



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

11.09.23

Relationships

18.09.23

Recycling

25.09.23

Sukkot

Dates for your diary

14.09.23

School Photos

22.09.23

Roald Dahl dress up day
(wear yellow)

29.09.23

Open Day

3.10.23 & 5.10.23

Parents Evening

7.11.23

Flu Vaccination

Welcome back

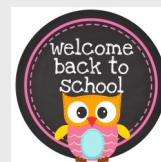
Welcome back to all of our existing school families and a very warm welcome to Billinge Chapel End Primary School to our new starters this year.

Myself, the staff and governors are looking forward to working in partnership with all of our parents and carers to provide the best opportunities for all of our children.

We have many fun packed activities planned this year in school alongside trips that will create everlasting memories for all our children.

Please see your class newsletter on the school website as of next Friday to find more detailed information.

Mr Hewitt



Our school Value of this half term is Kindness





As you may already be aware, we use a whole-school approach to deliver our PSHE lessons in school called Coram Scarf, which promotes positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement. SCARF represents our values for children of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

Our whole school topic for the Autumn term is 'me and my relationships'.

Here are some of the themes the children will be exploring

EYFS	KS1	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
What makes me special	Feelings	Friendship	Feelings
People close to me	Special people	Getting on with others	Friendship skills,
Getting help	Being a good friend	Healthy relationships	including compromise
		Listening to feelings	Assertive skills
		Understanding other	Cooperation
		people's feelings	Recognising emotional need
		Assertive skills	Positive relations

Toddler Group

Our very popular toddler group will be up and running again on Wednesday 13th September. Sessions are every Wednesday morning at 9:30am-11am and is £2 per child.

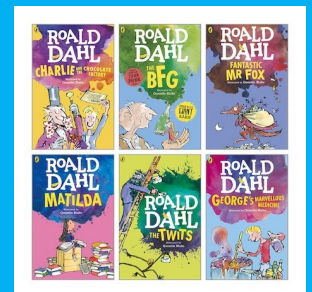
There are play activities, songs and rhymes for the children and hot drinks, biscuits and toast available for adults (the children have biscuits too).

We look forward to seeing you there !



Roald Dahl

It is tradition at Billinge Chapel End that we celebrate the works of Roald Dahl in the month of his birthday which is September. This year we are celebrating his works on Friday 22nd September. Children can attend school in either clothing matching his favourite colour 'YELLOW' or a favourite Roald Dahl character dress up.



EYFS have PE on a Friday so please could they wear trainers on this day.

School opening hours

Reminder - start time of the school day is **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

Attendance and holiday requests

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.

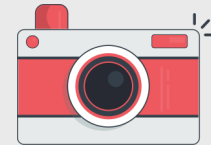
Earrings

It is school policy that children do not wear earrings in school, this includes earring with plasters covering them. We would like to ask all parents/carers to remove children's earrings before they arrive at school. Teachers are authorised to support children in removing earrings if they wear them in school.



School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 14th September. Children will have individual photos and photos with siblings. More information about how to purchase a photo will follow.



Medical Appointments during school hours

Last year **96** school sessions were missed through pupil's medical appointments being arranged in school time. All medical appointments, including dentist and doctor's appointments, should be arranged, whenever possible, outside of school hours. **Please note that in order to satisfy DFE requirements, when appointments are taken in school time, parents must provide medical evidence to support the absence for example by providing an appointment card or hospital appointment letter, clearly marked for the attention of the office staff.** Thank you for your cooperation with this.



PE Kit

Just a reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they will be doing PE.

EYFS Friday

Y1 Monday

Y2 Monday

Y3 Monday

Y4 Thursday

Y5 Thursday

Y6 Wednesday



POLITE REMINDER

Please note that unless you have a blue badge or have an arranged agreement with Mr Hewitt, parking on the School car park is not permitted.

Should you have a badge and haven't already done so, please bring to the school office so we can we take a copy for our records.



Instrumental Tuition at Chapel End Primary School

We are delighted to let you know that The Schools Music Service will be returning to provide instrumental music tuition from this term onwards.

We currently offer classes on guitar, keyboard and violin in school, in small group half hour sessions, during the school day.

It is our belief that music greatly enriches the life of a child, both academically and socially.

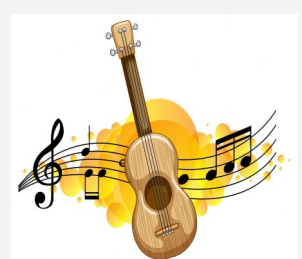
If you would like more information about classes here is a link to their website where you can see how everything works -

www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk

If you know what instrument your child would like to learn, or you have learned with them before, you can register for classes on their website and they will sort everything out for you.

Please watch their short video for more information.

Also, if your child has had music tuition with them in the previous academic year, please ensure that you have made a new application for this year's tuition to put them back onto the teacher's pupil list.



School Diary — Next Week in School

Monday 11th September

Thursday 14th September

School Photos

Tuesday 12th September

Friday 15th September

Wednesday 13th September

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Judo Assembly Years 2-6



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

Uniform Orders

New uniforms can be ordered through school. Uniform order forms are available from the dispenser in the entrance hall and on Chapel End Spider, in the virtual office. Please return your orders to school, we will then add the cost of your order onto your child's **SchoolMoney** account to enable you to make payment. Please write your child's name clearly on the order form, as this will be printed on the label inside the garments you order. Please ensure the form is completed correctly i.e. size and item required.

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 25th October.

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

Fish Friday Payments

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

Fish Friday for this term is **£20.00 (8 weeks).**

Early Bird Club

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

Buzz Club

Buzz Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £8 per session and, like the Early Bird Club, should be paid **IN ADVANCE** via SchoolMoney.

Please note that these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers, so bookings should be made by **1pm the Friday before the week your child is attending.** by emailing your requirements to the school office chapelend@sthelens.org.uk.

School Uniform

A full list is given below. Children may continue to wear Summer uniform throughout September as September is often quite warm but all pupils should be in full Winter uniform by the second half of the Autumn term.

Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Grey trousers
Grey short-trousers in summer
Plain grey socks
Black school shoes

Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers
Red gingham dress in summer (red and white checks)
Grey tights
White socks (recommended for Summer) Grey socks (recommended for Winter)
Black Shoes

PE Kits

Your child will participate in PE lessons on specified days each week. Parents will be informed which days their child has PE and children can wear their PE kit all day. If a child has an after-school PE club, they will wear their uniform and change into their kit at the end of the school day.

Plain white round neck T-shirt
Plain red shorts
Plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie
Plain black jogging bottoms
Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.

For more information on PE, swimming, hair etc please read our Uniform Policy on Chapel End Spider under Essential Information, Policies.



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 re-apply.

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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