**Billinge Chapel End Parish Council**

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**Invitation to Participate – Children’s Act of Remembrance**

Dear [Head Teacher's Name],

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to warmly invite your school to take part in this year’s Children’s Act of Remembrance, taking place on:

🗓 Date: Friday, 7th November 2025

🕥 Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

📍 Location: Main Street (from Ash Grove Crescent to the Eagle & Child traffic lights)

This annual event, held on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday, is a cherished opportunity for our young people to honor those who served and to share messages of peace with the wider community.

**School Involvement**

We invite children in Years 5 and 6 to:

• Create Flags of All Nations, with a message of peace written on the reverse side.

• Plant the flags in the Remembrance Garden during the service. These remain on display for residents to read and reflect upon in the days that follow.

Please confirm the number of children and staff who will be attending so we can provide refreshments (non-fizzy drinks and crisps). We typically welcome around 160 children and 30 adults. Refreshments will be provided at both the Labour Club and the Public Hall after the service.

\*Children from Kids Planet will attend the service but will not be joining us for refreshments.

**Inclusive Participation**

This year, we are pleased to extend the invitation to Nugent House School, specifically pupils aged 10–11, in recognition of their desire to be more involved in local events. We believe every child should have the opportunity to take part in this meaningful occasion.

**Additional Information**

• Road Closure: Main Street will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with traffic diverted via Pingot Road and London Fields to Newton Road.

• Poppies on Lampposts: As in previous years, we will ensure poppies are displayed in good time throughout the parish.

• A Bugler will be present for the traditional act of remembrance.

• MP David Baines and members of the Residents Association will also attend and lay wreaths.

• Dennis McDonnell will read the words of Exhortation ('They shall not grow old...').

• We are happy to consider short contributions from schools during the ceremony. If your Head Teacher or a student would like to say a few words, please let us know.

We kindly ask you to confirm your school's attendance and approximate numbers of pupils and staff by Friday, 26th September 2025.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children engage in this important community tradition.

Warm regards,

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