

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 17th June	PE - Year 2, Year 5 and Year 3 Year 6 are working with staff from Arthog outreach Please refer to the letter for arrangements for this week.
Tuesday 18th June	PE - Nursery and Reception No PE for Year 4 as they are on a visit. Year 1 PE has changed to Wednesday just for this week.
Wednesday 19th June	Sports Day Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 9.30am—11.45am PE - Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 20th June	Swimming - Reception Class and Year 1 PE - Year 4 and Year 5 Outdoor Learning—Nursery Class
Friday 21st June	PE - Year 3 and Year 6 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).*

Sports Day

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) Sports Day is now taking place on the morning of
Wednesday 19th June, 9.30am - 11.45am.

Refreshments will be available on the field to purchase from Friends of Prees School.

We do hope you will be able to join us.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18th June	Year 3 and 4 - Educational Visit to Rea Brook Wildlife Reserve
Wednesday 19th June	Sports Day for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) 9.30am - 11.45am
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 - Careers' Fair
Monday 24th June	Year 5 and 6 - Educational Visit to Whixall Moss
Thursday 27th June	Class Group Photographs
Monday 1st—Tuesday 2nd July	Year 6 transition days at Thomas Adams
Monday 1st—Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Transition days at Sir John Talbots
Tuesday 2nd July	Whole School Move Up Day
w/b 8th July	Olympic Week
Thursday 11th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Chads Church, 2pm Disco - KS1: 6pm - 7pm ; KS2: 7.15pm - 8pm
Monday 15th—Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Residential visit
Thursday 18th July	Break up for Summer holidays

Reading Books and Reading Records

Can your child please bring their reading book and reading record to school each day so that we can record when they are reading in school.

Thank you for listening to your child read at home, it is making a huge difference.





Holiday Club



Holiday Club will once again be running during the Summer Holidays.

Bookings will be available on sQuid after Wednesday of this week.

The club will be running on the following dates from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at a cost of £12 per day.

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July — Thursday 25th July

Monday 29th July — Thursday 1st August

Monday 5th August — Thursday 8th August

Homework on Seesaw

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.

Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

If you have mislaid your child's Seesaw code please get in touch with us.

If your child is just starting at our school they will bring login details home during their first week.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.35 (£1.65 for Nursery children) and payable via sQuid.

Children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Thank you.

**** 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.

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.

Child absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.30am 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 9.30am we will text you and then follow-up with a telephone call if we have still not heard from you by lunchtime.

Warm Weather

As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child brings a sun hat to school and sunscreen (labelled with their name, which only they must use and self-apply). 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.



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, school starts at 8.50a.m.

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

St Chad's Church

Would your children like to attend church sometimes? Would you like to bring your children to church but worry that they are expected to sit still and listen?

Why not try the **special family service** at St Chad's Church on the third Sunday of the month at 10.50am?

Come and get involved with a craft activity and coffee/ chat time then the service begins at 11.00am. The service often involves young people, if they wish, and is more interactive, shorter and no one minds if a young person wants to return to their craft or speaks or wriggles! This service builds on successful Crib and Baptism services and the congregation are happy to see young people involved. Why not come along?

The next **Family worship** service is on Sunday **21st July** at 10.50am.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Stay, Play and Chat

Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery
every Wednesday

9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)

Children from 0-5 years, parents, carers, grandparents, friends, we look forward to you joining us on a Wednesday in our school hall.

Sessions are free.

Starting Nursery in September

If your child will have had their 2nd or 3rd birthday by the 31st August they can join Nursery in September 2024.

Please find attached the initial Nursery Form to apply for a place. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.

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/>



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

spa dental
Whitchurch

NHS children's appointments

- ◆ General dentistry
- ◆ Oral health education
- ◆ Saturday opening
- ◆ After-school appointments



Scan & Book your Appointment Here

Corser House, 17 Green End,
Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 1AD

www.spadental.co.uk/contact

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>

Shropshire
family
Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



Check age ratings!

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whilst they explore being online, develop their digital resilience and understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online.

So how can we help keep our children safe? We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. **It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.**

Where can I find age ratings?

Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': <https://www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.

Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games.

Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and play them yourself to check their suitability.

Social Media: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

What else can I do?

Explain the importance of age ratings to your child.

Go online together to see what your child is accessing.

Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>

CBeebies Little Learners app

The CBeebies Little Learners app has been created with BBC Bitesize and educational experts to provide your child with a fun learning experience. It includes activities based on the UK's Early Years Foundation Stage framework, for example sounds and letters and numbers and shapes. You can learn more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zndjh4j>

Tips to promote positive body image

If your child is viewing content online, particularly on social media, then the images they are seeing may be edited or even fake. A child may not yet be able to distinguish between reality and what is not real/fake, which may impact their own body image.

Internet Matters provide advice on how to empower your child to develop a positive body image and what you can do to help. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/promoting-positive-body-image-with-children/>

LEGO Build and Talk

LEGO® have created Build and Talk to help you chat to your child about online safety. The activities have been created for children ages 6 to 9.

Firstly, you pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes prompts, whilst you build LEGO® together. This is a fantastic way to start talking to your child about topics such as screentime and cyberbullying. Find out more here: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/>