

# BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 20th October 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

31.10.22

All Saints Day



## Open Day

Open day was a huge success and we would like to thank our house captains and vice captains for supporting us in guiding families around the school.

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](#)



Click the link to access the website



Kindness is spreading  
sunshine into people's lives  
regardless of the weather.

*Rational*

### Admissions to Secondary School - September 2023

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

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



### 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.

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### 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, the St Helens council portal has now reopened

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools) and [education/school](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/education/school) admissions/ nursery school admission





## 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.

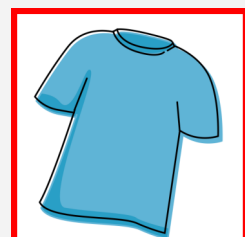
### Nursery

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.





## School Swimming Lessons



We are very pleased to be able to offer all children in Years 5 & 6 the opportunity to visit the swimming baths once a week over half a term period to participate in swimming lessons. Lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

Swimming lessons are a statutory part of the National Curriculum and children may not be withdrawn.

The dates for each year group are as follows:

### Year 6

4th November 22  
11th November 22  
18th November 22  
25th November 22  
2nd December 22  
9th December 22  
16th December 22

### Year 5

24th February 23  
3rd March 23  
10th March 23  
17th March 23  
24th March 23  
31st March 23

The swimming lessons will take place at Queens Park Health & Fitness Centre and transport will be arranged by school.

Below are the swimwear requirements set by the local authority.

*'Pupils should be encouraged to wear swimming caps during the lessons or hair must be tied back. Correct swimwear must be worn at all times.'*

*Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two piece at all). No Wet Suits.*

*Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid thigh length 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.*

*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.**

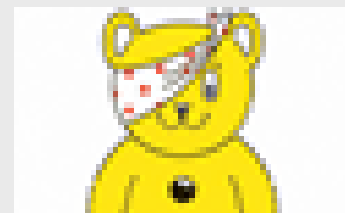
**A letter has recently been sent out to parents of Year 6 containing more details and a letter to parents of Year 5 children will be sent out nearer the time.**

## Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will be joining thousands of people to raise money for Children in Need. This year will be a great SPOTacular!!!!

In return for a donation (through SchoolMoney) children may wear spotty clothes or pyjamas.

Thank you from your smart School Council.



**Year 4 Football tournament 14th October**

**Well done Year 3/4 in our football tournament at Sutton Academy. You did our school proud!**

## 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 (of an appropriate primary school age) 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 are available to purchase on School Money.

### 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.

## 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.

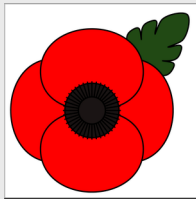
There are play activities, songs and rhymes for the children and hot drinks, biscuits and toast available for adults (the children have biscuits too).

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale from the school office foyer from 1st November. A donation pot will be in the foyer for parents to donate money and take a poppy from the box.



## 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.



## Rugby League World Cup Day



To celebrate the fact that the Rugby League World Cup is being held in the North West, we hosted a rugby day in school. Our team given to us by St Helens sporting authority was The Cook Islands. Enjoy the matches either live or on the TV, and if you can get out and about and play your own rugby games over the half term.

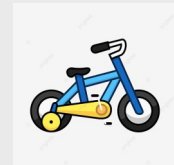
## Volunteers

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.



## 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



## 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.





## Change of Meal Arrangements

Children are only allowed to change their meal arrangements after each half term. If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after Christmas, please email school at [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by **Friday 16th December**.

## 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

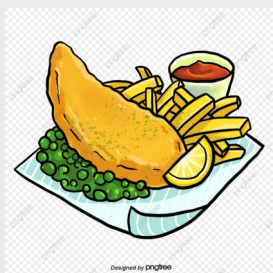
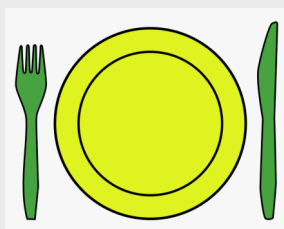
Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing **PLUS** the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

### 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 for next term commencing 31st October is **£17.50 (7 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.

	<u>Pupil of the Week</u>	<u>Wonder Wall</u>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Everyone</b>	<b>Everyone</b>

### 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 31st October

School re-opens

Choir

Drumming 3:15-4:15pm

### Thursday 3rd November

### Tuesday 1st November

Guitar Lessons

### Friday 4th November

Year 6 swimming (1 of 7)

### Wednesday 2nd November

String Lessons

Brass Lessons

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Drumming 3:15-4:15pm

Autumn disco 5.00-6.15pm



## 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**



## Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

### **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP**

#### Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

#### Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

#### Know the law

*If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.*

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police

# PRIZE BINGO NIGHT!!

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2022

ST, MARY'S CATHOLIC  
CLUB.  
TRENT ROAD.  
DOORS OPEN 6.30.  
EYES DOWN 7PM.

EVERYONE WELCOME

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT