



BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



AUTUMN 1 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 Beginning

07.09.26

Our school targets this year

14.09.26

Diwali

21.09.26

How we stay safe in school

28.09.26

British Values

05.10.26

Black History Month

12.10.26

No Outsiders

19.10.26

House Team Winners

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to a new and exciting year!

We have had a very busy Summer holiday here at school and we have had lots of changes happening to our school building.

We are looking forward, as always, to working in partnership with our families and the community in order to provide your children with the best possible care and education.

Mr Hewitt

Our school Value of this half term is Kindness



Admissions to Secondary School – September 2027

Parents of current Year 6 pupils have until the closing date of 31st October 2026 to apply for a secondary school place for their child for September 2027. The portal will soon be open on the St Helens Council website for St Helens residents and will close on 31st October.

IF YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT BOROUGH (ie IF YOU PAY YOUR COUNCIL TAX TO A COUNCIL THAT IS NOT ST HELENS) YOU NEED TO APPLY ONLINE ON THAT COUNCIL WEBSITE BY 31st OCTOBER (eg Wigan residents should apply at www.wigan.gov.uk).



Applying for Nursery

Dear Parents

Should you wish to apply for a Nursery place at Billinge Chapel End, **you will need to collect an application form from the school office.**

Please note, to apply for Reception, please go on the St Helens Council website.

Attendance and holiday requests

The Trust and DFE are working very closely with schools to ensure that all children are attending school regularly and consistently. If a child is missing school regularly, or is persistently late, their academic progress can be seriously jeopardised. For example; a child with a 90% attendance rate at the end of the year will have missed four whole weeks of school and 100 hours of learning opportunities. As a school, we have a threshold agreed with the Trust of **95%** attendance as a minimum and the Trust attendance improvement team will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold. Please see the new attendance policy for 2026 on the school website.

Earrings

Clear plastic small stud earrings with safety backs are permitted in school. Parents and carers who send their child into school wearing clear, plastic, small stud earrings do so at their own risk. School will not take any responsibility to earring related injuries, or loss of earrings, with full accountability being placed upon parents and carers.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 10th September. Children will have individual photos and photos with siblings.



POLITE REMINDER

Please note that unless you have a blue badge, parking on the School car park is not permitted.

Should you have a badge and haven't already done so, please bring to the school office so we can take a copy for our records.



Medical Appointments during school hours

Last year **163** school sessions were missed through pupil's medical appointments being arranged in school time. All medical appointments, including dentist and doctor's appointments, should be arranged, whenever possible, outside of school hours. **Please note that in order to satisfy DFE requirements, when appointments are taken in school time, parents must provide medical evidence to support the absence for example by providing an appointment card or hospital appointment letter, clearly marked for the attention of the office staff.**

Thank you for your cooperation with this.





As you may already be aware, we use a whole-school approach to deliver our PSHE lessons in school called Coram Scarf, which promotes positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement. SCARF represents our values for children of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. Our whole school topic for the first half of the Autumn term is 'Me and My Relationships'.

Here are some of the themes the children will be exploring

Nursery	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Marvellous Me	All about me	Why we have classroom rules?	Our ideal classroom	As a rule	Human machines	Celebration challenge	Working together
I'm special	What makes me special	How are you listening?	How are you feeling today?	Looking after our special people	Ok or not OK	Give or take	Solve the friendship problem
People who are special to me	Me and my special People	Thinking about feelings	Let's all be happy	How can we solve this Problem	An email from Harold	How good a friend are you?	Behave yourself!
	Who can help me?	Our Feelings	Being a good friend	Friends are special	Different feelings	Relationship recipe	Being assertive skills
	My feelings	Feelings and bodies	Types of bully	Thanks	Under pressure	Our emotional needs	Don't force me
		Good friends	Don't do that	Dan's dare		Being assertive	Acting appropriately

Please click on the link for further ideas to help your child at home

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships>

Nasal Flu Immunisations

The immunisation team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 22nd September.

Your child will only receive it if you have given consent.



Messy Church at St.David's Carr Mill is back Saturday 3rd October 26. It starts at 3pm and finishes around 4.30pm. Parents, why don't you bring your children along and do activities, songs, a story and share refreshments with us. All children aged 0-11years are welcome and it's free! (Please note children need to be accompanied with an adult)



Dates for your diary

03.09.26—School re-opens

09.09.26 Judo lessons 3.15-4.15pm
 10.09.26 School photos
 21.09.26 Under 2's & 2's closed for First Aid Training
 22.09.26 Flu Vaccinations
 05.10.26 Open Evening 4-7pm
 20.10.26 Autumn school disco 4.30-5.45pm

23.10.26 - School closes at 3pm/ 3.15pm

02.11.26—School re-opens

05.11.26 Reception and Year 6 Height and Weights
 11.11.26 PTFA Book Exchange 3.15pm
 20.11.26 Children In Need
 01.12.26 & 03.12.26 Parents Evening
 08.12.26 Learning Lodge Parents Evening 3.30-4.30pm
 08.12.26, 9.12.26 & 10.12.26—Nativities am
 10.12.26 Christmas Fair
 11.12.26 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
 11.12.26 Under 2's & 2's Nativity
 14.12.26 EYFS Christmas Party
 14.12.26 Tea with Santa 3.15-4.30pm
 15.12.26 KS1 Christmas Party
 16.12.26 LKS Christmas Party
 17.12.26 UKS2 Christmas Party

18.12.26 - School closes at 1.50/2pm

05.01.27—School re-opens



Term Dates for 2026-2027

These term date cards are available to collect at the school office.

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2026	Thurs 3 Sept	Fri 23 Oct
Autumn Term 2026	Mon 2 Nov	Fri 18 Dec
Spring Term 2027	Tues 5 Jan	Fri 12 Feb
Spring Term 2027	Mon 22 Feb	Wed 24 March
Summer Term 2027	Mon 12 April	Fri 28 May
Summer Term 2027	Mon 7 June	Fri 16 July

School also closed: May Day— Monday 3rd May 2027

E Safety

I would like to direct all parents and carers to the E Safety section of our school website. Information about how to add parental controls to your child's digital devices along with many more useful tips can be found on there.

Uniform Orders

New uniforms can be ordered through school. Uniform order forms are available from the school office and on Chapel End website, in the virtual office. Please return your orders to school, we will then add the cost of your order onto your child's **SchoolMoney** account to enable you to make payment. Please write your child's name clearly on the order form, as this will be printed on the label inside the garments you order. Please ensure the form is completed correctly i.e. size and item required.

School Uniform

A full list is given below. Children may continue to wear Summer uniform throughout September as September is often quite warm but all pupils should be in full Winter uniform by the second half of the Autumn term.

Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Grey trousers
Grey short-trousers in summer
Plain grey socks
Black school shoes

Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan if possible displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers
Red gingham dress in summer (red and white checks)
Grey tights
White socks (recommended for Summer) Grey socks (recommended for Winter)
Black Shoes

PE Kits

Your child will participate in PE lessons on specified days each week. Parents will be informed which days their child has PE and children can wear their PE kit all day. If a child has an after-school PE club, they will wear their uniform and change into their kit at the end of the school day.

Plain white round neck T-shirt
Plain red shorts or skorts
Plain red sweatshirt/ hoodie
Plain black jogging bottoms
Trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor physical activity.

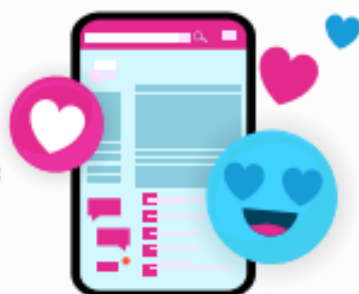
For more information on PE, swimming, hair etc please read our Uniform Policy on Chapel End Spider under Essential Information, Policies.



24 APPS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

This list is not exhaustive, and will be updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN. (UPDATED 2021)



FACEBOOK



FACEBOOK allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.

INSTAGRAM



INSTAGRAM Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

KIDSCHAT



KIDSCHAT.NET is a free online messaging app for children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest.

SKYPE



SKYPE is a platform and app that lets you make audio and video calls to other people around the world. You can also send instant messages.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up

CALCULATOR %



CALCULATOR % is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

HOT ON NOT



HOT ON NOT Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.

YUBO



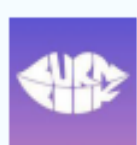
YUBO Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.

KIK MESSAGING Kik



KIK MESSAGING Kik is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.

BURN BOOK



BURN BOOK Anonymous rumours can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.

WISHBONE



WISHBONE This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.

GRINDR



GRINDR Is a dating app geared towards gay, bisexual and transgender people. The app allows people to chat, share and meet up in person based on a GPSS location.

SKOUT



SKOUT is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

MEET ME



MEET ME Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet in person.

TIK TOK



TIK TOK Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.

TELLOYMN



TELLOYMN anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.

Zoomerang



Zoomerang Is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.

BUMBLE



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FACEBOOK MESSENGER



FACEBOOK MESSENGER Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to-end encryption will make it even more unsafe.

BADOO



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OMEGLE



OMEGLE is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.

