

# B ILLINGE CHAPEL END

## — SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th February 2022

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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.

#### **Big Schools Bird Watch 2022**

**(6th-21st Feb)**

##### **Week Beg 7th Feb**

NSPCC Number Week

##### **Week Beg 21st Feb**

Fairtrade

##### **Week Beg 28th Feb**

Tell a Fairy Tale

##### **Week Beg 7th March**

Careers Week

##### **Week Beg 14th March**

Neurodiversity Celebration

##### **Week Beg 21st March**

World Poetry Day (21st)

##### **Week Beg 28th March**

World Theatre Day



### RSPB Big Bird Watch



At our school we are so lucky to be surrounded by such lovely grounds. Chapel End is in a unique position to connect children with nature and outdoor education.

Just one step to achieving this is our bid to achieve 'Wild Challenge' status with the RSPB.

Today was our first challenge in this bid to participate in a big bird watch.

Each class spent 1 hour outside exploring the grounds and counting different species of bird. This data will then be submitted to the RSPB.

### DT Week

Some classes have experienced DT week this week and it has been wonderful walking around school and seeing the children designing, building and working in teams. Due to staff absence, some classes will participate in DT week next week .



### Y6 Booster Classes - Maths & English

In preparation for the Year 6 children's SATS in May, booster classes have now commenced. There are 8 sessions up until Easter then a further 3 sessions after Easter, please see remaining dates below.

Booster classes are on Thursdays 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 24th February

Thursday 3rd March

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 17th March

Thursday 24th March

Thursday 31st March

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

Thursday 21st April

Thursday 28th April

Thursday 5th May

### NSPCC Number Day



REMINDER: Next Friday 11th February we are participating in the NSPCC number day. Children are invited to attend school dressed in different forms of number representations. Throughout the day, fun number activities will be completed by all. We ask for a £1 per child donation for this event. All money raised will go to the NSPCC. Money can be donated using our 'SchoolMoney' system.



### Medical Evidence for Absences

If your child's absence has fallen below the school's attendance target you may be asked to provide medical evidence

School will accept the following items as medical evidence:

- A signed, dated appointment card. 
- A copy of a medical appointment letter
- Sight of any prescribed medicine (this must include the name of the child and the date issued)
- Signed and dated 'Care at the Chemist' evidence

If your child has any health issues please inform school of the condition and any prescribed medication so that we are aware and can support your child.



### Home and Car Insurance — Easy Fundraising



If anyone is looking to renew any home or car insurance soon you can raise up to £15 towards school funds. You would need to go on Go Compare Insurance, generate a BRAND NEW quote and purchase your insurance policy immediately (i.e. in the same session) without exiting your internet browser. Donations will then be added to school's Easyfundraising account within 90 days.

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 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.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already registered with Easy Fundraising. If you haven't registered yet please follow the information above.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Toddler Toy Appeal



In the near future we are opening a toddler group here at school. In preparation for this, we are building up toddler toy resources which can be used during the sessions. If any parents have any good quality toddler toys that they would be willing to donate, please could they ask Mrs Montrose or Mrs Newton to see if we would require them. If so, we would welcome your donation. We definitely need: A play kitchen with accessories/ play garage and cars/ dolls house people and furniture/ small slide/ small see saw/ play tools and tool boxes/happyland or imaginex figures/ nursery rhyme figures for a song bag.

### Nut free school



On occasions this term it has been observed that some children have brought snacks into school that contain nuts. We have members of our school community with severe allergies and we would ask all families to avoid sending their children to school with food products that contain nuts.

### Pupil Absences

Please could I ask that pupil absences are reported directly to the school office and not through Dojo, thank you.



### Change of Meal Arrangements

A reminder that if your child would like to change meal arrangements after the holidays, please email [school.chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:school.chapelend@sthelens.org.uk) by next **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

School meals cost £12.50 per week and are paid each Monday in advance. Fish Friday (packed lunches Monday-Thursday and a school meal on a Friday) are also paid in advance for the term (£15.00 next term, 6 weeks).

**NB:** Please remember that meal arrangements apply for a half term and pupils may only change after a holiday period.

### Free School Meals

We appreciate that with the ongoing corona virus your household income may have declined.

If you feel that you would now qualify for Free School Meals as a result of a fall in household income then you may apply to St Helens Council, Education Benefits using the online application form available through St Helens Council website under Free School Meals.

The application process will require you to provide evidence of proof of income and benefits such as Universal Credit which you can upload directly to the website.

### Y5/6 Football



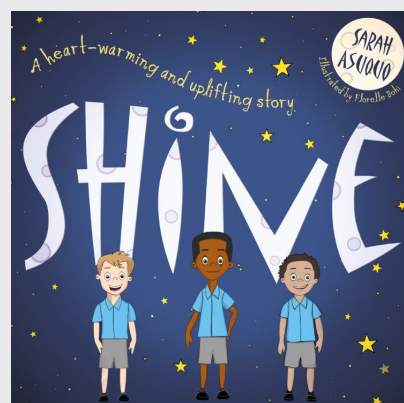
Well done to Wisam,  
Ruby, Ellie, Seth,  
George, Luiza, Martha  
and Eva.

You played brilliantly!

### World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day in school on **Thursday 3rd March**. We are basing the theme of the day on the book 'Shine' by Sarah Asuodo. This is a heart-warming story which promotes the message that we can all be whomever we want to be.

We are asking the children to dress up in clothing that represents themselves in some way. The day will be based on inclusivity and will celebrate the fact that each one of us is unique.





**Shining Lights Centre  
Sutton Manor  
St.Helens**

**20th February  
27th February  
6th March  
13th March  
20th March**

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# SPRING HAS SPRUNG




# AUTISM / SEN STAY AND PLAY TERMLY SESSIONS

**Five Stay and Play termly sessions specifically for children aged 2-8 who struggle with social interaction and communication**

18th March  
20th March

**SENSORY BASED PLAY**



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# VALENTINE'S DAY STAY AND PLAY

FEBRUARY 13  
SHINING LIGHTS CENTRE  
ST.HELENS  
10.00A.M - 11.30A.M

**A special occasion Stay and Play session for autistic / SEN children aged 2 - 8 years who need support in developing social interaction and communication skills.**

**Sessions are designed to promote confidence and self-esteem as children play on their own terms in a safe and welcoming environment and parents have a chance to meet and network with other parents.**

**The focus of the session activities will be friendship.**

**£15 per child**

**Contact :**  
**[www.buildingthebasics.co.uk](http://www.buildingthebasics.co.uk)**  
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**07305591299**



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.

### Pupil of the Week

### Wonder Wall

#### **Nursery** **Reception**

**Lyla Barker**

**Emilia Stein**

**Halle Hughes**

**Malakai Amadi**

**Y1**

**Alfie Baddeley**

**Amias Aslam**

**Y2**

**Sophie Partington**

**Annabel Underhill**

**Y3**

**Rufus Raven**

**Isla Jackman**

**Y4**

**Theo Boylan-  
McCann**

**Evie Wall**

**Y5**

**Max Parsley**

**Layla Hitchen**

**Y6**

**Ryan Thorpe**

**Zach Haselden**



### Toddler Group

Great news! We are starting a toddler group here at school in the near future. Sessions will take place on Thursday mornings 9:30am -11am in the small hall. It will be £2 per session and it will be a great opportunity for parents and children in our local community to come together.

More detailed information will follow in the coming weeks.

### COVID restrictions

As you will be aware, COVID restrictions have been eased nationally, however rates of infection in our local area do remain high. In light of this, staff and I have agreed to keep our bubble system, class based assemblies and staggered lunches up until the Easter holidays. We will ease our school restrictions in the Summer term.

## School Diary

### Monday 7th February

Y6 Swimming

Y1 & Y2 Dodgeball (4 of 4) 3.15-4.15pm

Drumming Lessons 3.15-4.15pm

### Tuesday 8th February

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Choir—12 noon

Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball (4 of 4) 3.15-4.15pm

### Wednesday 9th February

Schools Music Service Brass Lessons

Y4, 5 & 6 St Helens Music Service Strings Lessons

Y5 & 6 Judo (5 of 5) 12.15pm

Drumming Lessons 3.15-4.15pm

### Thursday 10th February

No Y6 Booster Class—resume after half term.

### Friday 11th February

Number Day 2022— Children come to school dressed in different forms of number representations

Rock Steady Music—PM

### 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	<b>Thurs 6 Jan</b>	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