

# 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.

## The school day

The school day will extend by 10 minutes from this Monday 24th February 2025 for children in Reception to Year 6.

**The new start time is 8.45am. The new finish time is 3.15pm**

School transport times will also change by 5 minutes at either end of the day.

**The school gate will open at 8.35am** in line with the earlier start to the school day.

Thank you.

Monday 24th February

Children return to school

PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 25th February

PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 26th February

PE - Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

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

Parent Consultations

Thursday 27th February

Swimming Year 3 and Year 4

PE - Year 1 and Year 2

Outdoor Learning Nursery and Reception Class

Parent Consultations

Friday 28th February

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.*

## Parent Consultations

A reminder that Parent Consultations are taking place on Wednesday 26th February and Thursday 27th February next week. Booking your time slot to attend is online via the link/email you were sent. Please make a booking for each child in your family using the link/email to their class.

Thank you.

## Easter Choir

Easter Choir Club will begin on a Wednesday lunchtime next week with Mrs Edwards, for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.



## School Meals

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

*Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check if you are eligible to apply.*

## Holiday Club

Thank you to everyone who supported Holiday Club.

The children were wonderful!

# PREES SCHOOL NEWS

### Dates for your Diary

<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>
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	<b>Comic Relief - Red Nose Day</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

### Attendance

There is currently a Government drive to improve attendance in all schools. Our school is no exception. Measures that are currently in place are:

1. The holiday code for attendance has been removed and there is an expectation that headteachers will not authorise holiday requests and any unauthorised requests will be fined.
2. The procedure for the Education Welfare Officer becoming involved with children's attendance has become a much shorter process.

We understand that children do have illnesses but wanted to explain that the Education Welfare Officer linked to our school is monitoring attendance much more closely.

### Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.00am 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 9.15am we will telephone you and follow-up with a text message. If we have still not heard from you by 10.30am we will telephone and text again as this is then a safeguarding concern.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.

Thank you for your support.

### MESSAGING

Most communications are sent by email via sQuid. Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for you. Please let us know of any changes to your key details.

As a matter of routine, any injury above the neck means that a text is sent home as well as the 'bump note'. All other minor accidents will be recorded and a note sent home with your child. If anything is considered more serious than a minor injury we will always telephone you. Thank you.

### Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

We have a daily Breakfast Club (during term time) from 8am. Breakfast is supplied and the children are taken to join their classes at 8.35am. The cost for the daily session is £4 payable via sQuid. If you are able, we ask that you book in advance but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Wrap Around Club (during term time) runs from 3.15pm—6pm daily. The cost is £4 per hourly session, payable via sQuid. A snack can be provided if your child is staying after 5.10pm for an additional cost of £1, you need to let us know in advance if you would like this please. Again, if you are able, we ask you to book in advance but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Both clubs are for children aged 3 years and above. Vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast and/or Wrap Around Club. Thank 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 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 it is winter 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/>



Do you have children aged 0-19, or up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities? You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life at our drop-in sessions. You can chat, have a coffee and find out how we can help you with family life, parenting support, domestic abuse support, money worries, housing support and much more.

### 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.  
Thank you.