

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

CLASS NEWSLETTER Spring 2026

Nursery



Welcome to the Spring term

There are five 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 will gladly answer any queries you may have about your child's learning.

PE DAY

In EYFS we do PE on a Friday.

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 this term we will be working on developing our balancing skills and core muscle strength. We will be practicing jumping and landing and developing our awareness of space. We will be moving across equipment in different ways e.g. crawling etc. We will also be practicing throwing, kicking and catching balls.

Homework

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

We usually set a task for you to complete at home with your child on a Friday. This will either be in your child's will bring home their 'Busy Bee' homework book or via your child's portfolio on Dojo. The homework activity will be a short, fun task for you and your child to complete together and bring back to school the following Wednesday. These tasks relate to work that your child is doing in school and should not take longer than 15 minutes to complete.

We also 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 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 with their packed lunch if they have that. The children have milk, water, snack and fruit each morning and afternoon.

Snack money for the Autumn term is £28 for full time children and pro-rata for part time children. This is paid termly via school money and the cost will be worked out according to the hours your child is with us.

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

Communication and Language

Listen and respond to stories
Use new and interesting words

Sing songs

Personal Social and Emotional

Take turns and share resources
Express own preferences and interests
Respond to appropriate boundaries

Think about how we keep ourselves safe and how we grow and change

Physical

Use scooters and trikes
Use mark making tools with more control
Fasten and unfasten shoes and coats
Develop ball skills

Literacy

Writing our names
Begin to learn some initial sounds
Tell an adult what my mark making means
Talk with an adult about a wider range of books-

Maths

Recite number names to 10 and beyond
Get up to 5 objects when asked Experiment with symbols, marks and numerals
Name and talk about shapes
Identify some numerals

In EYFS the themes we explore are led by the interests of the children. We observe the children as they are playing and learning and plan accordingly.

Our topics during Spring term will be 'Take one picture' and 'Growing'.

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

Some of the books we will read

Can't you sleep Little Bear?
The Tiger who cam to tea?
Where the wild things are
The very hungry Caterpillar
Supertato

Enrichment activities

Chinese New Year
National Storytelling week
Valentines Day
Weather experiments
Mother's Day
Easter
New children visits
World Book Day

Weekly Themes

5.1.26 Epiphany KS1	23.2.26 Neurodiversity
12.1.26 Epiphany KS2	2.3.26 Holi
19.1.26 Feelings and emotions	9.3.26 Holy Week
26.1.26 Internet Safety KS2	16.3.26 Holy Week
2.2.26 Internet Safety KS1	
9.2.26 Chinese new year	

Dates for your diary

19.1.26- No Outsiders week
26.1.26- DT week
30.1.26- KS2 Spanish day
2.2.26- Y4+Y5 Shrek show
6.2.26- NSPCC Number Day
12.2.26- Young Voices
2.3.26- Assessment Week
2.3.26- Art week
13.2.26- Y2 Values assembly