

# 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

14.11.22

Anti-bullying week

21.11.22

School Values -Honesty

27.11.22

Advent Sunday

Christian

### Dates for your diary

2.12.22

Christmas Fair 3.30pm

8.12.22

Christmas Jumper day & tea with Santa 3.30pm

13.12.22

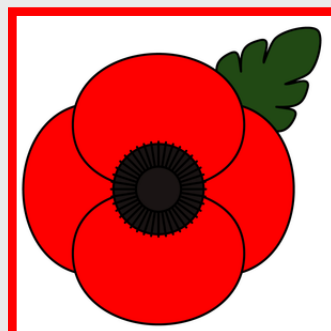
KS1 Nativity 2pm

15.12.22

EYFS Nativity 10.30am

### Children's Act of Remembrance

Today our Year 6 children took part in an act of remembrance at the Remembrance Garden on Main Street, Billinge. Our other year groups completed 2 minutes silence



Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people.

Spencer Johnson

### Christmas Bauble Competition

We are again holding our Christmas Bauble Competition and the baubles will be used to decorate our Christmas tree in the Junior hall. Polystyrene balls are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £1.

Baubles can be decorated at home using any materials but please ensure they have a hook/loop to enable them to be hung on our Christmas tree. Baubles can be brought into school from Monday 28th November.

Santa will choose a winner on Thursday 8th December when he comes for tea. The designer of the winning bauble will be given a book token and a selection box.



### Christmas Nativity

The dates and times for the performances are:

KS1 — Bethlehem's Buzzin! - Tuesday 13th December 2pm

EYFS — A Very Special Baby - Thursday 15th December 10.30am

All children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are involved. Tickets will be on sale on SchoolMoney from Monday 14th November priced at £2 each.

Due to fire regulations, tickets are limited to 3 per child. SchoolMoney will show an amount of £6. If you want one ticket please just pay £2. If you want 2 tickets please just pay £4 by Friday 9th December, tickets will not be available after Friday 9th December.

Please note these performances will not be filmed.

### Chapel End Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 14th December** all children from N (30 hours), R-Y6 are invited to have a Christmas lunch at lunchtime.

If your child is on packed lunches in :

1. N (30 hrs), Y3-6 please email school to confirm and pay £2.50 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 **no action is needed**, please pay as normal and your child will automatically be provided with a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December.

**Reminder:** Mrs Corr, our school cook, will need final numbers by Friday 18th November to enable her staff to organise the ordering and delivery of food.



# PTFA News

## Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3:30pm. As in previous years, we will be collecting bottles of wine, filled jam jars, Christmas chocolate/sweets and other Christmas groceries. The focus next week will be any kind of Bottles, please bring any glass bottles to the School Office.

## 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. Tickets for this event are priced at £3.50 per pupil and will include hot food and a gift. Tickets will be on sale on School Money from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. **Please note this is a pupil only event. Children will be taken from class to see Santa and parents should collect their children at 5.00pm.**



## Boccia Tournament

Congratulations! to our Year 2 Boccia competitors—well done, Isabelle, Daisy, Scarlett, Alfie, Amias and Billy.



## Team Chocolate Orange Campaign 2022

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Y4 child) sadly passed away of a congenital condition at Christmas time in 2010. As part of his legacy the family try to collect as many chocolate oranges as possible to pass on as a small gift and gesture of kindness to those going through challenging times at Christmas and to our incredible NHS heroes, our carers and all of those who helped when lockdown came.

Thank you for all your donations so far. If you would like to donate a chocolate orange and haven't already done so, please send them into school by Friday 9th December.



For more information please contact  
[chrislamb saint@gmail.com](mailto:chrislamb saint@gmail.com).






### Walk to School Challenge

Last week marked the end of the autumn WOW Walk of Fame Challenge and what a fantastic month it has been! The results are in.....we came third **in the local leader board for St Helens!**

LOCAL AUTHORITY LEADERBOARD	
1.	Bleak Hill Primary School
2.	Ashurst Primary School
3.	Chapel End Primary School
4.	St. Mary's Catholic Primary Blackbrook
5.	St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
6.	Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School
7.	Sherdley Primary School
8.	Rainford Brook Lodge Community Primary School
9.	Haydock English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School
10.	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School


**TOP 10**  
 AUTUMN 2022 #WOWWalkOfFame



Congratulations and well done to everyone for taking part and achieving such fantastic results! Keep up the good work, maybe next term we can top the leader board!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



## Our new Smart School Council ✓

Dear parents

This year our school council looks slightly different...

We have joined an exciting project called Smart School Councils where the key ethos is that **every child has a voice** and any idea is worth sharing.

- School council meetings are held in every classroom which means every child's voice is heard
- Even if children aren't on the Communication Team, they will still have the opportunity to make a difference by joining an Action Team enabling them to lead change.
- Action teams explore the feasibility of introducing change, giving ownership of projects to the children.

To find out more, you can visit Smart School Councils here:

<https://home.smartschoolcouncils.org.uk/>

We look forward to sharing with you the exciting ideas the children wish to explore to make our school even better.

Best wishes,

Your Smart School Council, Mrs Montrose & Mr Montrose

## Anti-bullying Week

Monday 14th November -  
Friday 18th November

On Monday 14th 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 'Reach Out!'.

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



## 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.



## Reception First Days at School

The picture that was taken recently of Reception Class will appear in the Wigan Observer on 15/11/22.



### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Branden Foster</b>	<b>Hudson Cartwright</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Noah Ford</b>	<b>Bobby O'Toole</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Veronica Malowicz</b>	<b>Alice Jackman</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Isabelle Mills</b>	<b>James Ennis</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Darcy Brown</b>	<b>Toby Skinner</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Amara Aslam</b>	<b>Rosie Davies</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Joe Piert</b>	<b>William Crimes</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Olly Regan</b>	<b>Alexa Devine</b>

### Y6 Residential - 29th to 31st March 2023

Reminder that the cost of the holiday will need to be paid in full on SchoolMoney by Friday 13th January 2023.

Spending money of 6 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) can be handed to the school office any time from now until March.

We will be arranging a meeting before the February holidays in 2023 where we will give out necessary paperwork and provide you with information such as a kit list etc. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have and discuss, if necessary, any special needs.

## School Diary — Next Week in School

### Monday 14th November

Odd socks day

Chapel End Rocks 12-1pm

Drumming 3:15-4:15

Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3.15-4.15 (2 of 5)

### Thursday 17th November

Choir 12pm

### Tuesday 15th November

Guitar Lessons

Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball 3.15-4.15 (2 of 5)

### Friday 18th November

Children In Need

Year 6 swimming 1.00-2.00 (3 of 7)

### Wednesday 16th November

String Lessons

Brass Lessons

Chapel End Rocks 12-1pm

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Drumming 3:15-4:15



### Term Dates for 2022-2023

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 Sept	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

### Term Dates for 2023-2024

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2023	Wed 6 Sept	Fri 27 Oct
Autumn Term 2023	Tues 7 Nov	Thurs 21 Dec
Spring Term 2024	Mon 8 Jan	Fri 9 Feb
Spring Term 2024	Mon 19 Feb	Thurs 28 March
Summer Term 2024	Mon 15 April	Thurs 23 May
Summer Term 2024	Mon 3 June	Tues 23 July

School also closed:  
May Day—Monday 6th May 2024

## 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](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by **Friday 16th December**.

## Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term**. Fish Friday for this current half term is **£17.50 (7 weeks)**.

## 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.

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.

