

Dear Parents/Carers

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.

Holiday Club

Thank you to everyone who supported our Holiday Club. The children were fantastic!

Monday 6th November

Children return to school

PE - Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Outdoor Learning Year 2 (children to bring jogging bottoms if they are not wearing them for PE)

**** There is no Afterschool Football Club****

Tuesday 7th November

PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 5

Wednesday 8th November

PE - Year 4 and Year 6

Piano Lessons

Christmas Choir for Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Thursday 9th November

Swimming for children in Year 2 and Year 6

PE - Year 1 and Year 5

Outdoor Learning Reception Class

**** There is no Afterschool Netball Club****

Friday 10th November

PE - Reception and Year 3

Outdoor Learning Year 1

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. Can children come to school in Outdoor Learning clothes (a long sleeved top, long trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat). Thank you.

*** School Admissions Dates ***

Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024

Applications can be made from 2nd November 2023 to 15th January 2024 online.

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school.

If you have any queries or would like support with your application please contact Mrs Powell.

Christmas Choir

For Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
Every Wednesday until 4pm
Starting this Wednesday
8th November.

There is no charge for this club.



Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other products will be available for purchase from 6th November. Suggested donations of at least 20p for poppies and £1 for other products. Thank you.



KS2 Outdoor Learning

Can children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 please bring outdoor learning clothes into school this week that can be left in school. Outdoor Learning for KS2 will be taking place anytime during the forthcoming weeks. The children will bring home wet/muddy clothes and will need to bring in replacement items as necessary please. Thank you.

PREES SCHOOL NEWS

Dates for your Diary

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| 06.11.23 | Half Term Begins – children back to school |
| 08.11.23 | Mastering Number Workshop for Year 1 parents (9am and 2.15pm) |
| 30.11.23 | Advent Journey Day for the whole school |
| 01.12.23 | Pantomime at school for the children |
| 14.12.23 | Christmas Lunch – children welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper |
| 18.12.23 | Carol Service in Church at 6pm |
| 20.12.23 | Last day of the Autumn Term – children break up |
| 21.12.23 – 22.12.23 | Holiday Club (Thurs and Fri) More details will follow shortly |
| 03.01.24 | PD Day – children not in school (however Holiday Club will be available) |
| 04.01.24 | Spring Term Begins – children back to school |

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities. We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts!' When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others. Please help your children to be punctual.

Thank you.

| Attendance during 1 year | Days lost | This equates to |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 95% attendance | 9 days | nearly 2 weeks |
| 90% attendance | 19 days | nearly 4 weeks |
| 85% attendance | 29 days | nearly 6 week |
| 80% attendance | 38 days | nearly 8 weeks |
| 75% attendance | 48 days | nearly 10 weeks |
| 70% attendance | 57 days | nearly 11.5 weeks |
| 65% attendance | 67 days | nearly 13.5 weeks |

The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



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.

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 don't 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 is 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.

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/>



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>

Parenting Helpline

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen?

Call 01743 250950 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12.30pm.

If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

sQuid - our online payment system in school

sQuid is an online payment system that can be used to make a variety of school payments.

Parents/ carers can use sQuid to pay for school payments such as: Dinner Money top ups, Toast, School Trips, Breakfast Club, Wrap Around Club and Swimming etc.

Children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you have mislaid your sQuid code please contact the office.

Enable Auto top up on your Catering purse, so your child never runs out of funds.

To enable Auto top up you will first need to make a payment and store your payment card. After you have stored your payment card, select the tick box to enable Auto top up and select the amount that you would like to add when the balance falls below a certain level, from each of the drop down boxes. Simply untick the box to disable Auto top up, and when you have updated your Auto top up preferences, please click the 'Save' button.

Remember to top up before 21:00 so that funds are ready to be used from 06:00 the following day. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Primary School Application for September 2024

Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday.

Therefore, children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024.

Applications should be made online. See the attached guidance to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email - school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.

Please note that the online facility is open from **2 November 2023**. You must apply by 15 January 2024. If there is a reason why your application is late i.e. due to a house move, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk to advise.

Applications received after 15 January, without exceptional reasons, are considered late. Late applications won't be processed until all the applications received on time have been allocated. This may result in your child not being offered a school place at your preferred school.

Shropshire Local Authority residents should use the Shropshire online portal to make their application for any English state infant or primary school. If the school you wish to apply to isn't there, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk with the name of the school, and we will get it added

- If you wish to apply for a neighbouring Welsh authority primary school, you should apply directly to either Powys or Wrexham authorities

If you want to apply for a Shropshire school but do not reside in the Shropshire Council authority area, please refer to our [who to apply to](#) page. Telford local authority residents must apply via Telford and Wrekin Council not Shropshire Council.

- Applicants from either overseas, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland can use the Shropshire Council website to make an application for a Shropshire school.

IF AN APPLICATION IS MADE THROUGH THIS PORTAL FROM A RESIDENT IN ANOTHER ENGLISH AUTHORITY OTHER THAN SHROPSHIRE IT WILL BE DISCARDED.

BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION

Ensure you read the [Guide to Education in Shropshire](#) This guide provides all the correct information to help you make your application.

- Note the importance of naming more than one school on your application, particularly when not applying for your catchment area school.

Ensure that you're happy with the application before you submit it. The online portal doesn't allow you to change your application once it's been submitted and downloaded by the Admissions Team. If you do need to amend your application after you have submitted it, you must email: school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Twitter

Our school has a twitter account @preesschool. We use the account to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school. The account is private, but if you would like to follow our account then please request this and as long as we are sure who you are then your request will be accepted.

