

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 Beg 15th Nov

Anti-bullying Week

Road Safety Week

Week Beg 22nd Nov

Universal Children's Day

Week Beg 29th Nov

St Andrew's Day

Week Beg 6th Dec

Art Week/Animal Rights Day

Week Beg 13th Dec

Human Rights Day

Week Beg 20th Dec

The Christmas Story



England Amputee



On Monday morning the manager, coaching staff and a player from the England Amputee Football Team are visiting school to complete an assembly with years 5 and 6. The assembly is focused on resilience and overcoming barriers. We will post photos of this event on Dojo on Monday.

Friendship Week

Our theme this week has been friendship. Please enjoy this video by following the link and take the opportunity to talk to your child about the importance of friendship as you watch it together.

[Best Friends Forever Supercut | Oh My Disney - Bing video](#)

Chapel End Christmas Events

It is with regret that I must inform you that we will not be hosting events that encourage large gatherings of parents in the run up to Christmas. All St Helens primary schools are following the same guidance so that we can protect our families as best we can against contracting COVID 19. We want all of our families to have an enjoyable festive period with their families and to maximise the chance of this, we need to reduce as many mass gatherings across the borough as possible. Therefore, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 productions will be recorded and sold to parents as they were last year. More information will follow in the coming weeks regarding how families can make payment.

We are replacing our Key Stage 2 carol service with the school choir singing to parents and carers as they drop their children off at school on the morning of Wednesday 22nd December.

We will not be hosting a Christmas Fayre this year.

I whole heartedly regret needing to take this course of action, however the rates of transmission in St Helens are comparably high to other areas and we need to keep our families as safe as possible.

I sincerely hope that we return back to inviting parents and carers back into school to celebrate children's achievements in the new year.

Chapel End Social Media

We now have our own dedicated Facebook and twitter pages. Please follow us at:



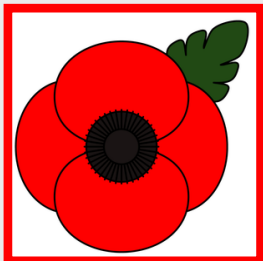
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<https://www.facebook.com/chapelendbillinge/>

Children's Act of Remembrance

Yesterday 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.



Christmas Cards

As part of our ongoing discussions around looking after our planet, we are asking that, rather than sending cards individually, children send one to their own class. These cards can be either homemade or bought and will be displayed in the classroom for everyone to see.



During these ever-changing times, more and more families are experiencing job cuts and reduced hours at work. To support our families, Chapel End has linked up with St Helens Foodbank and we are now a 'voucher school'. Families in need of support can collect vouchers discretely from our school office, which they can then use at one of the many foodbanks located around the borough. Please visit <https://sthelens.foodbank.org.uk/> for more information.



Teresa Mercer who works for St Helens Council is always exploring how people and families can create exciting and nutritious meals that are affordable and she has been working hard focusing on Christmas.

Please find the link to the resources and meal planners that she has created and kindly shared with us.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/recipes>

Chapel End Christmas Lunch



On **Friday 17th 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 or Fish Friday this term, **no action is needed**, please pay as normal and your child will automatically be provided with a Christmas lunch on Friday 17th December.

Thankyou to everyone who has emailed school so far.

Reminder: Ms Hannah, our school cook, will need final numbers by **Friday 19th November** to enable her staff to organise the ordering and delivery of food.

Y4 Dodgeball

Well done to Theo, Tilly, Luca, Isaac, Poppy, Joseph, Megan, Evie for representing our school so brilliantly!



Y4 Football Friday 5th Nov

Well done to Megan, Amaiya, Leah, Nicole, Lucy, Rose, Charley and Miley, our Y4 girls' football team. Super sporting ambassadors - well done!



Anti-bullying Week

Monday 15th November—Friday 19th November

To launch anti-bullying week we are hosting a mixed up Monday next **Monday 15th November**. On this day children may choose to wear their jumper back to front, odd socks, odd shoes or any other variety of mixed up uniform garments. If your child has PE on a Monday, please ensure that they are wearing suitable clothing.



Immunisations Campaign 2021

REMINDER: If your child is in Reception-Year 11 and missed their flu nasal spray in school, they are invited to attend one of the sessions below. There is no requirement to book, you can just turn up on one of the dates below.

Please follow the link below for e consent. This is required to be filled in **PRIOR** to attending the drop in clinic.

<http://econsent.xmerseyhc.nhs.uk/>

Any queries please contact the Immunisation Team on 01744 624353

Friday 17th Dec 2021

9.30am—12.30pm or

Ashtons Green Clinic

Monday 20th Dec 2021

1.10pm—3.30pm

Ashtons Green Drive

Tuesday 21st Dec 2021

St Helens

WA9 2AP

Chester Shopping Trip

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers our Chester shopping trip has been cancelled. Those people who have purchased tickets have been contacted by Mrs Marsh.



Children In Need



Children in Need will take place next Friday 19th November.

Children will be able to wear their own clothes / pyjamas / Pudsey related accessories, on what we are calling Feel Good Friday. A donation of £1 will support the amazing work undertaken by Children in

Need. Please make any donations through SchoolMoney if you haven't already done so.

Team Chocolate Orange Campaign 2021 (November —10th December)

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Y6 and Y3 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 Thursday 9th December.



For more information please contact chrislamb saint@gmail.com.

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 6th December. Children can collect their baubles at the end of term to take home and hang on their own Christmas tree! Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated baubles.



St Helens Foodbank

On 18th, 19th and 20th November St Helens Foodbank will be at Tesco Extra (St Helens Linkway, WA9 3AL) collecting food donations. Tesco are very generous to the Foodbank allowing them to be there for 3 days as part of their Christmas Appeal. However, they need lots of volunteers so if you could spare a couple of hours to help please contact Janice MacLeod, St Helens Foodbank Team Leader on 01744 26414 for further details. Thank you.

Parent Governor Elections

Last week letters went out inviting parents to stand for election as a parent governor or to nominate another parent to do so. Please return nomination forms by **Friday 26th November 2021**.

NB: If you are nominating another parent please seek their prior consent.

Important -Advanced Information!!

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, we now finish early on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be normal times). Please note on Wednesday 22nd December school finishes at the following times:

1.50pm Nursery, Reception, Y5 & Y6

2.00pm Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Please ensure you are at school in plenty of time to pick up your child promptly.

NB: The last After School Club of the term will be Tuesday 21st December.



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>
Nursery	Esme Pennington	Darcie-Grace Bridge
Reception	Halle Hughes	Poppy Southward
Y1	Martha Hamilton	Emili Bazi
Y2	Ella Tobias	Alfie Haggerty-Arnold
Y3	Louie Wood	Freddy Haworth
Y4	Harrison Hill	William Mather
Y5	Joshua Skinner	Ruby Parker
Y6	Annie Lythgoe	Faith Ashworth

Next Week in School

Monday 15th November

Road Safety Week

Anti-Bullying Week

Y1/2 Multi-Sports 3.15-4.15pm (3 of 5)

Thursday 18th November

Tuesday 16th November

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Junior Choir 12 noon with Mrs Montrose

Y3/4 Multi Sports 3.15-4.15pm (3 of 5)

Friday 19th November

Children in Need Day

Last day to book your child's Christmas Lunch

Rock Steady Music 1.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 17th November

Y 5 & 6 Archery (only pupils who have signed up for lessons) (2 of 5) 12 noon

Y4, 5 and 6 St Helens Music Service String lessons

Schools Music Service Brass lessons

Term Dates for 2021-2022

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2021	Mon 6 Sept	Fri 22 Oct
Autumn Term 2021	Mon 1 Nov	Wed 22 Dec
Spring Term 2022	Thurs 6 Jan	Fri 11 Feb
Spring Term 2022	Mon 21 Feb	Fri 1 April
Summer Term 2022	Tues 19 April	Thurs 26 May
Summer Term 2022	Tues 7 June	Wed 20 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 2nd May 2022

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