

## 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.



*The staff at Prees CE Primary School would like to wish you and your family a joyous Christmas and Health and Happiness for 2026.*

*Thank you so very much from all the staff for the gifts, cards and best wishes that were sent in at the end of term.*

### \*\*\* 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 or would like support with your application please contact the office.

### Christmas Dinner



*We all enjoyed an amazing Christmas dinner this week.*

*A huge thank you to Mrs Evans and Miss Bradshaw who cooked the most delicious meal for us.*



### Elfridges and Christmas Disco

*A huge thank you to the Friends of Prees School who organised a wonderful day on Tuesday for the children to buy gifts for family and friends.*

*Also, thank you so very much to the Friends of Prees School, volunteers and staff who hosted the amazing Christmas Disco on Thursday.*



*And finally, a massive thank you to you and your incredible children; we really do appreciate you supporting all the various events held in and out of school this term.*

### Thank you

*A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who come into school each week to support with reading, educational visits and so much more!*

*We wish you a relaxing Christmas and a wonderful New Year.*



### 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 our **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.

### 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 are struggling right now, you are 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/](http://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.

### 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/>



### Help Lines

The Samaritans is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can be contacted on 116 123

**Shout 85258** is a 24 hours a day text service which offers mental health support. You can contact them by texting SHOUT to 85258.

If you know of any other help lines, please email [admin@prees.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@prees.shropshire.sch.uk) and we will pass on the details to everyone. Thank 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](mailto:local.offer@shropshire.gov.uk) 0345 678 9063  
[www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/](http://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.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 5th January

Children return to school

Wednesday 7th January

Stay, Play and Chat 9am - 10.30am