

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 11th May	PE - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6
Tuesday 12th May	PE - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 Swimming - Year 5 SATs Club for children in Year 6 (please note that this is the last SATs club).
Wednesday 13th May	Play, Stay and Chat in the hall 9am - 10.30am PE - Year 2 and Year 3 Outdoor Learning - Nursery
Thursday 14th May	Swimming - Reception and Year 1 PE - Year 2
Friday 15th 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.



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 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

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.

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 child to be punctual. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 13th May	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
Tuesday 19th May	Open afternoon for families to view children's home learning projects
Wednesday 20th May	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall Sports Morning - Nursery
Thursday 21st May	Last day of half term
Friday 22nd May	PD Day - children not in school (Holiday Club will be available)
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	Half Term break
Tuesday 26th May to Thursday 28th May	Holiday Club
Monday 1st June	Children return to school Trinity Journey Day
Wednesday 3rd June	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
Wednesday 10th June	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
Friday 12th June	Sports Day - KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon
Wednesday 17th June	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
Wednesday 24th June	Play, Stay and Chat 9am—10.30am in the hall
Thursday 25th June	Careers' Fair – Year 6 Careers' Day for all other classes

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.

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 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.

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.

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@pres.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.



Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help

Shropshire Together Community and Family Hubs

COFFEE & CHAT

Wem

3rd 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 Libraries
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shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Shropshire Council



Crane Quality Counselling

Presents

"Every Shropshire Child Has A Voice"

In recognition of

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Friday 15th May 2026
6:00pm-8:30pm

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

Tickets

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

To Buy Tickets Scan QR Code Or Contact Us On
:0743 240546



Charity No. 1175610



1st Prees Scouts



May Fayre!

Join us to celebrate 40 years of Beavers and 110 years of Cubs!

on Thursday 21st May 6 - 8pm
At Whixall Social Centre SY13 2NA

Ultimate Summer Showdown!
Compete for your chance to be our
Champion of the Fayre!

Raffle	Water or Wine
Independent stalls	Vintage Vehicles
Axe Throwing	Space Hoppers
Refreshments	Burger Shack
Hook A Duck	Ice Cream Van
Lucky Letters	
Bat the Rat	
Bike registrations	
Guinea Pig Petting	



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

3rd Saturday every month
10am till 2pm

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PREES FILM NIGHT PRESENTS:

Village Hall Trust

Come and join us at
Prees Village Hall
For a Film Night
on **Saturday 30th May, 2026**
Chilli (just nicely spiced) served from 6.30pm.
followed by:

The Choral

£10 including supper
please buy tickets in advance from:
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Any questions?
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WHITCHURCH PROSTATE SUPPORT GROUP

Every 2nd & 4th 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

Shropshire Community Foundation | Lingen Davies Cancer Support | Whitchurch Rugby Club

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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>

Shropshire family Information Service

Info, advice and support, for families in Shropshire

Find us on:

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Shropshire Council



Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:



Inappropriate content – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.

Bullying – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into ‘real life’.

Strangers – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.

Conversations can be shared/screen shot – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.

Sharing personal information – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.

How can I help make group chats safer?

Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.

Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.

On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.

Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.

Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**

Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.

Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what ‘looksmaxxing’ is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks.

Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

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/>