

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 30th September 2022

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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

3.10.22

Black History

10.10.22

Sukkot

17.10.22

Conflict and resolution

Date for your diary

Parents Evenings:

12.10.22 / 13.10.22

Christmas Fair

2.12.22



Parents Evenings

(Change of date)

Parents evenings are taking place in school on Wednesday 12th October and Thursday 13th October. For Years Reception to Year 6, the times are: Wednesday 3:30pm-6:30pm and Thursday 1:30pm-4:30pm. Mrs Montrose will contact families in Nursery to arrange individualised times.

Parents will be able to book slots using our T2P Parents Evening system. Availability will go live on Monday 3rd October at 4pm.

We look forward to inviting families back into school for face to face meetings.

Mr Hewitt



Admissions to Secondary School - September 2023

Parents of current Year 6 pupils can now apply online for a secondary school place for September 2023. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and [education/school admissions/applying for secondary schools for 2023.](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/education)



Admissions to Primary School - September 2023

To qualify for admission to Reception in September 2023, children must be aged four on or before 31st August 2023.

Online applications are now open and the closing date is 15th January 2023.

www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and [education/school admissions/](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/education) applying for primary schools for 2023.



Admissions to Nursery - January, April & September 2023

If your child turns three after 31st August 2022 and you wish to apply for January, April or September 2023 admission please email schooladmissions@sthelens.gov.uk to request an online application form as the online system has now closed.



Nasal Flu Immunisations

Please see the poster at the bottom of the newsletter regarding this years Nasal Flu Programme. The immunisation team will be visiting our school on Thursday 6th October. Your child will only receive it if you have given consent.



Wow — The Walk to School Challenge

REMINDER: We are once again taking part in the Living Streets Walk to School Challenge. We are trying to encourage as many children as we can to walk, park and stride, cycle or scoot to school. Your child will log how they have travelled each day, if they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they will be rewarded with a badge.



BILLINGE CHAPEL END PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Places available for September 2023



WEDNESDAY 19TH
October AT 9:30AM



Meet our staff and
children

Can't make the day? Please ring the school office to book a tour of the school at a time that is convenient for you!



01744 678230



Play Equipment on School Grounds

Can we politely remind parents / guardians to please ensure that your children DO NOT play on the Trim Trail or the Climbing Frame with Slide before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Toddler Group

Our very popular toddler group is up and running again. Sessions are every Wednesday morning at 9:30am-11am.

There are play activities, songs and rhymes for the children and hot drinks, biscuits and toast available for adults (the children have biscuits too).

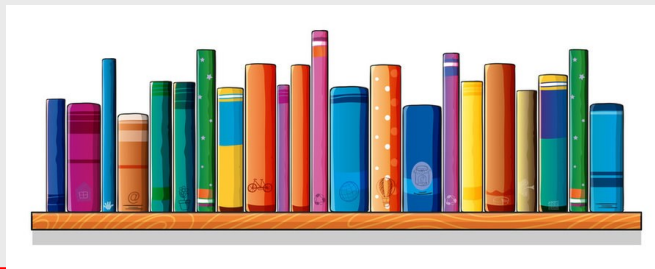
We look forward to seeing you there!



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 Trivass when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group.

Thank you for your support.

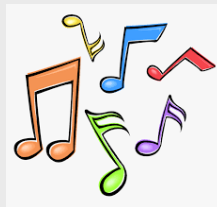


Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons with the Schools Music Service will begin in the week beginning 3rd October for children currently registered with them.

Guitar lessons are every Tuesday.

Brass lessons are every Wednesday.



Wigan Observer - School Starters Supplement

The Wigan Observer Newspaper will be visiting school on Tuesday 4th October to take a photograph of our new Reception class. They were unable to come last week due to unforeseen circumstances. The photograph will be published in a special 'School Starters 2022' supplement sometime in the autumn, further details of exactly when will follow as soon as we know.



School Photographs

Just a reminder that today is the deadline for ordering any photographs that your child had taken in school a couple of weeks ago. Can any outstanding orders please be returned to the school office by the end of the school day please.



FYI

Fencing Notice

Next week the fencing lesson will be on Tuesday instead of Wednesday just as a one off. It will be on Wednesday again as normal the following week.

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 in which, if you require cards, paper, mugs etc it should be returned to school by Friday 7th October. All orders should be placed online following the instructions on the form and then the artwork will be collected from school on Monday 10th 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.





Sports Tournaments



Congratulations to Nicole Wilde, Rose Severs, Luca Hanna, Isaac Holland, Izaac Killa, Joe Piert, William Mather, Mason Leigh and Charley McAuliffe our Year 5 Football superstars.

Also to Luiza Bazi, Amelia Ennis, Evelyn Gardner, Eva Blackburn, Amaiya Aslam, Megan Leigh, Nicole Wilde, Evie Wall and Rose Severs. The girls were beaten on penalties in the semi-final of a 16 team tournament - Fabulous achievement!



Apologies to Dylan Barnes, Eva Blackburn, Joe Fisher, Evelyn Gardner, Ellis Lennahan, Max Parsley, Olly Regan and Luiza Bazi - their tournament was cancelled at the last minute. The children handled their disappointment with maturity - Well done!

Our Y4 Dodgeballers were also brilliant! Well done to Joseph Hawkes-Scott, Savannah Crehan, Eleanor Dignam, Olly Lemaire, Isla Jackman and George Norton.





PTFA News



Autumn Disco



We will be holding our Autumn Disco on Wednesday 2nd November 5:00 - 6:15pm. Tickets will be priced at £2.00 which will include a drink and a snack for the children. Children may come to the disco dressed in either their Halloween costume or in bright fireworks colours. 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 School Money from Monday 3rd October.

Chester Shopping Trip



Our annual Christmas Shopping Trip this year will take place on Saturday 26th November. We will be leaving school at 9am and will be picked up in Chester at 5pm, allowing plenty of time to browse the



Christmas markets, take in the sights of Chester or just indulge in some shopping and a spot of lunch. Tickets are priced at £12.50 and are on sale from the school office.

Christmas Fair



This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3:15pm. As in previous years, we will be collecting bottles of wine, filled jam jars, Christmas chocolate / sweets and other Christmas groceries. The



focus in the first week back after half term will be Christmas chocolate / sweets. Any child who brings a donation of Christmas chocolate / sweets will be given a raffle ticket and entered into a draw during Friday's assembly to win a small selection box.

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 8th December at 3:15pm to have tea with the children - more information to follow after half term.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

Reminder: Bookings that are persistently not made the week before the required session will be charged at:

Breakfast Club—£6.00

After School Club—£8.00

NB: Please send all bookings via email to chapelend@sthelens.org.uk by 1pm on Fridays for sessions required the following week.

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 Wednesday 19th October.

Dinner Money Payments

Please note dinner money is paid **in advance of the week** via SchoolMoney. Dinner money is £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

When you log on to SchoolMoney the figure shown is your current balance either in credit or debit as at that particular day.

Debit Balance

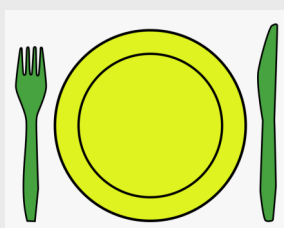
Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing **PLUS** the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

Credit Balance

If your balance is in credit, please ensure you have enough credit for any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week. If not, a further payment will need to be paid to bring your account up to date.

Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term**. Fish Friday this term is **£15.00 (6 weeks)**. Please follow the same instructions above.





Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week. Children who are attending school from each class have their work placed on Mr Hewitt's Wonder Wall to celebrate their achievements.

Pupil of the Week

Wonder Wall

Nursery	Alice Hill	Sebastian Novorojdenet
Reception	Luke Gardner	Emilia Stein
Y1	Kevin Ujj	Zachary Regan
Y2	Freddie Robertson	Daisy O'Brien
Y3	Annabel Underhill	Oliver Lees
Y4	Alice Liptrot	Eleanor Dignam
Y5	Miley Hunter	Isaac Watson
Y6	Mia Roberts	Isabelle Crook

School opening hours from September

To ensure that we achieve the new DFE statutory school hours for primary schools we have brought the start time of the school day forward to 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.



School Diary—Next Week in School

Monday 3rd October

Y1 / Y2 Football (3 of 5) 3:15-4:15

Choir

Drumming 3:15-4:15

Thursday 6th October

Nasal Flu Immunisations (Nursery - Y6)

Tuesday 4th October

Y3 / Y4 Football (4 of 5) 3:15-4:15

Guitar Lessons

Digital Leaders Meeting 3:15-4:00

Wigan Observer (Reception Photograph)

Fencing Session (4 of 5)

Friday 7th October

Rocksteady Music

Wednesday 5th October

String Lessons

Brass Lessons

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Y3 Football Tournament

Drumming 3:15-4:15



Term Dates for 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022	Opens on Mon 5 Sept	Closes on Thurs 20 Oct
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 31 Oct	Wed 21 Dec
Spring Term 2023	Wed 4 Jan	Thurs 9 Feb
Spring Term 2023	Mon 20 Feb	Fri 31 March
Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 April	Thurs 25 May
Summer Term 2023	Mon 5 June	Wed 19 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 1st May 2023

St Helens Immunisation Team

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

All children in nursery to year 9 will be offered a Flu Nasal Spray to protect them against Flu this winter!

We will be in your child's school on: **6TH OCTOBER 2022**

Contact details

St Helens Immunisation Team - Telephone: 01744 624 353
(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



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Free School Meals

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you (or your partner) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit and net earnings, from your last assessment period, is not more than £616.67 per month. (If your household's net earnings change each month then they should not exceed £1,233.34 in the last two consecutive months or £1,850 in the past 3 months).

Once eligible, your child will continue to receive free school meals in primary or secondary school until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary (Year 6) or secondary (Year 11). After this period, you may need to reapply.

Pupil Premium

Your child's school will also receive additional funding if you are in receipt of a qualifying award listed above. It is therefore important that you claim free school meals and the pupil premium even if your child does not wish to take a school meal.

Important note for parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2

As you are aware, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Parents and carers who receive the qualifying benefits (listed above) should still make an application for free school meals. This is because our school can get additional government funding dependent on the number of children that qualify for statutory free school meals (based on your entitlement to certain benefits and awards).

Even if your child does not wish to take a universal free meal please still claim to enable school to get the funding.

How to Apply

You can apply online as part of your initial claim for housing benefit / council tax reduction or you can complete the separate free school meals application form. Your eligibility will be checked to claim free school meals electronically so you will not normally need to provide supporting evidence. If you are successful you and our school will be informed of the decision.

Contact details

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Write to:	St Helens Council, Revenues and Benefits, PO Box 10592, Nottingham NG6 6DP
Email:	educationbenefits@sthelens.gov.uk