

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

CLASS NEWSLETTER Spring 2026

Reception



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 also be using different sized balls to throw, catch and kick.

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

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 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. This is paid termly via school money.

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

Re-tell stories and talk for writing

Ask how and why questions

Connect ideas and actions

Personal Social and Emotional

Understand own and others' feelings

Have confidence in own abilities

Persist and wait for what they want

Keeping themselves safe indoors outdoors and online

Physical

Begin to form letters correctly

Fasten and unfasten buttons and zips

Cut with scissors

Gymnastics and core muscle strength

Literacy

Phase 3 ELS

Read simple phrases and captions

Recognise more harder to read and spell words

Retelling stories by writing

Maths

Zero and subtracting numbers to 5

Adding and composition of numbers to 5

Measuring mass and capacity

Learning about 6,7 and 8

Pairs and combining groups to 10

Measuring length and height

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