

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 children in Apple and Holly Classes had the most amazing time in Llangollen on Thursday. They were amazing advocates for our school and we are extremely proud of them. Thank you to Friends of Prees School for helping to subsidise the cost of the visit.

Dates for this week

Monday 10th November	PE—Year 3 , 5 and 6
Tuesday 11th November	Whole school visit to the Memorial PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 12th November	Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am — 10.30am PE - Year 3, 5 and Year 6 Parent Consultations
Thursday 13th November	PE—Year 1, 2 and 4 Parent Consultations Year 5 glider challenge—at school
Friday 14th November	PE - Reception, Year 4

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. Thank you.

Thank you.

*** School Admissions Dates ***

Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 can start primary school from September 2026

Applications can be made online from Monday 3rd November 2025 to 15th January 2026.

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

then click on: Starting infant or primary school

If you have any queries please contact the office.

Parking

We have two disabled parking bays outside of school—it is really important please that these spaces are left clear for people with a blue badge who need to park there. We would really appreciate your support with this.

Parking around the Memorial

The Parish Council have installed '**No Parking**' signs around the memorial which they are requesting that everyone adheres to. Access to the neighbouring properties is being blocked on a regular basis which resulted in a delay for fire engines recently when trying to put out a fire. Everyone's co-operation is very much appreciated.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th November	Parent Consultations Friends of Prees School Pre-loved Uniform Sale 3.30—7.00 p.m. (see attached flyer)
Thursday 13th November	Parent Consultations Friends of Prees School Pre-loved uniform sale 2 p.m.—5.30 p.m. (see attached flyer)
Wednesday 26th November	Individual photographs
Thursday 27th November	Year 3 Educational Visit to Tatton Park
Friday 28th November	Year 4 Educational visit to Tatton Park
Monday 1st December	Advent Journey Day
Friday 5th December	Friends of Prees School event—Wreath Making workshop—see attached Flyer
Thursday 11th December	Carol Service at 6 p.m. at the Church—families are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas lunch and parties
Friday 19th December	Autumn Term Ends - Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January	Spring Term Begins - Children back to school

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.

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 8.45a.m. 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.

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.

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.

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

Wrap Around Club (during term time) runs from 3.15pm—6pm daily. The cost is £4 per hourly session, payable via ParentPay. 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.

Clubs for this half term are as follows:

Monday—Winter Crafts

Tuesdays—Computers and Reading

Wednesday—Team Building Activities

Thursday-Ball Games

Friday-Film Night and Table Games

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.55 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay.

Please note children in Year 3 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.

Toast

Toast is available to the children at first playtime at a cost of 10p per slice, this is payable via ParentPay.

Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis.

**** Please let us know if you do not want your child to have toast on a daily basis as some of our children may not understand and may order without you knowing. ****

Children are more than welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks, i.e. raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime. 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.

Any queries please contact the school office.
Thank you.

Homework

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

Homework is set on Seesaw each week. If your child is just starting our school you will receive login details during their first week.

If you have not previously accessed Seesaw or mislaid your child's login details please contact the school office.

Thank you.

Wellies

If your child does not already have a pair of wellies in school (labelled with their name please) can we ask that you send a pair in that can be left in school.



We play outside at lunchtimes on the field as often as possible, and they will then also be available for use when they are taking part in Outdoor Learning.

Thank you.

Water Bottles

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.

End of the Day

For health and safety reasons, can we please ask families not to let the children play on the equipment that is on the playground at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

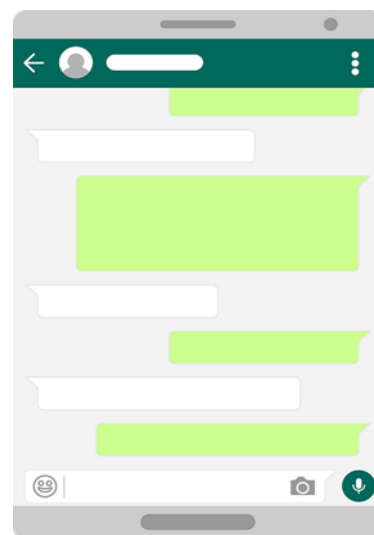
Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

Be considerate – we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.

Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.

Protect privacy - do not share photos or videos of other children.

Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message necessary for everyone.



Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.

You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Klicksafe highlight what you should be aware of:

<https://www.klicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>



Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>

Santa Cruises

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

A cruise on the
Shropshire Lady and a
visit from Santa

Festive refreshments,
mince pies and
mulled wine

Tickets £12.50

includes a present for each child

To book:

santa@lyneal-trust.org.uk

or 01948 710708



Find us at

Lyneal Wharf, Ellesmere SY12 0LQ



Lyneal Trust
Charity No 516224



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SCAN ME

**DON'T LET YOUR
CHILDREN BECOME
THE NEXT**



"I implore you to listen to
Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal,
Gulsborough Academy



Are you a parent carer or a young person with special needs or learning differences (with or without a diagnosis)?

Here's where you can join us: Natter Matters sessions and family events

Natter Matters

Monday 8th September, 9.30am-11.30am Wem Town Hall

Stories and Crafts - Stories told by Jake Evans

Saturday 13th September, 1.30pm-3.30pm Wem Town Hall

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Saturday 11th October, 1.30pm-3.30pm Wem Town Hall

Natter Matters -Abi from PACC-Community Navigator Service

Monday 13th October, 9.30am-11.30am Meeting Room, Wem Town Hall

Natter Matters

Monday 10th November, 9.30am-11.30am Wem Town Hall

Swimming - Whitchurch Swimming Pool

Date TBC (November), Sunday 11am-12pm

Natter Matters

Monday 8th December, 9.30am-11.30am Wem Town Hall

Please book on to events via the Wem SEN Hub Facebook Page

**WEM TOWN HALL
SEN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**



Relaxed Screening of Hotel Transylvania

Tuesday 28th October, 1.30pm - Wem Town Hall

Wem Town Hall Halloween Crafts SEN Session

Friday 31st October 1pm-2pm

Relaxed Screening of Polar Express (PJs Welcome)

Saturday 20th December, 1.30pm, Wem Town Hall

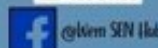
please book for these events directly with Wem Town Hall

You can also find us at

Wem Market every Thursday until 9th October

Wem Car boot - Sunday 14th September
9.00am-12.00pm Wem Recreational Ground

Quiet Space during
Wem Christmas Lights and Festival
1pm-6pm, Wem Town Hall



**Events coming in the
New Year**

The Animal Family
and
Keystone Circus

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

COFFEE & CHAT
Wem

3rd Thursday of each month
1.30pm until 3pm
Wem Library, 3 High St, Wem,
Shrewsbury SY4 5AA

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support & advice around:

- Family Life
- Housing & Finance
- Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)
- Parenting Support
- Training & Employment
- Domestic Abuse Support
- And much more...

Shropshire Libraries
Learn imagine discover

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SEALED CUP/TRAVEL MUG

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council

Unlock your musical potential with Wem Jubilee Training Band!

Would you like to learn to play a brass instrument? Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, the Wem Jubilee Training Band is the place for you.

What We Offer:

- **Expert Training** from passionate and experienced musicians
- **Instruments and Music Provided**
- **All Ages Welcome** Adults and children are welcome (from 8 upwards) — no experience necessary
- **Fun, Supportive Environment** to learn, grow, and perform
- **Inclusive Community** — make new friends and be part of something special!
- **Low Cost** - just £2 per week

Available Brass Instruments:
Cornet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Eb and Bb Bass

Why Join Us?

- Build confidence while mastering a new skill
- Perform at local events and celebrations
- Enjoy the thrill of playing in a band

For more information: wbjuniors@outlook.com
Rehearsals/lessons take place on a Monday night between 6-7:30pm at our bandroom on the site of Thomas Adams School.

Making Music, Making memories

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](#) can help you.

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

localOffer@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.



all about family

www.allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine

A digital newsletter with lots of information to share with your children.



Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin



Worried about your child's health?

Think 'Pharmacy First'

You can now get treatment for a variety of common conditions and minor illnesses from your local community pharmacy.

Your pharmacy can help with:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (from age 1)
- Impetigo (from age 1)
- Sore throat (from age 5)
- Hay fever (all ages)
- Conjunctivitis (all ages)

If you don't know whether a pharmacist can help with what you need, give them a call first or just pop in.

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.

WEM SCOUTS CHRISTMAS TREES

Website; www.wemscoutschristmastrees.co.uk
Email; wemscoutschristmastrees@gmail.com
Facebook; Wem Scouts Christmas Trees

BEAUTIFUL FRESH, LOCAL 
NORDMANN FIR TREES,
HANDMADE NATURAL
WILLOW WREATHS &
QUALITY TREE STANDS

Order online, or see us at our sales events;

29th Nov;
Wem Christmas festival 1pm-6pm

6th & 13th Dec;
Outside CoOp 10am-2pm

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!

