

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.



A fundraising bingo event has been organised for our school on Monday 10th February 2025 at Prees Sports and Social Club 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

For the event we provide the bingo prizes, in the past these have been bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, smellies etc. If anyone is able to donate a prize for the event, then they will be very gratefully received.

Your support as ever is very much appreciated.

Monday 27th January

PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 28th January

PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 29th January

PE - Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

Stay, Play and Chat 9am - 10.30am

Thursday 30th January

Swimming Year 3 and Year 4

PE - Year 1 and Year 2

Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class

Friday 31st January

PE - Reception and Year 4

Outdoor Learning Year 1 and Year 2

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) on Outdoor Learning days. Thank you.



Holiday Club



Holiday club will be running again during February half term.

We will let you know further details next week.

Attendance

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.

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 begins at 8.50a.m.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd February - Sunday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 7th February

Years 5 and 6 Educational Visit

Monday 10th February

Bingo at Prees Sports and Social Club 7pm

Friday 14th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February - Half Term children not in school

Holiday Club will be taking place—further details to follow

Monday 24th February

Children return to school

Wednesday 26th February

Parent Consultations

Thursday 27th February

Parent Consultations

Monday 7th April

Easter Journey Day

Easter Service at St Chad's Church at 2pm

Friday 11th April

Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 28th April

Children return to school

School Uniform

We will be working closely with families to ensure a strict uniform code is adhered to by everyone.

Our school uniform is as follows:

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore

White polo shirt / blouse or shirt

Navy blue jumper or cardigan (**with or without the school logo on it**)

Plain coloured socks or tights

Black shoes for boys and girls **** (no sandals please) ****

Light blue and white checked dress

**** Plain stud earrings and /or a watch can be worn, no other jewellery please. ****

For PE:

Navy blue shorts/skort or navy/black jogging bottoms/ black leggings (no logos/slogans/writing on)

Plain red, blue or yellow round neck T-shirt (**with or without the school logo on it**)

Plain navy/black sweatshirt or track suit top (no logos/slogans/writing on)

Trainers for outdoor PE for all children

Spare socks

**** Please note school jumpers/cardigans and PE t-shirts do not need to have the school logo on them ****

**** Your child will need to remove or cover their earrings for swimming lessons and either remove them or put tape over them for PE please. ****

Can we please ask that you do not send your child in different coloured jogging bottoms and sweatshirt/tracksuit top other than navy or black and that they do not have any writing, slogans, logos etc on them. If you do not have a plain navy or black sweatshirt, we are more than happy for your child to wear their navy school jumper/cardigan on top of their yellow, red or blue t-shirt for PE.

If your child should forget to come dressed in their PE kit we do have kits in school that your child can borrow to allow them to take part in PE lessons.

Thank you for your support.

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 our **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 and 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/>



Shropshire family Information Service

Info, advice and support, for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



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>

Facebook and Twitter

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

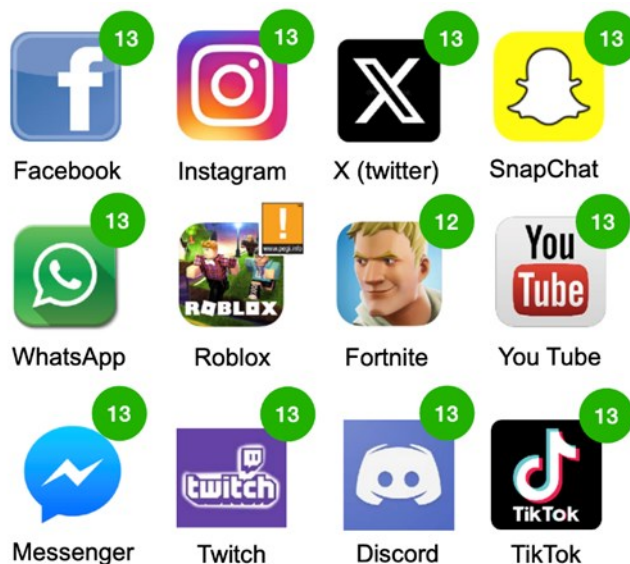
We also have a twitter account @preeschool. The account is private, but if you would like to follow our account then please request this and as long as we are sure who you are then your request will be accepted.

We use the accounts to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school.

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.

Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.



What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- 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://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGfL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>