



# 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

15.01.24

Keeping myself safe

22.01.24

School value - Resilience

29.01.24

What is fair?

05.02.24

Children's mental health week

19.02.24

Rights and Respect

### Dates for your diary

19.01.24

Non-uniform day

09.02.24

School closes for half term

19.02.24

School re-opens

15.03.24

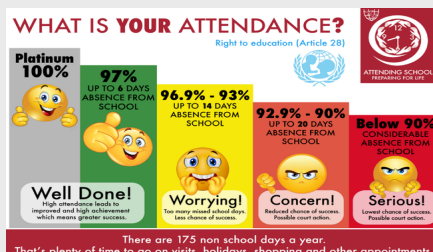
Comic Relief



## Attendance and holiday requests

As we have returned to school for this academic year, we have received a vast increase in term-time holiday requests. As a school, we recognise that families' working patterns can dictate holidays, along with family events that are booked without your knowledge. However, please can we ask that, where possible, holidays and events are booked outside of the 38 week term time period for school. Holiday requests in term time are noted as unauthorised absences.

The Local Authority and DFE are now working very closely with schools to ensure that all children are attending school regularly and consistently. If a child is missing school regularly, or is persistently late, their academic progress can be seriously jeopardised. **For example; a child with a 90% attendance rate at the end of the year will have missed four whole weeks of school and 100 hours of learning opportunities.** As a school, we have a threshold agreed with the LA of **96% attendance as a minimum** and our School Attendance Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold.



## PTFA NEWS

### Non Uniform Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January



Are you drowning in surplus bubble baths and body lotions after the Christmas period?

Have you got spare or unwanted presents that you could donate to school? If you remember; we ran this appeal this time last year and many of you were generous enough to donate gifts and toiletries that we could use for several of our events throughout the year. This raised valuable funds for the PTFA and was very much appreciated.

Also, do you have any unwanted Christmas Jumpers or tops both adult and children. We plan to have a Christmas Jumper shop near Christmas and sell at discounted prices.

Please send any unwanted gifts or jumpers into school on non-uniform day. Thank you for your support.

### Junior Milk Money (Years 3-6)

Reminder: Milk Money is now due for payment from parents of junior children who signed up for their child to have milk for this year. The cost for the Spring Term is £14.00. If you have not already done so, please pay via SchoolMoney. Thank you.



### Y6 Booster Classes - Maths

In preparation for the Year 6 children's SATS in May, Booster classes are on Thursdays (except 27.03.23) 3.15-4.30pm and will cover Maths and English. Children are invited to bring an additional snack and drink to have at 3.15pm before their class begins.

Thursday 18th January

Thursday 25th January

Thursday 1st February

Thursday 8th February

After February half term, the sessions will be on the following dates:

Thursday 22nd February

Thursday 29th February

Thursday 7th March

Thursday 14th March

Thursday 21st March

Wednesday 27th March

After the Easter holidays, the sessions will be on the following dates:

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 25th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 9th May

### 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. THIS IS 11 WEEKS AWAY.

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.



This half term our PSHE/Coram Scarf lessons will focus on 'Keeping Safe'. Here are some of the themes the children will be exploring....

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Keeping my body safe	How our feelings can keep us safe - including online safety	Safe and unsafe secrets	Managing risk	Managing risk	Managing risk, including online safety	Understanding emotional needs
Safe secrets and touches		Appropriate touch	Decision-making skills	Understanding the norms of drug use (cigarette and alcohol use)	Norms around use of legal drugs (tobacco, alcohol)	Staying safe online
People who help to keep us safe	Safe and unsafe touches	Medicine safety	Drugs and their risks	Influences		Drugs: norms and risks (including the law)
	Medicine		Staying safe online	Online safety	Decision-making skills	
	Safety					
	Sleep					

## Wellbeing

We have recently added some information to the wellbeing section of our website that may be useful to you.

At Chapel End we are committed to helping children to understand and manage their feelings and emotions. We have recently undertaken whole staff training on using 'emotion coaching' to help us to address children's feelings and emotions more effectively. We wanted to share this information with you, as it may also be helpful for you to use at home. If require any further information, please come and see Mrs Montrose or Mrs Knowles.

Click on the link and scroll to the bottom of the page to find out more

[Billinge Chapel End Primary School: Wellbeing](#)

Mrs Montrose

Our Mental Health Support Team are offering parents/carers the opportunity to attend a series of 'Wellbeing Webinars' across the next few months. These webinars are open to anyone who wishes to gain a further understanding or information on the topics offered. Please see the information for details.

**Mental Health Support Team**  
**WELLBEING WEBINARS**

MHST are running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

**TOPICS & DATES**

- Worry Management - 19th of Jan
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23rd of Feb
- Low Mood - 22nd of March
- Neurodiversity - 26th of April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17th of May
- LGBTQ+ - 21st of June
- Emotional Regulation - 19th of July

**WHEN**  
4pm-4:45pm

**WHERE**  
Zoom  
(link will be emailed)

To register please email  
'MHST Webinar' to:  
[events@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:events@merseycare.nhs.uk)

**NHS Mersey Care**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**SPEAK UP, GET HELP**

## 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.



### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Asher Boylan–Dickinson</b>	<b>Davie Hill</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Molly Woolfenden</b>	<b>Sebastian Novorojdenet</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Soren Hampson</b>	<b>Sophia-Rose Comiskey</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Mair Yousaf</b>	<b>Lilly Haworth</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Joshua Newsholme</b>	<b>Molly Haworth</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>David Ujj</b>	<b>Sofia Vernazza</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>George Broderick</b>	<b>Louie Wood</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Isaac Holland</b>	<b>Evie Wall</b>

### Class Attendance for w/c 18th December

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	92.3
Reception	94.1
Year One	85.0
Year Two	96.7
Year Three	94.6
Year Four	94.6
Year Five	95.6
Year Six	91.4

Well done to Year Two for hitting our 96% attendance target!!!

### 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.



## School Diary — Next Week in School

### Monday 15th January

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Multisports (1 of 10)

### Thursday 18th January

Steve's circuit training Years 3, 4 and 5 (1 of 9)

Drumming lesson

### Tuesday 16th January

Years 4, 5 & 6 Dance 3.20-4pm (2 of 5)

Steve's Boccia and Kurling Years 1 and 2 (1 of 9)

Keyboard and Guitar lessons

### Friday 19th January

Choir 12-12.30pm

### Wednesday 17th January

Toddler Group 9.30-11am

Archery 12.15-1pm (1 of 4)

Strings lesson



### Term Dates for 2023-2024

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

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

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<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Wed 4 Sept	Thurs 24 Oct
<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Mon 4 Nov	Fri 20 Dec
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Mon 6 Jan	Thurs 13 Feb
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 4 April
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	Tues 22 April	Thurs 22 May
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	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.

Our school value for this half term is **RESILIENCE**.



### 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

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 half term, please email school at [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by Wednesday 7th February.

### Fish Friday Payments

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

Please note Fish Friday for this half term is **£13.00 (5 weeks).**





## YEAR 6 TRANSITION

### FREE ONLINE PARENT / CARER SESSIONS

If your child has an SEN or significant worries and is due to transition to secondary school in September 2024, we would love you to join us on our online sessions to share preparation tips and advice.

By 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 you will have submitted a secondary school application to name your 3 preferred schools.

We are delighted to offer you some advice and support to be able to effectively plan the next steps of your child's journey.

Many of the strategies will work for most children who require that little bit of additional support.

Sessions will be delivered online through TEAMS directed to parents/carers (not to children); if you can attend all four it would be more beneficial.

For further information please email us on [LASCStransitions@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:LASCStransitions@sthelens.gov.uk) so we can send you a TEAMS link to the sessions

Session One - The Year Ahead	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differences between Primary &amp; Secondary</li> <li>Independence &amp; Preparation</li> <li>Travel to school</li> <li>Next Steps</li> </ul>
Session Two - Building Blocks	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a transition?</li> <li>Managing change</li> <li>Developing independence</li> </ul>
Session Three - A Helping Hand	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managing worries &amp; nerves</li> <li>Emotions Scales</li> <li>Looking for the positives</li> </ul>
Session Four - The Finish Line is in Sight!	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 12:30 - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being Prepared</li> <li>One Page Profiles</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Preparation &amp; Practice</li> </ul>