

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

Dates for this week

Monday 8th December	PE — Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 9th December	PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
Wednesday 10th December	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am — 10.30am
Thursday 11th December	PE - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 — All children to wear school uniform and bring their PE kit with them if they have PE Carol Service at 6 p.m. at the Church— Everyone is welcome to join us afterwards in the hall for coffee, mince pies and the Christmas Raffle Draw
Friday 12th December	PE - Reception, Year 4 and Year 5

Our Carol Service

Thursday 11th December, 6pm at St Chad's Church

You are invited to join us in church. Children in Reception Class will be creating the nativity scene. Year 6 will be telling the nativity story and the whole school have been learning songs for the service. It is a lovely occasion and we ask that all children return, in school uniform, for 5.45pm to church to take part.

Please join us after the service in the School Hall for coffee and mince pies and the Christmas Hamper Draw.



*** 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.

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.

Diary Dates

Thursday 11th December	Carol Service at 6 p.m. at the Church— families are welcome to attend.
Monday 15th December	KS1 nativity performance for parents of Year 1 and 2 children 15 th December 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas lunch and parties— children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper Friends of Prees School Elfridges event
Wednesday 17th December	Stay, Play and Chat Christmas Party. Nursery Nativity in the school hall at 2.15 p.m.
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Disco in the school hall
Friday 19th December	Autumn Term Ends - Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January	Spring Term Begins - Children back to school

Coat, hat, gloves and wellies

Can we please ask that during the cold weather your child brings a coat, hat and gloves to school each day. 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 like to take the children out at playtimes whenever the weather allows. 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.



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/>

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're struggling right now, you're 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's 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.

Reading Books and Reading Records

Can your child please bring their reading book and reading record to school each day so that we can record when they are reading in school. Thank you for listening to your child read at home, it is making a big difference.



New Technology

As some children may be receiving new technology or related games at Christmas, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for popular devices here:

Xbox: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Nintendo Switch: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-2-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-2873385.html>

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPad: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>

Android Device: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

The Safety-First Smartphone

The Other phone is a new smartphone, which includes “SafetyMode” software. The software automatically blocks nudity, profanity, and bullying language in real time. You can find out more here: <https://otherphone.co.uk/>.

Smart Phone Free Childhood also list some alternatives that you could consider here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives>.

Please note, that the inclusion of these models does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. While these devices may provide a ‘safer’ alternative to traditional smartphones, there are still potential risks associated with children using any type of phone.



Be bright, be seen

With evenings and mornings getting darker, whether you are a driver, pedestrian, biker, horse rider or cyclist, it's more important than ever to be seen. Help us keep our roads safe.

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:

www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

Follow West Mercia Road Safety on social media:

For crimes in progress call 999.

For non emergencies report online: www.westmercia.police.uk/report

If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.



Christmas Holiday Club

22nd to 23rd December 9am - 3pm
with late pickup 3pm - 5pm



Scan to book

For children aged 5-11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities, with a focus on football, fun, and festive activities. Children will be grouped by age and ability.

At Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

Late pick up from 3pm - 5pm for an additional £6
Foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6

all **about** family

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

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



Natter Matters

(Peer-Support Meetings)

Monday 8th December

9.30am-11.30am

Wem Town Hall Cafe

(Find us in the gallery)

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.

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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help you.

Kids Disabled children say we can

Registered Charity No. 275936

Shropshire Autism Support Service

An Introduction to Neurodiversity online

Join us online to gain a better understanding of Autism, ADHD and PDA. Followed by a brief introduction to how this may affect behaviours (a sample of further training).

Details:

When: Thursday-11th-

December

2025

Time: 10am-11.30am

Where: Online

To reserve your place, email:

kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk



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



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Charity No 516224



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educated over **3 million young people**
on the dangers of the railways.



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



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

Simon Frazer, Principal,
Gulsborough Academy