

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 29th September	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 30th September	PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 1st October	Swimming Year 2, 5 and 6 PE - Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday 2nd October	PE—Years 2 and 4
Friday 3rd October	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.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you so much to everyone who came to 'meet the teacher'. It was lovely to see so many families join us for this event. If you were unable to join us then some information from the session has been sent home with your child. If you have not received this, then please contact the school 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.

Driving along the lane by the Church

A reminder please that apart from cars driving to the house next to school, families should not drive along the lane next to the church to collect their children or drop them off—even from wrap around. 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 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.

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
- LADIES DEODORANT

As our food stocks are considerably reduced across the whole range of foods, any canned or packaged foods would be welcome

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.



Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during October half term on
Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October
Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th October and
Bookings for holiday club will open on ParentPay next week.

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.

Coverstar

Coverstar say they are “the safe TikTok alternative.” They state, “there is no specific age limitation...however, if you are under the age of 13, you must obtain parental consent.” Users can post, comment and livestream.

Whilst Coverstar does not include private messaging, users can still interact via public comments. Coverstar does use moderation tools to scan all user-generated content. It is also important to be aware that Coverstar does allow in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 - £59.99.

If your child is using this app, ensure they know how to use the reporting tools. Bark provide a full review of Coverstar here:

<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/coverstar-app-review>.

Roblox: Grow a Garden

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular. The game is labelled as ‘minimal’ for content maturity, which Roblox define as “may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear.” Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- **Chat** – strangers can interact with your child.
- **In-game purchases** – this game does include in-game purchases.
- **Screentime** – set limits for how long your child is playing.

A lot of the content on Roblox is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls.

Further information

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>



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 Decemeber, 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
Keystage 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...

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

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council

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.

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KIDZ CAFE!

Opening 9th October 2025
 Time : 3.30 - 5.00 pm
 Tasty treats - milkshakes, brownies
 - Toast + toppings
 Lego, games, crafts - share + play
 + Music Playing +
 Perfect for families and children



EVERY THURSDAY



Friends of Prees School update

Friends of Prees School and Friends of Clive School will be co-hosting the Flip and Dippy Circus Show! This promises to be a fun-filled evening of laughter and entertainment for the whole family! One not to be missed! Further details in the letter that the children have brought home.



October Halloween Holiday Clubs

27th to 31st October, 9am to 3pm

For children ages 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun, sports, and some Halloween themed activities! Groups of mixed age and ability.

at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST & Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN

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

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Get in touch

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



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: wjb Juniors@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