

# 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 27th April

PE - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday 28th April

PE - Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Swimming - Year 5

SATs Club for children in Year 6

Wednesday 29th April

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

PE - Year 2 and Year 3

Outdoor Learning - Nursery

Thursday 30th April

Swimming - Reception and Year 1

PE - Year 2 and Year 4

Friday 1st May

PE - Year 5 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.

## 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.



## Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during the May Half Term holiday on the PD day - Friday 22nd May, Tuesday 26th May, Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 28th May.

Booking details will follow shortly.

## 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.

## 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. We really appreciate your support.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Saturday 25th April</b>	<b>Shrewsbury Half Marathon for children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6</b>
Wednesday 29th April	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday — Children not in school</b>
Wednesday 6th May	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
<b>Monday 11th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs week</b>
Wednesday 13th May	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
<b>Tuesday 19th May</b>	<b>Open afternoon for families to view children's home learning projects</b>
Wednesday 20th May	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall Sports Day - Nursery
<b>Thursday 21st May</b>	<b>Last day of half term</b>
Friday 22nd May	PD Day - children not in school (Holiday Club will be available)
<b>Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May - Half Term break</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26th May to Thursday 28th May - Holiday Club</b>	
Monday 1st June	Children return to school Trinity Journey Day
<b>Friday 12th June</b>	<b>Sports Day - KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon</b>

### 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.**

### 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.**

### Water Bottles, Sun Hats and Sunscreen

**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 remain hydrated throughout the day. In this warmer weather can children please bring a sun hat to school and can you please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school in the morning.**



**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

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.**

## Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Club

We have a daily Breakfast Club (during term time) from 7.45am. Breakfast is supplied and the children are taken to join their classes at 8.35am. The cost for the daily session is £6 from 7.45am and £4 from 8am payable via ParentPay. The 7.45am session must be booked in advance please and if you are able, we ask that you book the 8am session in advance but this session is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Wrap Around Club (during term time) runs from 3.15pm - 6pm daily. The cost is £4 per hourly session, payable via ParentPay. A snack can be provided if your child is staying after 5.10pm for an additional cost of £1, you need to let us know in advance if you would like this please. Again, if you are able, we ask you to book in advance but the club is also available on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs.

Both clubs are for children aged 3 years to 11 years. Vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast and/or Wrap Around Club, please contact Mrs Knight by emailing [knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:knight.j@prees.shropshire.sch.uk)  
Thank you.

The telephone Number for Breakfast Club, Wrap Around Club and Holiday Club is: 01948 800307

## 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 online 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.**

Thank you to everyone who has already registered.



# COFFEE & CHAT

## Wem

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month  
13.00-14.45

Wem Library, 3 High St, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AA

*You can get free information, advice and support on all aspects of family life, at our Early Help Family Drop-In. You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help. We support families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities) We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.*

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**  
**\*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SEALED CUP/TRAVEL MUG\***



[shropshire.gov.uk/early-help](http://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help)



# Kids

## Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service

Kids offer warm, supportive services for parent carers and families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Shropshire. We help provide families with practical tools, emotional support and confidence to help families thrive.

### SEND Sleep Workshop

We invite you to join us for a sleep workshop.  
These are held by trained sleep practitioners offering support, advice and guidance for your child/young persons sleep issues.

The workshop consists of:

- Science of sleep
- Potential Triggers causing sleep issues
- Strategies and bedtime routines
- Natural production of melatonin
- Physical and Emotional wellbeing

**Friday 8th May 2026**  
**9.30-11.30am**  
**Online Workshop**



If you wish to attend, please book a place via phone or email.

**Tel: 01743 644506**  
**Email: [kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk](mailto:kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk)**

**Kids** Disabled children say we can

Registered office: 249 Birmingham Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield B72 1EA  
Company limited by guarantee no: 1346252  
Registered charity number: 275936

**Crane Quality  
Counselling**  
Presents  
**"Every Shropshire  
Child Has A Voice"**  
In recognition of  
**Children's Mental Health Week 2026**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**6:00pm-8:30pm**

**Adult Tickets : £7.00**  
**Junior Tickets : £3.50**  
**Under 11's and Tiny Tots : Free  
Entry**

**St Georges Parish Church**  
Drinkwater Street,  
Frankwell,  
Shrewsbury,  
SY3 8QA

To Buy Tickets Scan QR Code Or Contact Us On  
01743 240546

Charity No. 1175610

**SHREWSBURY  
REPAIR  
CAFE**

Your radio doesn't work?  
Your jumper has a hole in it?  
Your ornament is broken?

Bring it to the repair cafe  
Have it fixed & repaired  
Refreshments & cake

**Shrewsbury United Reformed Church**  
Coleham Head

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month**  
**10am till 2pm**

shrewsrepaircafe

Repairing the World  
One Item at a Time

In aid of  
**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Bluebell Walk**  
Sun 26th April

A walk through Soulton Hall Bluebell wood  
FEATURED IN SHAKESPEARE'S "AS YOU LIKE IT"

Soulton Hall, Wem, SY4 5RS  
**10:00am-4:00pm**

**MORNING WALK: ARRIVAL 10-11AM**  
**LUNCHTIME WALK: ARRIVAL 12-1PM**  
**AFTERNOON WALK: ARRIVAL 2-3PM**

**TICKETS:**  
ADULT £7.50  
CHILDREN £4  
FAMILY TICKET £20  
Family Ticket (max 2 adults & 3 Children/1 adult & 4 children)

**PRE-BOOKING NECESSARY**

FOR TICKETS SCAN  
THE QR CODE

Refreshments will be available to purchase Walk takes up to 60-90  
minutes Woodland paths Bring appropriate footwear  
Not suitable for pushchairs or wheel chairs  
Dogs on leads at all times Free On site parking.

ENQUIRIES TO [SHREWSBURYMACMILLANFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SHREWSBURYMACMILLANFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM)

This event is organised by the Shrewsbury Fundraising Group in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, a registered charity in England and Wales (263017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

**Bluebell Walk**  
**Afternoon Tea Special**

Soulton Hall, Wem, SY4 5RS  
Sunday 26th April  
From 1pm

**SAVOURIES**  
Ham & Salad Sandwich  
Cheese & Onion Sandwich

**SCONE**  
Jam, butter & cream

**SWEETS**  
Victoria Sponge  
Millionaires Cheesecake  
Swiss Roll

**TEA OR COFFEE**

**£12 per person**

**PRE-BOOKING NECESSARY**  
PRE-BOOK CONTACT:  
IRENE RENNIE  
MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER  
07980669252

**PLEASE MENTION ANY ALLERGIES WHEN BOOKING**

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# HAVE A GO AT PICKLEBALL FOR FREE



**3<sup>rd</sup> MAY**  
**10-12**  
**WEM TENNIS CLUB**

**WHY PICKLEBALL? IT'S FAST, FUN,  
LOW-IMPACT, BURNS CALORIES  
ALL AGES : ALL ABILITIES**

## WHITCHURCH PROSTATE SUPPORT GROUP



Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
7-9pm  
Whitchurch Rugby Club

A confidential, supportive space for men living with prostate cancer

Whether you're newly diagnosed, in treatment, monitoring your psa, or adjusting after treatment, you are welcome here

### What?

Honest conversations with other men who understand  
Supportive, Respectful, judgement-free discussion

### Who?

Men with prostate cancer (any stage) or prostate concerns or monitoring



CONFIDENTIAL • RESPECTFUL • EMPATHETIC

### 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/>



### 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>



Info, advice and support, for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



### 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.