

# 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 Bingo

**This Monday 10th February 2025**

at Prees Sports and Social Club

7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

Your support as ever is very much appreciated.

**Monday 10th February**

PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Bingo at Prees Sports and Social Club 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm

**Tuesday 11th February**

PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1

**Wednesday 12th February**

PE - Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

Stay, Play and Chat 9am - 10.30am in the Hall

Years 3 and 4 Viking visitor

**Thursday 13th February**

Swimming Year 3 and Year 4

PE - Year 1 and Year 2

Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class

**Friday 14th February**

Break up for Half Term

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 run again during half term on  
Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February  
for children aged 3 - 11 years.

Cost £12 per day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

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

## Consultation Letter on Extending the School Day

You should have received a consultation letter about extending the school day for pupils in Reception to Year 6 by 10 minutes from Monday 24th February 2025, which would result in a school week of 32.5 hours. The new start and finish times would be:

**Proposed start time 8.45am and Proposed finish time: 3.15pm.**

Please email any objections to this proposal to [knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk) by 12 noon on Monday 10th February.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th February	Bingo at Prees Sports and Social Club 7pm
<b>Wednesday 12th February</b>	<b>Stay, Stay and Chat in the Hall 9am - 10.30am</b> <b>Years 3 and 4 Viking Visitor</b>
Friday 14th February	Break up for Half Term
<b>Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February</b>	<b>Half Term children not in school</b>
Monday 17th February - Thursday 20th February - Holiday Club.	
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 26th February	Parent Consultations Play, Stay and Chat in the Hall 9am - 10.30am
<b>Thursday 27th February</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
Monday 7th April	Easter Journey Day Easter Service at St Chad's Church at 2pm
<b>Friday 11th April</b>	<b>Break up for Easter holidays</b>
Monday 28th April	Children return to school
<b>Monday 5th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday - children not in school</b>
Tuesday 6th May	Children return to school

### Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Simmonds who has volunteered in Cherry Class but is moving away. She has been such a valued support for reading and will be greatly missed. We wish her and her family every happiness in their next venture.



### For things to do in and around Shropshire over half term visit:

<https://alderford.com/things-to-do-half-term-in-shropshire/>

<https://www.myshrewsbury.co.uk/blog/things-to-do-guide-february-half-term/>

<https://www.visitshropshire.co.uk/things-to-do/family-fun/>

<https://plutoniumsox.com/whats-on-west-midlands/shropshire-february-half-term/>

### Easy Fundraising

During these uncertain times we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use—if you buy any items on-line then please register with the easy fundraising website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Once registered with the site when you buy on line, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising—if they are then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Prees School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase—a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to school.

Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.

### 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/](http://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/>



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.

## Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been rated 15 by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-q29sbgvjdgvlbjpwwc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

### What can I do?

**Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.

**Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.

**Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.

**Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.

**Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.

### More information:

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>

## Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children are communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

### What are the risks?

Bullying and inappropriate chat.

Contact from strangers.

Sharing personal information including images.

Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

### How can I mitigate the risks?

Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.

Chat to your child about the risks so they are aware of what can happen online.

Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing.

### Further information

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>