



# BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 10th November 2023**

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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

13.11.23

Anti-Bullying Week

20.11.23

Road Safety Assembly

27.11.23

Protected Characteristics

4.12.23

Advent

11.12.23

The Christmas Story

## Dates for your diary

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Wear odd socks—Antibullying

17.11.23

Children in Need

20.11.23

Mental Health Support Team  
drop in session 2.30pm

8.12.23

Christmas Jumper Day &  
Christmas Fair 3.15pm

12.12.23

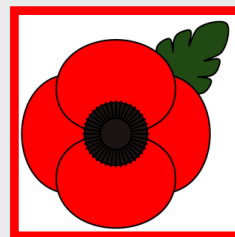
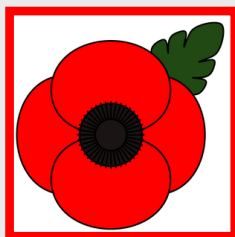
KS1 Nativity 1.30pm

13.12.23 & 14.12.23

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 around our school grounds. Prior to the visit our children wrote poems and prayers of remembrance. These were bound in a book and laid beside the poppies.

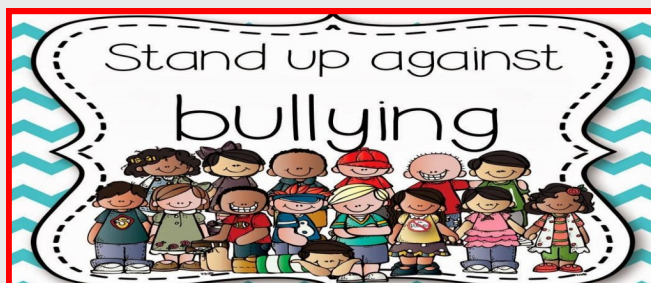


## Anti-bullying Week

Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November

On Monday 13th 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

BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 17th November !

In exchange for a donation (payable via SchoolMoney), children are invited to come to school dressed in either spots or pyjamas (or a combination of both). By taking part, we can support children and young people experiencing rising poverty and mental health concerns due to the cost of living crisis.

With our help, BBC Children in Need can continue funding vital projects so that every child has the chance to thrive.

Thanks from your smart School Council.



## Save the date .....

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm, our Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Emma Stewart, will be holding a 'drop in session' for you to come and meet her. Please come along to have a drink, a biscuit and a chat.

To find out about Emma's role and the role of the Mental Health Support team please follow the following link which will take you to our Wellbeing page on our website <https://www.chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk/page/wellbeing/125170>



# St Helens Mental Health Support Team



**COFFEE  
AFTERNOON**

**MONDAY 20TH  
NOVEMBER  
2:30PM**

**AT BILLINGE  
CHAPEL END  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**COME ALONG FOR A BISCUIT AND A  
BREW AND LEARN MORE ABOUT  
WHAT SUPPORT MHST OFFERS**



# PTFA News

## Autumn Disco

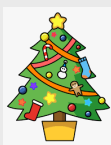
Thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Disco, we all had a great time. There were some fantastic costumes and some excellent dancers! £269.55 was raised for school funds.

We look forward to enjoying many more PTFA events in the forthcoming year.



## Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 8th 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. We will welcome donations at anytime.



## 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 14th 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 13<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 child at 5.00pm.**



## PTFA News

### Christmas Shopping!

The PTFA are registered with an organisation called Easy Fundraising and we would love it if you could help us whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping.

The concept is very simple, you need to download the Easy Fundraising app and then nominate Billinge Chapel End PTFA as your chosen cause. After that for any shopping you do through the app a donation will be given to the PTFA.

This is at no extra cost to you but could be really beneficial to us, especially in the current climate where none of our usual fundraisers are able to take place.

Many thanks for your anticipated support and Happy Christmas Shopping!

Mrs Grimshaw



### 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 4th December**.

Santa will choose a winner on Thursday 14th December when he comes for tea. The designer of the winning bauble will be receive a small prize.

## Christmas Nativity

The dates and times for the performances are:

KS1 — A Happy Clappy Nativity - Tuesday 12th December 1.30pm

EYFS — Wriggly Nativity - Wednesday 13th 10.30am & Thursday 14th December 10.30am  
**(Please note change of time)**

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

More information about the tickets will be on next week's newsletter.

Please note these performances will not be filmed.



## Chapel End Christmas Lunch

On **Friday 15th 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 £2.60 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 15th December.

**Reminder:** Mrs Corr, our school cook, will need final numbers by **Friday 24th November** to enable her staff to organise the ordering and delivery of food.



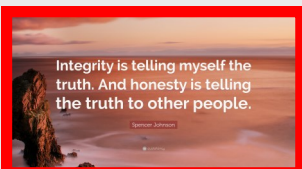
## Dates for the Diary

### November

- 13.11.23-Wear Odd Socks—Anti bullying
- 17.11.23-Children in Need
- 20.11.23-Mental Health Support Team drop in session 2.30pm

### December

- 8.12.23 Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.23-KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
- 13.12.23 & 14.12.23-EYFS Nativity 10.30am
- 14.12.23-Tea with Santa
- 15.12.23-Christmas Dinner
- 18.12.23-Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
- 19.12.23-EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
- 20.12.23-Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
- 21.12.23-KS2 Morning Carol service 8.30am
- 21.12.23-School closes at 2pm  
(re-opens Monday 8th January)



Our school value for this half term is 'HONESTY'.

## 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.



## New Winter Menu

Please see below the new winter menu which will start the week commencing Monday 20th November.

Please note that meal arrangements can only be changed after each school holiday.

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 Wednesday 20th December.

WEEK 1 w/c

20/11/23, 11/12/23, 01/01/24, 22/01/24, 12/02/24, 04/03/24, 23/03/24, 13/04/24, 16/05/24

WEEK 2 w/c

27/11/23, 18/12/23, 08/01/24, 29/01/24, 19/02/24, 11/03/24, 01/04/24, 22/04/24, 13/05/24

WEEK 3 w/c

04/12/23, 23/12/23, 13/01/24, 05/02/24, 26/02/24, 18/03/24, 08/04/24, 29/04/24, 20/05/24

Winter Menu 2023/24

WEEK 1		WEEK 2		WEEK 3	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Choice 1	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Homemade Chicken Pie	Roast Beef Dinner	Tasty Tomato & Mozzarella Pasta Bake	Breaded Fish Stars
Choice 2	(v) Loaded Quesadilla	(v) Hearty Sizzling Sausages	(v) Autumn Mince	(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza	(v) Crispy Dippers
with	Rice, Carrots & Peas	Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potato, Carrot & Swede & Gravy	Carrot & Sweetcorn	Chips & Baked Beans
Choice 3	Filled Jacket Potato Cheese, Tuna or Beans	Choice of Filled Wrap Egg, Ham or Cheese	Filled Jacket Potato Mince, Cheese or Tuna	Choice of Sandwich Egg mayo, cheese, savoury cheese	Pepperoni Pizza
Dessert	Tofree Yoghurt	Winter Berry Custard	Sugared Doughnuts	Apple & Custard Sponge	Shortbread
WEEK 2					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Creamy Chicken & Ham	Sliced Gammon Ham	(v) Cheese Omelette	Battered Fish
Choice 2	(v) Double Cheese Pasta	(v) Cheese Burger in a Soft Bun	(v) Hearty Sizzling Sausages	(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Goujons
Served with	Garlic Bread & Corn Cob	New Potatoes & Peas	Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans	Chips & Sweetcorn
Choice 3	Filled Jacket Potato Cheese, Tuna or Beans	Choice of Filled Wrap Tuna, Ham or Cheese	Filled Jacket Potato Cheese, Tuna or Beans	Choice of Sandwich Cheese, Savoury Cheese & Sweetcorn or Ham	Rainbow Pizza
Dessert	Oaty Apple Crumble Ice-cream	Sticky Berry Flapjack	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Banana Muffin	Peach Yoghurt
WEEK 3					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Choice 1	Chilli Con Carne	(v) Powerballs & Gravy	Chicken Fillet	Ham & Sweetcorn Pizza	Fish/Salmon Fingers
Choice 2	(v) Campfire Chilli	(v) Cheese & Bean Fishy Pastry Bake	(v) Roast Quorn Chicken Fillet	(v) Homemade Cheese Flan	Chicken goujon/Crispy Dippers (v)
with	Rice, Carrots & Peas	Mashed Potato & Broccoli	Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy	Seasoned Wedges & Baked Beans	Chips & Peas
Choice 3	Filled Jacket Potato Chilli or Cheese	Choice of Filled Wrap Cheese, Savoury Cheese & Sweetcorn, Tuna	Filled Jacket Potato Cheese, Tuna or Beans	Choice of Sandwich Tuna & Cheese or Cheese & Ham	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Dessert	Apple & Raisins	Ice-cream	Sticky Pineapple & Custard	Homemade Cookies	Fruit & Jelly

In additional to the above, Bread, Yoghurt and Fruit will be available daily alongside a variety of salad bar items.

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### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

**Nursery**

**William Smith**

**Harper Swift**

**Reception**

**Alice Hill**

**George Smith**

**Y1**

**Jemima Holland**

**Darcy Hughes**

**Y2**

**Irteza Aman**

**James Barnes**

**Y3**

**Emili Bazi**

**Daisy O'Brien**

**Y4**

**Mason Cartwright**

**Henry Glynn**

**Y5**

**Lucy Osborne**

**Martha Liptrot**

**Y6**

**Lucy Clare**

**Leah Pilling**

### Class Attendance for w/c 23rd October

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	93.8
Reception	96.7
Year One	95.7
Year Two	96.4
Year Three	98.7
Year Four	95.7
Year Five	94.7
Year Six	92.5

Well done to Reception, Year 2 & Year 3 classes that were above our target of 96%!

### 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 — First week back

### Monday 13th November

Wear odd socks –Antibullying  
Reception, Y1 & Y2 Dodgeball (1of 5) 3.15-4.15pm

### Tuesday 14th November

Keyboard lessons  
Guitar lessons  
Years 1 & 2 Boccia & Kurling (2 of 5) 3.15-4.20pm

### Wednesday 15th November

Toddler group 9.30-11am  
Strings lessons

### Thursday 16th November

Swimming Year 5 (8 of 12)  
Drumming lessons 2.30-3.30pm  
Years 3, 4 & 5 Boccia & Kurling (2 of 5) 3.15-4.20pm

### Friday 17th November

Children in Need  
Choir 12-12.30pm



### 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

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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 now available to  
collect at the school office.

## Y6 Residential - 20th to 22nd May 2024

### Manor Adventure, Willersley Castle, Peak District

For the children that are attending the Y6 residential in May 2024, the payment balance has been added to your child's SchoolMoney account. It has been set up so that you can pay as much as you want, when you want, but must be paid in full by 31st March 2024.

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 April 2024 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.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £6 per session and should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

### After School Club

After School Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £8 per session and, like the Breakfast Club, should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

Both of these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers.

IMPORTANT—We do have procedures in place for booking places in both of these clubs. Firstly, please email school by 1.00pm on a Friday for the sessions you would like booking for the following week ([chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk)). The costs for both clubs are shown above. When you book by email you then need to total the cost of your sessions and add this to your child's SchoolMoney account. You can add this in the Club top-up section on the account.

If you need to attend Breakfast Club in an emergency, on a day that you haven't booked, please ring Breakfast Club on that morning and see if there is a place available. Likewise, if you need After School Club and you haven't booked in please ring school and we can see if there is a space.

If you need to cancel a booking on the day please ring school and speak to a member of staff to inform them that you don't need the place on that day. This place can then be offered to another child. If you need to cancel a future booking you can do this by email.

Please be aware that staff have the authority to refuse a booking if the SchoolMoney account is not up to date.

### Change of Meal Arrangements

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### Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term.**

Fish Friday for this half term is **£15.60 (6 weeks).**





## Winter Uniform



The 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.

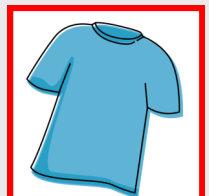
### Nursery

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.



## Year 5 School Swimming Lessons



Lessons take place on Thursday mornings from September to December.

The dates are as follows:

16th November 2023

23rd November 2023

30th November 2023

7th December 2023

14th December 2023

The swimming lessons will take place at Ashton Leisure 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.**







## Planning to run Christmas craft activities for children?

**FREE Creative Inspirations workshop to give you practical ideas for fun low-cost activities!**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.30am – 12pm**

**at the Park Road Centre, WA9 1HE**



**Contact us on the details below to book your place!**

Free places available for people aged 19+ living in the St Helens/Liverpool city region area

### **Contact us to find out more:**

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**Would you know what to do in  
a First Aid Emergency?**



**FREE 1 day Emergency First  
Aid training for volunteers and  
members of community groups and charities**

**Places available:**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

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