



BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

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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

04.11.24
Diwali & The
Gunpowder Plot

11.11.24
Anti-Bullying

18.11.24
Road Safety

25.11.24
NSPCC—speak out
stay safe

2.12.24
Advent

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to all of our families! We had a terrific Autumn first half term and we are looking forward to all of the exciting events planned for Autumn 2.

We are changing our systems for newsletters and reducing them from weekly to half-termly. With our use of Dojo being such a good communication tool between school and home, we feel giving all other information in one letter is easier for parents and reduces workload in our office.

Please enjoy reading about the wonderful things that we have planned and keep accessing Dojo to find out about weekly events.

Anti-bullying Week

Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November

On Monday 11th November all children can come to school wearing odd socks to kick off anti-bullying week in style as a way of celebrating what makes us all unique! Throughout the week the children will be participating in a variety of activities around the topic of anti-bullying and this year's theme '**Choose Respect**'.

We look forward to seeing you all in your odd socks—remember the whackier and odder, the better!



Afternoon Breaktimes

During the Autumn term of this year, we have monitored and reviewed our afternoon playtimes. This monitoring has revealed that a 15 minute breaktime outside in real terms takes children away from their lessons for over 25 minutes when we factor in toileting, snacks, putting coats on and moving out of, and into the building.

To improve our systems we are now operating lunchtime play from 12PM –1PM instead of 12pm–12:50pm. In addition, we will have an indoor break in the afternoon allowing children to have a piece of fruit or veg provided by school, a drink and time to use the toilet.

Our morning playtime has moved to 10:45am–11am to allow for lessons to be fully blocked.



Chapel End Christmas Lunch



On **Friday 13th December** all children from Reception-Y6 are invited to have a Christmas lunch at lunchtime. Nursery children who attend for a full day on Fridays are also invited (not 2's provision).

If your child is on packed lunches in:

1. Nursery (Friday), Y3-6 please email school to confirm and pay £2.95 via SchoolMoney.
2. R-Y2—email school to confirm, NB no payment required as all pupils in these year groups are entitled to a universal free school meal.
3. If your child is already on school meals or fish Friday **no action is needed**, please pay as normal and your child will automatically be provided with a Christmas lunch on Friday 13th December.

Reminder: Mrs Corr, our school cook, will need final numbers by **Friday 22nd November** to enable her staff to organise the ordering and delivery of food so please send any emails to the school office by **Thursday 21st November**.

Christmas Nativity

The dates and times for the performances are:

- EYFS & KS1 — Beep Beep Bethlehem Nativity - Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm (parents show 1)
- Beep Beep Bethlehem Nativity - Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm (parents show 2)
- Beep Beep Bethlehem Nativity - Thursday 12th December 1.30pm (Grandparents show)

All children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are involved.

More information about the tickets to follow.

Please note these performances will not be filmed.





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

Dates for your diary

Week beg 11.11.24 Anti-Bullying Week

11.11.24 Wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying

Week beg 18.11.24 Assessment Week

15.11.24 Children in Need

Week beg 25.11.24 Art Week

29.11.24 Christmas fair 3.30pm

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 singing 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 Christmas at 1.50pm/2pm

06.01.24 School re-opens



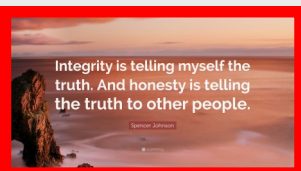
Dates for
your
diary.....



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 for this half term is 'HONESTY'.

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.

Term Dates for 2024-2025

	Opens on	Closes on
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.

Term Dates for 2025-2026

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2025	Wed 3 Sept	Thurs 23 Oct
Autumn Term 2025	Mon 3 Nov	Thurs 18 Dec
Spring Term 2026	Mon 5 Jan	Thurs 12 Feb
Spring Term 2026	Mon 23 Feb	Fri 27 March
Summer Term 2026	Mon 13 April	Thurs 21 May
Summer Term 2026	Mon 1 June	Fri 17 July

School also closed: May Day— Monday 4th May 2026

These term date cards are available to collect at the school office.

Change of Meal Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after Christmas, please email school at chapelend@sthelens.org.uk by Tuesday 17th December.

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).**



New Wraparound Care Arrangements

Early Bird Club - Early Bird Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning.

Buzz Club - Buzz Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening.

Parents and carers will be required to book **ALL** of their wraparound care sessions for a half term before the half term begins. These sessions will need to be paid **in full** before half term begins. If the sessions are not used they will not be refunded. The cost of these sessions remain at £6 for breakfast club and £8 for afterschool care.

Once half term begins, parents can book any available remaining places, however any place booked at this point would be charged at a rate of £10.

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

Half termly booking systems will come into effect on Monday 6th January. Please email all bookings which are for the first half of the Spring term (6/1/25-13/2/25) by **Wednesday 18th December.** These will then be added to SchoolMoney for you to pay in full before the term starts.



Winter Uniform



This half term all children should now 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.

