


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 9th February	PE - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
Tuesday 10th February	PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 Open afternoon for families to view home learning projects in the hall SATs Club for children in Year 6
Wednesday 11th February	PE - Year 1 and Year 2 Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am - 10.30am Year 5 and Year 6 Educational visit to Liverpool World Museum
Thursday 12th February	Swimming—Year 3 and Year 4 PE - Year 2 and Year 5
Friday 13th February	PE - Reception Outdoor Learning - Year 1 Break up for half term.



Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during February half term on
Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th February.
9am—3pm, £12 per session.
Children to bring a packed lunch and water bottle please.
Bookings for holiday club are now open on ParentPay. Parents/Carers wishing to use voucher payments please contact Mrs Knight on knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 840209) by 9.00am 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 9.15am, we will telephone you and follow-up with a text message. If we have still not heard from you by 10.30am we will telephone and text again as this becomes a safeguarding concern.

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.

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/>

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 10th February	Open afternoon for families to view home learning projects in the hall
Wednesday 11th February	Stay, Play and Chat Year 5 and Year 6 Educational visit to the Liverpool World Museum
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term.
Monday 16th February to Thursday 19th February	Holiday Club
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Wednesday 25th February	Stay, Play and Chat
Friday 13th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Educational visit to the Black Country Living Museum

Stay, Play and Chat



Prees C.E. Primary School & Nursery

Every Wednesday 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.



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.

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 really does make a difference



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.

Homework on Seesaw

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program. Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Easy Fundraising

During these uncertain times we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use - if you buy any items on-line then please register with the easy fundraising website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Once registered with the site when you buy on line, please log in and see if the retailer you are purchasing from is registered with easy fundraising - if they are then log into the retailer's website via easy fundraising identifying Prees School as your chosen beneficiary and make your purchase - a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to school.

Please support us with this if you can, as it is a very easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost you anything.

Attendance

At Prees C.E. Primary School, we continually focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality to ensure that your child has the best possible start in life. Attendance has a direct link to attainment; there is clear evidence that poor attendance has a very negative impact on children's learning and progress at school. If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and learning opportunities available to them. Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days for holidays and other activities. We expect attendance rates to be 96% and above.

Attending school every day equates to 100% attendance.

We believe that 'Every Minute Counts! When a child arrives late at school, they miss teacher instructions and lesson time; and their learning begins to suffer. Children also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others.

Please help your children to be punctual. Thank you.

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.

** 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.

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 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.

Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family:

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shropshire>

Leaflets are also available from: <https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets>

about family
all

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

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

Shropshire
family
Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



Shropshire
Council

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



Support available while
waiting for your appointment

There are a range of local support providers that you and your child can access while you wait for a health appointment or assessment. Many of these can continue to support you and your child beyond your appointment/assessment.

- Development or wellbeing
- Communication
- Physical and sensory needs
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Neurodivergent needs
- Behaviours of concern
- Preparing for adulthood



For more information, please see the Healthier Together website

Information & Support | Influence & Change

Contact: info@paccshropshire.org.uk

Healthier Together have a website section on the support available while waiting for your child/ young person's appointment.

More information:

<https://www.stwhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/.../support...>



February Holiday Clubs

at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

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

16th to 20th February at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

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



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Town Council

WEM HEALTH AND WELLBEING POP UP

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
10:00AM - 1:00PM

Come along to Aston Street Car Park (Co-Op) where you will find Fiona, Community Wellbeing Outreach Officer, along with Paul and volunteers from Shropshire Mental Health Support, offering you a free, safe and confidential space to receive support around a variety of subjects.

Everyone Welcome.

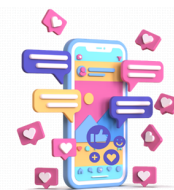


TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security / privacy settings are applied.

Account set up

It is important that your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored by age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/privacy-and-safety-settings-for-users-under-age-18>



Family Pairing

Family Pairing allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode or tailor your child's 'For You' feed by selecting keywords that TikTok will use to filter out posts. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

What do I need to be aware of?

Inappropriate content and themes: whilst against guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. Some of the songs available to lip sync to may contain inappropriate lyrics/themes.

Challenges: We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be risky/dangerous. Sadly, there are reports that children have died whilst attempting online challenges. Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate.

Stranger contact: chat to your child about how people may not be who they say they are when online.

Refresh your feed

You can refresh your "For You" feed to update the content recommended:

<https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/refresh-your-for-you-feed>

Blocking and Reporting

Show your child how to use the safety features available.

Further information

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

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide>

CBeebies Parenting and Apps

CBeebies Parenting is full of useful information from creative activities, recipes and information about the CBeebies apps.

CBeebies apps are free to download with no in-app purchases. Their apps include:

Playtime Island - Fun Games for Kids App. This app includes 40 free games.

CBeebies Learn - Early Years Learning App. This app includes games and videos and is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Get Creative - Open-ended Creative Activities App. This app is free and includes lots of drawing and painting activities.

Storytime - Reading Stories App. This app includes interactive story books.

You can find out more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting>