PREES SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

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We demonstrate our Values of *Trust, Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Friendship and Generosity* at Prees C.E. Primary School and Nursery in all that we strive to achieve each day.

Monday 16th November	**PE - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** **Bikeability - Year 6** **Forest School - Nursery** **Christmas Choir for Years 2 – 6, 3.15pm-4.00pm**
Tuesday 17th November	Individual Photographs and family photographs Bikeability - Year 6 PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Chess Tournament in school (pm)
Wednesday 18th November	**PE - Year 1 and Year 2** **Biekability – Year 6** **Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9.00am – 10.30am**
Thursday 19th November	Swimming - Year 5 and Year 6 PE - Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 20th November	**PE - Reception and Year 3**

Please can children come to school in their PE kit on PE days and bring a spare pair of socks to change into as the grass can be wet. Thank you.

Family Photographs on Tuesday 17th November

On Tuesday at 8:30am, parents and carers are welcome to bring pre-school or nursery-aged siblings not presently attending our school to the door at the side of the school by the kitchen entrance for family photographs. All children already attending Prees School and Nursery will have both individual and joint sibling photos taken. Thank you.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to this appeal. Your generous support of our Armed Forces ensures that the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives are never forgotten.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need appeal! From spotty outfits to Pudsey and Blush t-shirts and ears, your children's vibrant energy turned a sea of colour into real support for young lives. You raised an amazing £131.11.

Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are eligible to start Reception in September 2027.

Applications can be made online from 2nd November 2026 - 15th January 2027 (applications received after this date are considered late and processed after on-time allocations).
Apply by visiting: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-to-start-or-transfer-school/starting-infant-or-primary-school/

Diary Dates

Monday 16th November	Bikeability for Year 6
	Christmas Choir for Years 2 – 6, 3.15pm – 4pm
Tuesday 17th November	Individual Photograph and Family Photographs
	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 18th November	Bikeability for Year 6
	Play, Stay and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am
Monday 23rd November	Dancer working with children in Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 25th November	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am
	SEND Coffee and Chat 9.15am
	Non-uniform day for hamper donations.
Friday 27th November	Pantomime visit to Theatre Severn
Wednesday 2nd December	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am
Thursday 3rd December	Friends of Prees School - Christmas Disco
Monday 7th December	Year 3 and Year 4 visiting Thomas Adams School
	Carol Service, St Chad's Church at 6pm
Tuesday 8th December	Friends of Prees School - Elfridges Pop-Up shop in school for the children
Wednesday 9th December	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10am
Monday 14th December	Christmas Journey Day in school
Wednesday 16th December	Stay, Play and Chat in the hall, 9am – 10.30am
Friday 18th December	Break up for Christmas Break
Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd December – Holiday Club	
Monday 4th January	Children return to school

Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 25th November

We are excited to announce the return of our ever-popular Christmas Hamper Raffle!
To help us create the hampers, we are holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 25th November.
Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a hamper donation.
We would be very grateful for any suitable items, such as Chocolates, Toiletries, Biscuits, Festive Treats and Bottles.
Thank you for your continued support!

Our Carol Service

St Chad's Church, on Monday 7th December at 6pm

Our annual Carol Service will be beautifully hosted by Year 6, with every class adding to the seasonal joy through festive carols, readings, and prayers. The service will feature a live nativity tableau by our Reception Class—complete with a procession through the aisles—and a magical presentation from our little stars in Nursery.
We do hope you can join us.

Holiday Club

Will run again over the Christmas break on
Monday 21st December, Tuesday 22nd December and Wednesday 23rd December.
Booking details to follow.

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

We have a daily Breakfast Club (during term time) from 7.45am. Breakfast is supplied and the children are taken to join their classes at 8.40am. The cost for the daily session is £4 payable via ParentPay. If you are able, we ask that your book in advance, but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Wrap Around Club (during term time) runs from 3.10pm—6pm daily. The cost is £4 per hourly session, payable via ParentPay. A snack can be provided if your child is staying after 5.10pm for an additional cost of £1, you need to let us know in advance if you would like this please. Again, if you are able, we ask you to book in advance, but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs. Both clubs are for children aged 3 years and above. Vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast and/or Wrap Around Club.

The contact Telephone Number for Breakfast Club and Wrap Around during term time is 01948 800

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.65 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay.
Please note children moving into Year 3 will need to pay for school lunches.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please apply, if you are eligible, for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 even though they will receive universal free school meals. Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.
https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals
Thank you.

Toast

Toast is available to the children at first playtime at a cost of 10p per slice, this is payable via ParentPay.
Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis.

** Please let us know if you do not want your child to have toast on a daily basis as some of our children may not understand and may order without you knowing. **

Children are more than welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks, i.e. raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime. Nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

School Transport

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Homework

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.
Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.
Login details have been sent home with your child.
Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.00am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent. If we have not heard from you by 9.15am, we will telephone you and follow-up with a text message. If we have still not heard from you by 10.30am we will telephone and text again as this becomes a safeguarding concern.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.
Thank you for your support.

Facebook

Our school has a Facebook account - Prees CE Primary School and Nursery

We use the account to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school. Thank you.

Wellies

Please can your child bring a pair of wellies into school (labelled with their name) that can be left in school.
We play outside at lunchtimes on the field as often as possible, and they will then also be available for use when they are taking part in Outdoor Learning.
Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day.
If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch, can they also bring a bottle with water in so that they can remain hydrated throughout the day.
Thank you.

Shropshire Family Information Service

Cycling is a great way to keep active and boost your wellbeing. Why not plan a bike ride with the family, Shropshire has some great family friendly cycle routes, check them out here: https://orlo.uk/FufJf
You can find more inspiration and a list of all things cycling on our Family Information Directory https://orlo.uk/nkm7E

Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- How to access emergency food
- Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- Advice on eating well on a budget
- Where to get local help with money issues

https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/

Cost of Living Support - Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will continue to affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you are struggling right now, you are not alone. But do not wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.
The good news is that there's help available.
The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

Support for parent carers of children with SEND
Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the Shropshire's SEND Local Offer can help you.



If you are concerned about someone's safety in an emergency dial 999, but for other calls to the police please ring 101. To report a safeguarding concern by phone ring the First Point of Contact team on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm. If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the Emergency Social Work Duty Team on 0345 678 9040.

Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family: https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire

Leaflets are also available from: https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets

Whitchurch Library

Our free Lego Club takes place every Saturday at 10am!
Stop by and bring your creativity.

- **Every Saturday 10am-12pm**
- **Lego provided**
- **All ages welcome**
- **Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian**





Wem Town Hall

Theatrix Arts presents: The Snow Queen

Step into a magical world Where toys come to life! Join brave Gerda on an enchanting adventure to rescue her brother Kai from the Snow Queen's icy palace.

Featuring beautifully crafted puppets, music and plenty of magic, this is delightful theatrical treat for children and families.

Saturday 12 December
Performances at 11:00am & 2:00pm
2:00pm – SEN Relaxed Performance
A magical adventure not to be missed!
Tickets: www.wemtownhall.co.uk or call 01939 232299.



Online Grooming

What is Online Grooming?

Online Grooming is when an adult builds a relationship online with a child to manipulate, exploit, or abuse them. **How does Grooming take place?**

Groomers often use fake profiles to pretend they are someone they are not, for example they may claim to be younger than they really are or pretend to be a person of influence. They will use flattery and attention to build trust and friendship. They may use online games or social media to initiate contact but then encourage your child to switch to a different app to chat with privately - usually on an app that offers limited or no parental controls and/or encrypts messages.

What can I do?

· Use appropriate parental controls.

· Set privacy settings.

· Show them how to use any blocking or reporting tools.

· Chat to your child regularly about what they do online and who they communicate with. Remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are.

What are the signs that my child is being groomed?

· Being secretive about who they are talking to.

· They become withdrawn from family and friends.

· Appearing anxious or upset after receiving messages.

· Receiving unexpected gifts. Find out more here: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/offender-gaining-trust

What should I do if my child is being groomed?

· If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.

· Stay calm and reassure your child that they are not to blame.

· If you are worried about online abuse or the way somebody has been communicating with your child online, report it to CEOP: (https://www.ceop.police.uk).

Further information · https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-grooming/

Spotify Parental Controls

Spotify is a music streaming service. You must be aged over 13 to access it. If under 18, parent/guardian consent is required. However, under-13s can access Spotify through a managed account set up by a parent or legal guardian. Since July 2026, Spotify has provided parental controls for managed accounts on both free and premium plans. These controls:

·turn messaging off.

·turn explicit content off.

·turn videos and canvas off.

·allow you to block specific artists or tracks. Further information Read the news announcement here: https://newsroom.spotify.com/2026-05-13/managed-accounts-free-tier-expansion/ Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information: https://www.spotify.com/us/safetyandprivacy/parental-guide