

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 16th March	PE - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
Tuesday 17th March	PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 SATs Club for children in Year 6
Wednesday 18th March	PE - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am - 10.30am
Thursday 19th March	Swimming - Year 3 and Year 4 PE - Year 2 and Year 5
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day - Non-uniform Day - Wear something Red PE - Reception and Year 6 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.

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.



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



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. We really appreciate your support.

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

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



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@pres.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.



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Useful Resources- Sleep



Is your child/ young person struggling with their sleep? There are a number of organisations with resources and guides to help!



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

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Contact: info@paccshropshire.org.uk

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

Calling All Young Wildlife Photographers!

Love exploring outside? Spotting birds, bugs, foxes—or cool textures on trees and plants? Now's your chance to capture the wild side of your local area!

We're inviting pupils and teachers to enter our Local Wildlife Photography Competition. No fancy camera needed—just curiosity, creativity, and a good eye for nature.

What to Photograph:

- ~ Animals big or small
- ~ Birds, insects, and other creatures
- ~ Trees, flowers, plants, and natural patterns
- ~ Signs of wildlife in your community
- Creative close-ups of natural textures

How to Take Part:

1. Head outdoors and look closely.
2. Snap an image that shows wildlife in a striking or surprising way.
3. Email your best photo to shropshiremuse-

ums@shropshire.gov.uk with:

- ~ Your name, age and school
- ~ A title + short description
- ~ Where and when you took it

Deadline: Friday 27 March

Rules:

- ~ One entry per person
- ~ Your own photo only
- ~ Minor edits allowed (crop, brightness, etc.)
- ~ Submit a JPEG under 10MB, minimum size 600x600.
- ~ Keep your original/RAW files for printing

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.worryingaboumoney.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:



Shropshire
Council

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

Virtual Private Networks

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) helps make your connection between a device and the internet more secure and can help protect personal information and add privacy. However, whilst a VPN has benefits, it is important that you are aware that if your child is using a VPN, they may be able to get round Wi-Fi restrictions, access blocked or restricted websites and bypass parental controls. It may also mean that their browsing history is hidden.

The NSPCC provides a helpful overview of VPNs, plus top tips and conversation starters here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/vpns-and-online-safety/>

Social Media Algorithms

What is an Algorithm?

Algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms and predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with, thereby keeping us online for longer. The algorithm uses information such as who you follow, what you have searched for and what you have watched, liked or shared to determine what it thinks most interests you. It will then show you this content more, for example, in the explore tab on Instagram.



What do I need to know?

Whilst there are benefits to algorithms, for example it means we tend to see content that does interest us, unfortunately there are negatives as well. They can lead to increased screentime as we continue to see things that interest us. Secondly, it can lead to users being shown large amounts of inappropriate content which can for example, exacerbate negative body image or heighten access to misogyny content. It can also lead to 'echo chambers' where you are only seeing content that relates to your opinion rather than seeing a balanced viewpoint.

Further information

<https://cybersmarties.com/behind-the-screen-how-algorithms-shape-what-kids-see-online/>

The BBC discuss algorithms in this article about doomscrolling:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwnk3qt>

New government campaign: Is your child influenced by toxic content?

The Government have launched a new campaign providing guidance to parents on safety settings, conversation prompts and advice for tackling misinformation and harmful content. It also includes a quiz to help you and your child spot misleading or unreliable information online. You can find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/is-your-child-influenced-by-toxic-content-new-government-campaign-supports-parents-to-talk-about-harmful-online-content>

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/>