

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.

It was so lovely to see so many families at our parent consultations this week. We are so proud of all of our children and families, thank you for your support.

Dates for this week

Monday 17th November	PE — Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 18th November	PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 19th November	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am — 10.30am
Thursday 20th November	PE - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4
Friday 21st 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.

*** 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.



Remembrance Day

Our visit to the War Memorial is always such a special occasion in our school calendar. This year, the children's thoughtfulness and was no exception.

We were very proud of the respect that the children demonstrated.



Children in Need

Thank you for your wonderful support for Children in Need

You raised an amazing **£151.37**



Christmas Hamper Raffle—Non Uniform Day

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our ever-popular Hamper Raffle again this Christmas.

There will be a non-uniform day on **Tuesday 25th November**.

We would be very grateful if parents/carers would donate an item, that would be suitable to go into the hampers.

Thank you



Diary Dates

Monday 24th November	Bikeability for Year 6
Tuesday 25th November	Non-Uniform Day for a donation for the Christmas Raffle Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 26th November	Individual photographs Bikeability for Year 6
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— children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper
Friday 19th December	Autumn Term Ends - Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January	Spring Term Begins - Children back to school

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 16th December. Nursery children who do not attend Nursery on Tuesdays are very welcome to attend for lunch and the afternoon session but can we please ask that you let the school office know. School will be paying for Christmas lunch for all of the children but can we please ask that you let the school office know if your child will not be having Christmas lunch by Monday 1st December.

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.



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.

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. Your support is much appreciated. 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.

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.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Please note children in Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 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>

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.

Seesaw

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.

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.



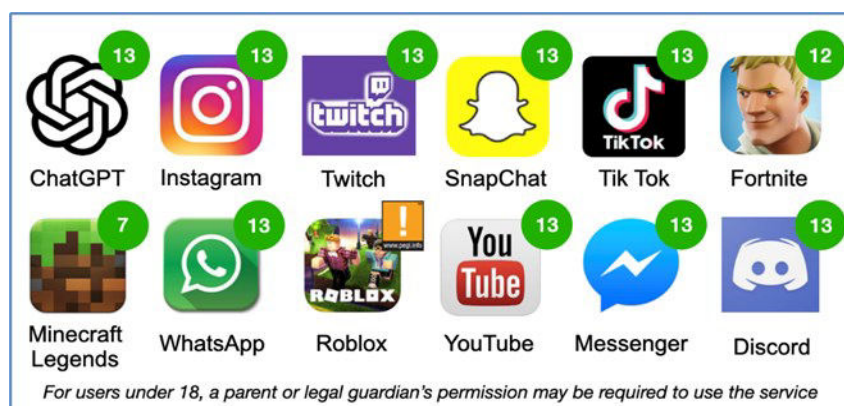
Thank you.

Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media— make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing. In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game.



What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, **it is also vital to review the content yourself.** This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.

Go online together to see what your child is accessing.

Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.

- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

Further information

Find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/online-roasting-signs-cyberbullying/>

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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SCAN ME

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



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

Simon Frazer, Principal,
Gulsborough Academy



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.



Private Swimming Session

Sunday, 23rd November 2025
 Whitchurch Swimming Pool
 11am-12pm



Booking Essential- limited spaces remain



Natter Matters

(Peer-Support Meetings)

Monday 8th December
 9.30am-11.30am
 Wem Town Hall Cafe
 (Find us in the gallery)



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.gov.uk/early-help

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



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



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 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.

about family
all

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

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

WINTER WONDERLAND

Art Workshop

with *Nichola Ethelston Art*

Saturday 22nd November

All ages and abilities welcome.

1:00pm - 2:30pm

At Wem Town Hall

Wem Town Hall Community Trust

Booking essential.

Mixed media art workshop.

£10 per person.

All materials included.

Create Christmas magic with every brushstroke.

Please email Nic Ethelston to secure your place or for more information.

nicholaethelstonart@gmail.com

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

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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

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