



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

14.10.24
Recycling

21.10.24
All Saints Day

04.11.24
Diwali & The Gunpowder Plot

11.11.24
Anti-Bullying

Dates for your diary

18.10.24
Year 4 Grandparents'
Coffee Morning

24.10.24
Autumn Disco—4.30-5.45pm

11.11.24
Anti-Bullying wear odd socks

15.11.24
Children in Need



Open Morning

Open morning was a huge success!

New families and existing families can gather lots of information about our school by visiting the school website or ringing the school office on 01744 678230

[Billinge Chapel End Primary School: Welcome to Chapel End Primary School & Nursery](#)



Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now on sale from the school office. A donation pot is in the office for parents to donate money and take a poppy from the box.



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 are now available to purchase on SchoolMoney.



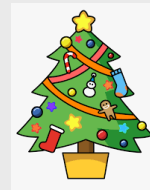
Christmas Fair

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.



Easy Fundraising App

Did you know that you can support Billinge Chapel End every time you shop online? We're excited to announce that we've registered with easyfundraising, a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise free donations with every purchase you make.

With over 8000 participating retailers, ranging from your weekly food shop at Tesco, booking a holiday with Booking.com, Friday night takeaway with JUSTEAT, and even taking out insurance on Compare the Market, there's something for everyone! **And here's the best part: for the next two weeks, every supporter who signs up to support Billinge Chapel End through easyfundraising will trigger a £1 bonus donation!**

Ready to make a difference? It only takes a few minutes to sign up. Join us here:

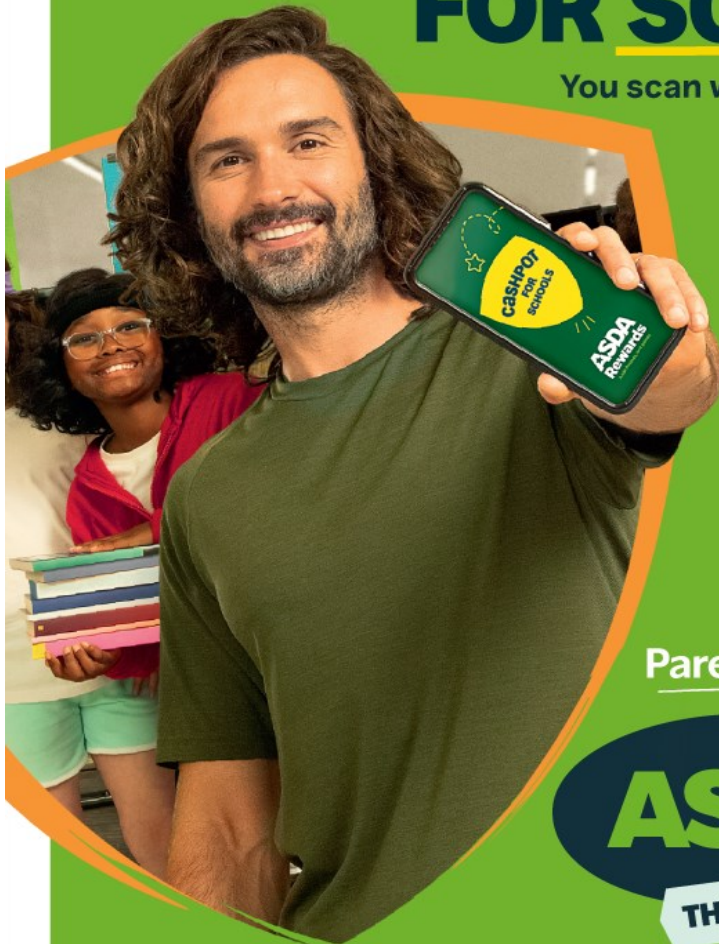
www.easyfundraising.org.uk



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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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

CANCELLED

The Halloween party at St Mary's club that was due to take place on Friday 25th of October is now cancelled. Thank you.



All About Family—Autumn Issue

Please find the link to the Autumn Issue of All About Family St Helens. You will find useful advice on;

New Children's Book Reviews

Gaming Health Warning

Back to School Anxiety Advice

Social Media Impact on Children's Mental Health

Adult Education

St John Ambulance Advice

Recipe for Picky Eaters

Family Events in the area. Plus more....

Link below:

www.allabout-family.co.uk/st-helens

BIKE RIGHT

Bike Right are doing 3 free Learn to Ride sessions on the 31st Oct. The location is Taylor Park St Helens.

Could you please follow the link if you would like your child to sign up for this, the minimum age required is 7.

<https://www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group/>

Many Thanks

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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.

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.



Dates for your diary

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

11.11.24 Wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying

15.11.24 Children in Need

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

20.12.24 School closes for half term at 1.50pm/2pm

06.01.25 School re-opens



Autumn Leaves

As we move further into the Autumn months, the nights are drawing in and the leaves are starting to fall, we would like to remind everybody to take extra care when walking on our paths around the school grounds, although every effort is made to keep them clear, with the nature of the setting and being surrounded by trees it isn't always possible and as a result the paths can be quite slippery.



Our school Value of this half term is Kindness



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 Monday

Y2 Wednesday

Y3 Monday

Y4 Tuesday

Y5 Tuesday

Y6 Thursday





Pupil of the Week

Wonder Wall

Nursery	Rosie Ashcroft	Joshua Lenihan
Reception	Nyla Aslam	Emelia Metters
Y1	George Smith	Jacob Robinson
Y2	Lyla Barker	Arthur Kavanagh
Y3	Luna McMinnis	Halle Hughes
Y4	Molly Haworth	Ivy Stabler
Y5	Toby Skinner	Harmony Slater
Y6	George Norton	Freddy Haworth

Class Attendance for w/c 30th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
2's	95.3
Nursery	96.6
Reception	97.8
Year One	96.8
Year Two	98.6
Year Three	94.5
Year Four	98.1
Year Five	97.7
Year Six	95.6

The national target for attendance in Primary schools is 95%

Well done to 2's, Nursery, Reception and Years 1,2,4,5 & 6 for 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 14th October

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

Tuesday 15th October

Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 16th October

Strings lessons

Thursday 17th October

Toddler Group 9.30-11am
Choir 12-12.30pm

Friday 18th October

Year 4 Ukulele lessons
Year 4 Grandparents' coffee morning



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 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.



Winter Uniform



After the half term holiday all children should be in full winter uniform.

Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper preferably displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.

White polo T-shirt

Grey trousers

Plain grey socks

Black school shoes

Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan preferably displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.

White polo T-shirt

Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers

Grey tights

Grey socks (recommended for winter)

Black school shoes

Haircuts

We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts such as shaved patterns or Mohican styles which cause a distraction to learning, as they are inappropriate for the school setting. Any child, male or female, with long hair length will be asked to tie their hair up.

Hair Accessories

We ask that hair accessories such as headbands, clips, bows and bobbles are red or black in colour. Please also ensure that they are kept to an acceptable size and keep them as plain as possible.

Nursery

Children of nursery age are permitted to wear black or grey jogging trousers to support gross motor skill activities and toilet training.



Underlayers

Due to the weather becoming colder, we would like to remind parents and carers that children can wear underlayers sometimes referred to as 'skins' beneath their normal uniform or PE kit.

