

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

CLASS NEWSLETTER Autumn 2025-2026

Reception



Hope

Honesty

Resilience



Tolerance

Kindness

Love

Welcome to the Autumn term

There are four members of staff who work in the EYFS unit—Mrs Montrose (named Nursery teacher and EYFS Leader), Mrs Pickett (named Reception teacher), Mrs Newton, Mrs Chisnall and Miss Gannon. We all work equally with all the children and look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks.

The children have all settled really well and are learning the new routines. We're really proud of how well they are coming into the settling at the start of the day.

PE DAY

In EYFS we do PE on a Tuesday.

The children will attend school in their full PE kit (Plain white round neck T-shirt/ chapel end T-shirt with red sleeves; plain red shorts; plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie/ school jumper or cardigan; plain black jogging bottoms ,trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.)

PE activities

Our PE lessons relate to our theme and we will be focusing on rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping and climbing.



Please refer to our new homework policy on the school website to find information regarding your child's year group homework content. http://www.chapelend.st-helens.sch.uk/serve_file/7780444

Each week your child will bring home an "Essential letters and sounds" reading book linked to the sounds they are learning in school. Your child should read this book four times at home, as independently as possible and you should sign their phonics newsletter to confirm this. They will also bring home a sharing reading book from our library for you to read to them for pleasure—perhaps at bedtime. We will also set a number based activity and a fun topic related task on your child's ClassDojo portfolio for you to complete at home.

We love to see what the children have been getting up to at home—if they get a certificate for swimming or gymnastics etc then please send it in or send a picture via your child's portfolio on ClassDojo so that achievements can be celebrated.

Drinks and snacks

The children have free access to water throughout the day and do not need to bring a water bottle to school—except for with a packed lunch. The children have milk, water, snack and fruit each morning and afternoon. Snack money is £28 and is paid termly via school money.

These are some of the things we will be learning to do this term

Communication and Language

Listen for longer periods of time
Learn and use exciting new words
Ask and answer questions to find out more

Personal, Social and Emotional

Talk to my teachers
Start to make friends
Make the right choices most of the time

Physical

To begin to form letters
To talk about how to stay healthy

Literacy

All phase 2 sounds: s a t p i n m d g o c k c k
e u r s s h b f f l l l

Phase 3 sounds : j v w x y z z z q u c h s h t h
n g n k a i e e i g h o a

Harder to read and spell words: I the no
put of is to go into pull as his he she buses
we me be push was her my you

Maths

Time, Positional language, Shape and pattern
Subitising, Match & sort,
Size, Mass Capacity, Counting.

In EYFS the children's skills are developed through their interests. We observe the children as they are playing and learning and plan accordingly.

While we are all getting to know each other our first topic will be:

'Getting to know you'
including: starting school; my new class; focus on relationships and feelings; my family.

We will keep you informed about the themes we are focussing on via Class Dojo!

Some of the books we will read:

The Colour Monster, The Colour Monster goes to school, Starting school, Owl babies, The Gruffalo, Bear hunt, Here I am

Enrichment activities:

Bring in photo of family

Weekly Themes

08/09 No Outsiders KS1

15/09 No Outsiders KS2

22/09 How we stay safe in school KS1

29/09 How we stay safe in school KS2

06/10 Black History Month KS1

13/10 Black History Month KS2

20/10 Diwali KS1

03/11 Anti-Bullying KS1

10/11 Anti Bullying KS2

17/11 Road Safety KS1

24/Road safety KS2

01/12 Christmas story KS1

08/12—Nativity

15/12—Christmas story KS2

Dates for your diary

- 26.9.25—Spanish day Years 3-6
- 30.9.25- Flu vaccinations—(By invitation)
- 6.10.25- No Outsiders week
- 20.10.25- DT week
- 23.10.25- Year 1 Values Assembly
- 17.11.25- Assessment Week +Art week
- 3 +4.12.25 Parents Evenings
- 5.12.25—Y3-Y6 Spanish day
- 10+11.12.25- EYFS/KS1 Nativity
- 12.12.25 Christmas fayre and Christmas Jumper day
- 18.12.25—Y3 Values assembly