

# 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 15th July	PE - Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday 16th July	PE - Nursery, Year 2 and Year 4
Wednesday 17th July	PE - Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
Thursday 18th July	PE - Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 <b>Non-Uniform Day - Wear What Makes You Happy</b>

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th—Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 Residential visit
Thursday 18th July	Break up for Summer holidays

### Disco

Thank you to the Friends of Prees School for their organisation of the disco and for everyone's help with the event. Thank you to all the children and parents who supported.



### **Holiday Club**

Holiday Club is running during the Summer Holidays.  
**Bookings must be made on sQuid by the closing date, this Sunday 14th July please.**

Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/Vouchers should book by emailing [knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk)

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

### **Starting Nursery in September**

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

Please contact the office if you require a registration form.  
Thank you.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10.50am.

We look forward to welcoming 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

**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>

**Things to Do and Places to Go during the School Holidays**

There's another school holiday just round the corner, and we know how some families can find the holidays a challenge with the juggle of work and keeping the children entertained.

If parent carers are looking for things to do and places to go, then the Shropshire Family Information Service Directory is the place to visit for fun during the school holidays.

Hold Ctrl and Click on the links below for more information:

There's also the [Actio activity offer](#) for those children and young people who are registered for [All In Programme](#) and Autism West Midlands have events for teens and the whole family, you can find out more about and book on [Autism West Midlands events page](#).

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Get ready for a reading adventure!

This year's summer reading challenge starts on 6th July. There are two ways that your child can take part. The challenge can be joined at our local libraries—where the children will be given a special collector's pack and will help find the books to read for the challenge; stickers and other rewards can be collected along the way.

Alternatively the children can take part on line by holding Ctrl and Click on the link below:

[Join-in | Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Here the children can set a reading goal and log the books that they read on their profile.

Please note that the on-line and in person challenges are separate.

By following the link, there are other activities that your child may like to engage in.

**School Meals from September**

There will be a daily 10p increase in the cost of a school meal from September—meals will therefore be £2.45 (£1.75 for Nursery children) and payable via sQuid.

**Please note that 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 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 by visiting:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>

**Contact Telephone Number**

If you need to contact Breakfast Club or Wrap Around Club outside school hours please ring:

01948 800307

## Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules.

Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

Sending nasty or hurtful messages  
Leaving unkind comments  
Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission  
Excluding somebody on purpose  
Impersonating somebody with a fake account  
Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps for example.

### What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact them again in the future.

### Starting a conversation with your child

BBC Own It have curated a selection of videos and quizzes with ideas and advice to help make the web a kinder place. You could use these to help you start a conversation with your child.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

### Further information

<https://bulliesout.com/need-support/be-kind-online/>

<https://bekindonline.com/category/cyber-safety-tips/>

## Helping your child transition to secondary school

Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Internet Matters have published lots of useful advice and resources to help you during this transition, including discussing if your child is ready for a smartphone and explaining the challenges they may face in secondary school:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

## Summertime Screen Time

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group have published information on their website to help you manage your child's screentime during the summer break. Their website includes top tips for managing screen time, activities and guides to popular apps:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/06/20/summertime-screen-time-2024/>

## Accessibility features

There are many accessibility features available on iPhone and Android phones to support those with vision, speech and cognitive needs for example. You can find out more here:

**iPhone:** <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iph3e2e4367/ios>

**Android:** <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006564?hl=en-GB>