



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

30.09.24
Poetry

7.10.24
Yom Kippur –
Jewish Festival

14.10.24
Recycling

21.10.24
All Saints Day

Dates for your diary

1.10.24
Flu vaccinations

18.10.24
Year 4 Grandparents
Coffee Morning

24.10.24
Autumn Disco—4.30-5.45pm

29.11.24
Christmas Fair—3.15pm



PTFA News

Autumn Disco

We will be holding our Autumn Disco on Thursday 24th October **4.30-5.45pm**. Tickets will be priced at £2.00 which will include a drink and a snack for the children. Volunteers of parental help will be essential for this event to go ahead, if you can help at the disco, then please inform the office staff. Tickets will be available to purchase on SchoolMoney from Monday 7th October.



Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 29th November from 3:15pm. As in previous years, we will be collecting bottles of wine, filled jam jars, Christmas chocolate/sweets and other Christmas groceries. We will welcome donations at any time after the half term break.



Tea with Santa

Unfortunately, Santa cannot make it to our Christmas Fair this year so we will be unable to open our Grotto. However, Santa has very kindly agreed to make it a Christmas to remember for all pupils at Chapel End by visiting us on Thursday 12th December at 3:15pm to have tea with the children - more information to follow after half term.



Toddler Group
0-4 YEARS

**BILLINGE CHAPEL END
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

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

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON:
01744678230**

School Photographs



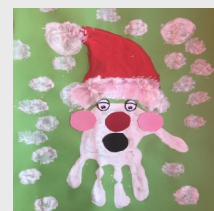
Last week your child brought home the proofs from their school photographs that were taken recently. Can any orders be returned to school in the envelope provided no later than Friday 4th October. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

This week, your child will have brought home their own design for a Christmas card. This will be attached to an order form which, if you require cards, paper, mugs etc, should be returned to school by Monday 7th October. All orders should be placed online following the instructions on the form and then the artwork will be collected from school on Wednesday 9th 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.



Admissions to Secondary School - September 2025

Parents of current Year 6 pupils have until the closing date of 31st October 2024 to apply for a secondary school place for their child for September 2025. The portal is now open on the St Helens Council website for St Helens residents and will close on 31st October.

IF YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT BOROUGH (ie IF YOU PAY YOUR COUNCIL TAX TO A COUNCIL THAT IS NOT ST HELENS) YOU NEED TO APPLY ONLINE ON THAT COUNCIL WEBSITE BY 31st OCTOBER (eg Wigan residents should apply at www.wigan.gov.uk).



Y6 Residential - 25th-27th June 2025

Manor Adventure, Willersley Castle, Peak District

For the children that are attending the Y6 residential in June 2025, the payment has been set up on your child's SchoolMoney account so that you can pay as much as you want, when you want, but must be paid in full by May 2025.

As per the original letter sent out before the summer holidays, at least £50 deposit should have been paid on your account by Friday 13th September. If you have not yet paid £50 please can you ensure you do so as a priority.

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 May 2025 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.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Please see the poster at the bottom of the newsletter regarding this year's Nasal Flu Programme. **The immunisation team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 1st October. Your child will only receive it if you have given consent.**



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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Up Holland High School Open Evening 2024

Families of children in Year 6 are invited to attend Up Holland High School open evening on Thursday 3rd October 2024. 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 Headteacher's welcome at 5:30pm and 6:30pm.



Dates for your diary

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 4.30-5.45pm

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

12.12.24 Tea with Santa—3.15pm

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)

20.12.24 Y2 values assembly - Resilience

A yellow sticky note graphic with the text 'Dates for your diary.....' written on it in a black, handwritten-style font.

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 **95%** 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.

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

Nursery	Ruby Lawson-Jones	Isla Ryan
Reception	Brody Gaskell	Hermione Chisnall
Y1	Leon Lawson-Jones	Alice Hill
Y2	Soren Hampson	Ella Taylor
Y3	Kevin Ujj	Harry Hudson
Y4	Isabelle Mills	Harlow Smith
Y5	Daisy Chisnall	Jake Derrick
Y6	Chloe Hitchen	Ella Bristo

Class Attendance for w/c 16th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
2's	89.9
Nursery	94.2
Reception	100
Year One	96.0
Year Two	100
Year Three	97.6
Year Four	97.9
Year Five	98.3
Year Six	90.0

The national target for attendance in Primary schools is 95%

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

Well done to Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 hitting our 95% attendance target!!

**By continuing to work together I am sure that we can get all classes meeting 95%.
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 30th September

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

Tuesday 1st October

Year 5 Swimming
Flu vaccine

Wednesday 2nd October

Strings lessons
Bike Right

Thursday 3rd October

Toddler Group 9.30-11am
Choir 12-12.30pm

Friday 4th October

Year 4 Ukulele lessons



Term Dates for 2024-2025

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

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 website, 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 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.

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 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.





Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

St Helens Immunisation Team

We will be attending your child's school between September and December.

All children in nursery to year 11 will be offered a Flu Nasal Spray to protect them against Flu this winter!

We will be in your child's school on: **1st October 2024.**

Contact details

St Helens Immunisation Team - Telephone: 01744 415 645
(Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare





Help for common winter illnesses

As the colder months approach, common ailments like sore throats, earaches, and rashes often follow.

When these issues arise, it can be challenging to know where to seek help, especially if it's not an emergency. This leaflet offers practical tips and advice on how to manage these minor health concerns on your own.

Sore throat

Sore throats are very common and usually, nothing to worry about. They normally get better by themselves within a week.

To help soothe a sore throat and shorten how long it lasts, you can:

- gargle warm, salty water (children should not try this)
- drink plenty of water
- eat cool or soft foods
- avoid smoking or smoky places
- suck ice cubes, ice lollies or hard sweets – but do not give young children anything small and hard to suck because of the risk of choking
- try over-the-counter medicines like throat sprays or lozenges
- rest

Should your sore throat become worse, see your pharmacist or GP. But if you start to have trouble breathing or are unable to swallow, call 999 or go to A&E.



Earache

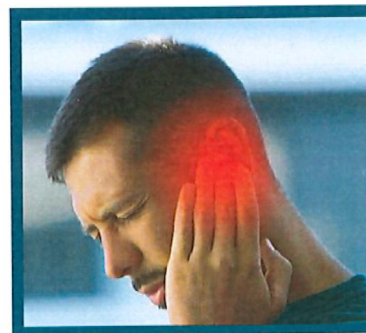
Earache and ear pain are common, particularly in young children. It can be painful but is not usually a sign of anything serious.

Do

- use painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen (some painkillers are not safe for everyone. Always check the leaflet or get medical advice before taking them)
- place a warm or cold flannel on the ear

Don't

- put anything inside your ear, such as cotton buds
- try to remove earwax
- let water get inside your ear



Rash

A skin rash occurs when the skin becomes red, inflamed and bumpy. Some skin rashes are dry and itchy. Some are painful. Many things can bring on a skin rash, including viruses, bacteria, allergens and skin conditions like eczema.

You might lower your chances of developing a skin rash if you:

- avoid known triggers, such as allergens and irritants
- don't share personal items or clothing with anyone who has a virus that causes a rash
- use mild, fragrance-free, hypoallergenic soaps, cleansers and moisturisers
- wash your hands immediately after coming into contact with a known allergen or irritant

Rashes in babies and children can also appear often, and they're normally nothing to worry about. But as a parent, you know if your child seems seriously unwell and should trust your judgment. If your child develops a rash along with other symptoms such as a stiff neck, high temperature, or difficulty breathing, call 999 or go to A&E.

Further help

Scan the QR code for an A-Z list of ailments.

If you have tried these self-help tips and still require medical advice, but it is not an emergency, please try one of the below:



Scan me

1. Pharmacy

Pharmacists are experts in medicines who can help you with minor health concerns. As qualified healthcare professionals, they can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for a range of minor illnesses, such as earache, colds, sore throats, rashes, tummy trouble and aches and pains. If you run out of prescription medicine and do not have a prescription, you can get an emergency supply from a pharmacy without a prescription. Take identification, an old prescription, or the medicine's packaging with you, if you have it.

2. NHS 111 online – 111.nhs.uk

Use the symptom checker, which can give you the right advice for your concerns. In some cases, 111 will be able to book an appointment for you at urgent treatment centres, GP surgeries or pharmacies. By using the online service, you'll answer the same questions as you would over the phone, but without the wait time. If you require help for a child below the age of five, always call 111.

3. GP appointment

GP practices are available to assist you, whether this is face-to-face, a telephone call, or a video consultation. Please contact your practice by telephone or online.

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