

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.

PREES SCHOOL NEWS

Monday 13th November

PE - Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

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

Tuesday 14th November

PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 5

Wednesday 15th November

PE - Year 4 and Year 6

Piano Lessons

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

Thursday 16th 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 17th 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.



Holiday Club



The next holiday clubs will take place on

Thursday 21st December, Friday 22nd December and Wednesday 3rd January.

Bookings are now available on sQuid from today and the cut off date is midnight on

Thursday 14th December.

Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers, should book by emailing

knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

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.

100% Attendance

Thank you and well done to so many of our children who again had 100% attendance last week.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal.



Coat and Water Bottle

Can we please ask that your child brings a coat and water bottle, labelled with their name, to school each day please.

Dates for your Diary

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| 27.11.23 | Individual Class Photographs |
| 30.11.23 | Advent Journey Day for the whole school |
| 01.12.23 | Pantomime in school for all the children |
| 14.12.23 | Christmas Lunch – children welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper School Disco - more details will follow shortly |
| 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 |

RAF Cosford Air Museum Educational Visit for Year 1 and Year 2

Can we please remind parents and carers that permission slips and packed lunch orders for the Year 1 and Year 2 educational visit to RAF Cosford must be returned to school by this Monday, 13th November.

The cut off time for payment on sQuid for the RAF Cosford Trip is midnight on Monday 13th November. Thank you.



SSS Training

We subscribe to SSS Learning for some of our staff training.

They are also offering some free guides for parents/carers, please visit:

[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing- 10 Top Tips for Parents | SSS Learning Ltd](#)
[Your Mental Health & Wellbeing- 10 Top Tips for Parents | SSS Learning Ltd](#)

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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.

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.



TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

As always, it is important that when setting up an account on TikTok, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age. For example, Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15 and they do not receive push notifications from 9pm. In addition, advertisements are tailored to the user's age.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here:

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user. You can find out more here:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>