

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.

Parent Consultations

It was so lovely to see all of our families this week for parent consultations and to share your children's work with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

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| Monday 9th March | PE - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 (please note change of day for Year 6) |
| Tuesday 10th March | PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 SATs Club for children in Year 6 |
| Wednesday 11th March | PE - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am - 10.30am |
| Thursday 12th March | Swimming - Year 3 and Year 4 PE - Year 2 and Year 5 |
| Friday 13th March | Year 3 and Year 4 visit to the Black Country Living Museum PE - Reception and Year 5 (please note change of day for Year 5) Outdoor Learning - Year 1 |

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.

Art Project

Year 5 are taking part in an art project on Monday 9th March.

The project is linked to the restoration of the Church window in St Chad's and will involve creating a community stained glass window. We can't wait to see the final piece of art work.

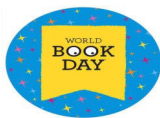
World Book Day

We had an amazing day celebrating World Book Day!

The children looked wonderful in their costumes, pyjamas and comfy reading clothes bringing along with them their favourite book. The children undertook various activities throughout the day celebrating and sharing their love for reading.

We hope your children enjoyed swapping books.

Thank you for your support in making the day a success.



Comic Relief - Red Nose Day 2026 on Friday 20th March

Non-uniform - **come to school wearing something red**

A voluntary donation if you are able, to support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer.



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

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| Wednesday 11th March | Play, Stay and Chat |
| Friday 13th March | Year 3 and Year 4 visit to the Black Country Living Museum |
| Wednesday 18th March | Play, Stay and Chat |
| Friday 20th March | Comic Relief - Red Nose Day |
| Saturday 21st March | Clive Cross Country |
| Monday 23rd March | Easter Journey Day |
| Tuesday 24th March | Open afternoon for families to view home learning projects in the hall. |
| Wednesday 25th March | Play, Stay and Chat Easter Service at St Chad's Church, 2pm - Everyone welcome Easter Bingo in the hall 5pm - 7pm |
| Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 30th March - Thursday 9th April (Excluding Bank Holidays) | Holiday Club (please see below for details) |
| Monday 13th April | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 15th April | Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall |
| Saturday 25th April | Shrewsbury Half Marathon for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 |

Easter Bingo

Wednesday 25th March
5-7pm (Eyes down 5.30pm)
in the school hall.

Come and join us at this child friendly bingo. Easy number and picture rounds included.

Lots of chocolate prizes to be won.

Donations of Easter Eggs/chocolate would be very much appreciated.

Please send into school. Thank you.



Our Easter Service

We would like to invite you to join us for our Easter Service at St Chad's Church on Wednesday 25th March at 2pm
Everyone welcome



Holiday Club

Holiday club will run again during the Easter holidays on Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April and Tuesday 7th April, Wednesday 8th April and Thursday 9th April for children aged 3 - 11 years.

Cost £12 per day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle please.

Bookings must be made on ParentPay. Parents/Carers using the Childcare Scheme/ Vouchers should book by emailing knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk

MESSAGING

Most communications are sent by email or text via ParentPay. Please make sure that you have registered via the details sent home to ensure you receive notifications, letters and news.

Please make sure that we have the most up to date contact information for you.

Please let us know of any changes to your key details.

As a matter of routine, any injury above the neck means that a text is sent home as well as the 'bump note'. All other minor accidents will be recorded and a note sent home with your child. If anything is considered more serious than a minor injury we will always contact 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. Thank you.

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

 **Whitchurch and Market Drayton Swimming & Fitness Centres** 

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March

Free Swimming lesson Taster Sessions

8am-12pm

Whitchurch and Market Drayton Swimming and Leisure Centres have free taster sessions this weekend (7th and 8th March). For all the details copy and paste the links below in your browser:

<https://www.shropshireleisurecentres.com/whitchurch-swimming-fitness-centre/open-weekend/>

<https://www.shropshireleisurecentres.com/market-drayton-swimming-fitness-centre/open-weekend/>

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>

all about family

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:







Spring Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire

Book Now!

Spaces are available on the spring / Easter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme.

Over the spring holidays, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to attend free holiday clubs across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



Visit: www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf and click on HAF Holiday Club to find out more details about clubs available over the Easter Holidays



Shrewsbury Town FC Foundation Easter Holiday Club

Visit: <https://foundationstfc.hivellink.co.uk/286/10536> for more details about booking a place at The Croud Meadow, Shrewsbury

Mobile phones: do you know the risks?

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

- Viewing inappropriate content
- Excessive screen time/use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep pattern.
- Contact from inappropriate people/grooming
- Cyberbullying
- Spending money on in-app purchases/scams

What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?

Compass discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have:

<https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/online-resources/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

EE Online Safety Hub

EE has published age guidance for smartphone usage to improve children's digital wellbeing. In summary, they recommend that children under 11 should use non-smart devices, for children aged 11-13, they advise that if a smartphone is used, then parental controls should be enabled and access to social media restricted. Finally, for 13-16-year-olds they still recommend that parental controls are implemented and appropriate restrictions set up. You can read the full guidance here:

<https://ee.co.uk/internet-online-safety>

Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood?

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

What device?

When you think it is the right time for your child to have a phone, then 'Which?' provide an overview of some options available:

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/mobile-phones/article/buying-a-first-mobile-phone-best-dumb-phones-and-smartphones-for-kids-aA03C3Y8aTzr>

YouTube Safety Update: New Parental Controls

YouTube have published their latest update on how parents can support their child on YouTube. YouTube will now allow parents to set the amount of time viewing Shorts – this can even be set to zero. YouTube Shorts are short videos, usually less than 60 seconds long, which when continuously watched, can lead to excessive screentime. Furthermore, parents will also be able to set bedtime and 'take a break' reminders. You can find out more here:

<https://blog.youtube/news-and-events/updates-youtube-supervised-accounts-teens/>

If you would like to find out more about supervised accounts on YouTube, then this article explains the different settings available:

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420?hl=enGB&ref_topic=15279060&sjid=15225282118002181205-EU

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/march-2026/>