very pleased to be able to offer all children in Year 5 the opportunity to visit the swimming baths once a week over an 18 week programme to participate in swimming lessons.

Lessons will take place on a Tuesday afternoon.

The dates for year 5 are as follows:

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Tuesday 24th September 2024

Tuesday 1st October 2024

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Tuesday 12th November 2024

Tuesday 19th November 2024

Tuesday 26th November 2024

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Tuesday 10th December 2024

Tuesday 17th December 2024

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Tuesday 14th January 2025

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Tuesday 28th January 2025

Tuesday 4th February 2025

The swimming lessons will take place at Ashton Leisure Centre and transport will be arranged by school.

Below are the swimwear requirements.

*Correct swimwear must be worn at all times.*

*Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two piece at all or wet suits). They will need a towel, Goggles, a cap (for long hair) and a waterproof bag.*

*Boys must wear swimming trunks (not loose fitting or baggy 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 a towel, a cap (for long hair) and a waterproof bag.*

*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.**

## School Uniform

A full list is given below. Children may continue to wear Summer uniform throughout September as September is often quite warm but all pupils should be in full Winter uniform by the second half of the Autumn term.

### Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.  
White polo T-shirt  
Grey trousers  
Grey short-trousers in summer  
Plain grey socks  
Black school shoes

### Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.  
White polo T-shirt  
Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers  
Red gingham dress in summer (red and white checks)  
Grey tights  
White socks (recommended for Summer) Grey socks (recommended for Winter)  
Black Shoes

### PE Kits

Your child will participate in PE lessons on specified days each week. Parents will be informed which days their child has PE and children can wear their PE kit all day. If a child has an after-school PE club, they will wear their uniform and change into their kit at the end of the school day.

Plain white round neck T-shirt  
Plain red shorts  
Plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie  
Plain black jogging bottoms  
Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.

For more information on PE, swimming, hair etc please read our Uniform Policy on Chapel End Spider under Essential Information, Policies.







**ST HELENS**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear All

### St Helens Borough Council Christmas gift appeal 2024

Since 2010, St Helens Borough Council has run a gift appeal for children aged from birth to 21 years at risk of waking up on Christmas Day without a present. During that time, tens of thousands of items have been donated, with last year's appeal alone resulting in gifts being shared out between almost 800 children and young people - including care leavers.

The response to our previous appeals has been phenomenal and the results have spoken for themselves. Last year, over £4,500 was raised, plus gifts and other items donated from businesses, schools and residents across St Helens borough.

We are once again asking that we come together this Christmas and make it a special one for all children in the true spirit of our #StHelensTogether mantra.

We know times are hard for many individuals, families, and businesses right now, but we would urge those in a position to do so, to make a contribution - no matter how big or small - as it can certainly go a long way in making someone's Christmas a happy one and supports our key priority as a council of ensuring all children have a positive start in life.

As part of our appeal, we are asking if local business and organisations would be able to, not only support the appeal with a donation, but also offer to be a drop off point where donations for the appeal could be left.

Items we are looking for in particular include new toys, books and clothing; gift vouchers, confectionery, toiletry gift sets and cash donations will also be most welcome. In previous years we have experienced a growing demand for gifts for babies and teenagers so we ask if consideration could be given to these ages too.

Please visit [www.sthelens.gov.uk/christmasgiftappeal](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/christmasgiftappeal) for more information on how to donate.

If you have any general enquiries regarding this appeal, please contact: Tracy Sexton, Team Manager – Service Support. Email: [tracysexton@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:tracysexton@sthelens.gov.uk) / Telephone: 01744 676563

Yours faithfully

**Kath O'Dwyer**  
Chief Executive

**Councillor Anthony Burns**  
Leader of the Council



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# Christmas



## GIFT APPEAL

**Help make Christmas special  
for children and young people  
across the borough.**

**Donate new gifts, chocolate or gift vouchers  
for children and young people aged 0-21  
to help vulnerable families and care leavers  
have a Christmas to remember.**

**Donations can be dropped off at several  
locations throughout the Borough.**

**You can also make a cash donation online at  
[sthelens.gov.uk/christmasgiftappeal](http://sthelens.gov.uk/christmasgiftappeal).**

**Deadline for donation is:  
Monday 16th December.**



# Rainford High Open Evening 2024

Families of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend Rainford High's open evening on Thursday 26th September 2024. 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.

2025 ADMISSIONS  
**OPEN EVENING**  
26 SEPTEMBER 6-8PM  
Principal's presentation at 18:05, 18:35, 19:05



RAINFORD  
HIGH

Join us on 26 September and take a tour of the school's state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the vast array of subject choices on offer, see the award-winning sporting facilities and meet the staff who will be with you every step of the way during your journey, here at Rainford High.

"The open evening provides the perfect opportunity to see if Rainford High is the right seven year journey for you and your child. After exceptional GCSE and A-level results, and with many more successes to celebrate, we look forward to showing you around Rainford High and proving why we're the best inclusive school in the area."

Principal, Ian Young



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