

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

Monday 15th September	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 16th September	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 17th September	Swimming Year 2, 5 and 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday 18th September	PE—Years 2 and 4
Friday 19th September	PE - Reception and 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.

Reading

As ever we really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in at least three reading at home sessions during the course of the week to hear your child or to talk with them about their reading that would be really



beneficial. Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please record every time you hear your child read. We ask your child brings their reading book and reading record diary into school each day. Thank you.

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.

PE Timetable Autumn Term

Monday -	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday -	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday -	PE - Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday -	Swimming Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 (for 10 weeks) PE - Year 2 and Year 4
Friday -	Reception and Year 4

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 22nd September, there is an opportunity to come into school and meet your child's class teacher.

The teachers will be in their classrooms from 3.30 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. so please come along and say hello.

There is no need to notify us of your attendance.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service is on Monday 6th October at 2.00 p.m. at St Chad's Church – everyone is welcome to attend. We will be asking for donations of non perishable food e.g. tins and packets to donate to the Whitchurch Food bank. There will be a collection box in school, so please send any items you wish to donate into school by Friday 3rd October.

During the service, there will be a voluntary collection, donations will be sent to the Farm Crisis Network.

Thank you for your support.

Whitchurch Food Bank

- JARS OF COFFEE (LARGE AND SMALL)
- TINS OF CUSTARD
- TINS OF FRUIT
- JARS OF JAM
- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- POT NOODLES
- LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- SEMI-SKIMMED OR WHOLE LONG-LIFE MILK
- TINS OF CARROTS
- PORRIDGE
- RICE PUDDING
- TEA
- WASHING-UP LIQUID
- BOILED RICE 500 GRAMS AND 1KG PACKETS
- CHOCOLATE SNACK BARS
- CHOCOLATE AND SWEETS
- JARS OF PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED HAM
- WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- SHOWER GEL

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.

Stay, Play and Chat

Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery
every Wednesday 9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)

Children from 0-5 years, parents, carers, grandparents, friends; we look forward to you joining us on a Wednesday in our school hall

Sessions are free.

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 ParentPay. 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 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.

Thank you.

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.

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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-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

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.



Mobile Police Surgery in your area....

Drop in to speak to Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) officers at the mobile police station on:

Tuesday 16th September - Prees Fire Station car park - 6-8pm

Wednesday 17th September - Higher Heath Village Hall car park - 6-8pm

Thursday 18th September - Tilstock Village Hall car park - 6-8pm

Friday 19th September - Whixall Social Centre car park - 6-8pm

Saturday 20th September - Edstaston Village Hall car park - 6-8pm

We will be on hand to listen to any concerns and to offer crime prevention advice.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

For more information please contact PCSO Jamie Robinson on 07967 301 147

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

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council

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

Integrated Care System
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

NHS
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Kiley, Alex, Chelsie, Jayne, Jasdeep, Karen

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.

Online Safety Act

What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July 2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:



Enforce age limits.

Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.

Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-a-safer-generation-of-children-online>

How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-act-will-help-to-protect-children>

Further information

- Online Safety Act: explainer:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>

Test your knowledge: Online Scams

Childnet have created a quiz for 9-13 year-olds that includes a range of potential online scams, as well as tips to help your child protect themselves online. Find out more here:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/test-your-knowledge-about-online-scams-with-our-quiz-for-9-13-year-olds/>