

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 15th December	PE — Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 KS1 Nativity performance for parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children at 2.30pm
Tuesday 16th December	PE - Nursery and Year 2 Christmas lunch and parties— children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper Elfridges Pop Up Shop in school - see attached poster
Wednesday 17th December	PE - Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am — 10.30am Display of home learning projects in the hall from 2.30 p.m. everyone is welcome to view the projects.
Thursday 18th December	PE - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 Christmas Disco in the Hall for children in Reception to Year 6
Friday 19th December	PE - Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 Autumn Term Ends - Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	Spring Term Begins - Children back to school

Our Carol Service



A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Carol Service and a coffee and mince pie in school after the service.
The children again shone through as the stars they are.
Thank you so much for your support with the Christmas Hamper Raffle, we will let you know how much was raised next week.

*** 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

The deadline for submitting an on time application is Wednesday 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

Monday 15th December	KS1 nativity performance for parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children at 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
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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.



** 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.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible. Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
Thank you.

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.



Roblox

Following a recent ITV investigation*, which found extremist content on Roblox, we thought we would provide a reminder of what you need to be aware of. Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which means 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 and set up appropriate parental controls. **PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is considered a platform with a huge level of user generated content.**

What should I be aware of?

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child. Roblox label content based on the type of content rather than by age. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted.

Chat Facility - Players can chat with each other (users under the age of 13 need parent permission to access certain chat features though). You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only able to communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations>

What else can I do?

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

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>

[*Source: <https://www.itv.com/news/2025-11-14/mosque-attacks-and-far-right-skins-roblox-teens-exposed-to-extremist-content>]

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers but is now used by lots of different people to chat to each other online. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The App store rates it as 17+.

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and they can either be public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (**rather than using the game's own chat facility**). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:

<https://discord.com/safety-family-center>

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:

<https://discord.com/safety/360044149591-answering-parents-and-educators-top-questions>



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: [f](#) [i](#)

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.



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

Christmas Holiday Club



Scan to book

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

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.

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

Integrated Care System
 Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

NHS
 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.

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](#) can help you.

