

# 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.

*What an amazing start to the Spring term. Thank you for all your support with dropping off and collecting your children in the snowy conditions at the beginning and end of the week. The children have settled back into school and we look forward to an exciting term ahead.*

Monday 12th January

PE - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

Tuesday 13th January

PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1  
SATs Club for children in Year 6

Wednesday 14th January

PE - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6

Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am - 10.30am

Thursday 15th January

Swimming—Years 3 and 4

PE— Years 2 and 5

Friday 16th January

PE - Reception and Year 6

Can children please come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE. Can they please bring an extra pair of socks as their feet can get wet if on the field. Thank you

**\*\*We let let you know about the 'make up swimming sessions for Years 2, 5 and 6 as soon as possible\*\***

## 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 with your application please contact the school office.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th January	SATs Club begins for children in Year 6
Wednesday 14th January	Stay, Play and Chat
Thursday 22nd January	Year 6 parents SATs workshops at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Wednesday 21st January	Stay, Play and Chat

### Stay, Play and Chat

Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery

Every Wednesday (starting 7th January 2026) 9.00am - 10.30am (during term time)

Children from 0-5 years welcome with parents, carers, grandparents and friends.

We look forward to you joining us on a Wednesday in our school hall.



#### **\*\* 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.

### Toast

Toast is available to the children at playtime at a cost of 10p per day, this is payable via ParentPay. Children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to pay for toast if they order it.

**\*\* 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 be ordering without you knowing. \*\***

Children are welcome to bring healthy snacks into school such as raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime. Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis.

### 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 stay hydrated throughout the day.



Thank you.

### Homework on Seesaw

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.

Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week. If your child is just starting at our school they will bring login details home during their first week.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

### 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.

### 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

#### **Would you like to read our Online Safety newsletter in a different language?**

You can use the translate tool on our web version:  
<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/january-2026-primary/>



# Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time, and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.

## Key Concerns

There are potential risks such as:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time – children may have a fear of missing out (FOMO) as well as pressure to maintain “streaks”.
- “disappearing” messages can lead to more risky behaviour and a “false sense of security.” These messages could be screenshot or another device used to take a photo, so they’re not actually deleted as the sender believes. The image could then be shared.
- in app purchases.



## Parental Controls / Safety settings

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

## Cyber security

Cyber security is the process of protecting your information and data whilst online against scams and cyber-attacks. Cyber-attacks are the process of maliciously targeting individuals or organisations to disable networks or steal data for example.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have an area on their website with guidance to help protect you and your family. The guidance includes how to manage your digital footprint online, information about anti-virus software as well as top tips for staying online such as:

- Using a strong password
- Setting up 2step verification

You can find the resources here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/advice-guidance/you-your-family>

The NCSC also provide advice on what you should do if you are the target of a scam or cyber-attack. Find out more here:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/respond-recover/you>