

Dear Parents/Carers

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

We demonstrate our Values of **respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust**, at Whixall C.E. Primary School in all that we strive to do each day.

PE Timetable

Mondays— Cricket for Mayfly Class (Year 2) Robin (Years 3 and 4) and Peregrine (Years 5 and 6)

Tuesdays — **Bumblebee (Nursery), Skylark (Year 1), Mayfly (Year 2)**

Wednesdays —Swimming for Dragonfly (Reception) and Robin (Years 3 and 4)
PE for Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6)

Thursdays — **Bumblebee (Nursery), Skylark (Year 1), Mayfly (Year 2)**

Fridays — Dragonfly (Reception),

Diary Dates

Monday 12th May	SATs begin for Year 6 Cricket for Mayfly, Robin and Peregrine
Wednesday 14th May	Swimming for Dragonfly and Robin Classes
Monday 19th May	Cricket for Mayfly, Robin and Peregrine Classes
Wednesday 21st May	Swimming for Dragonfly and Robin Classes
Thursday 22nd May	Break up for half term.
Monday 2nd June	Return to school

Sports Days

Sports Day will take place on Thursday 12th June this year for the children in Reception to Year 6. Events begin at 9.30 a.m. and will last for the morning. Everyone is welcome to watch the events. You are very welcome to bring a picnic and eat with your child/ren on the school field after the event. Refreshments will be on sale.

Sports for children in Nursery will take place on Thursday 19th June starting at 9.30 a.m.

If your child does not normally attend Nursery on Thursdays, they are very welcome to join us for sports.

Please bring your own chairs/mats to sit on for the sports events.

*** 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 (labelled with their name) to school and can you please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school in the morning.

Thank you.



Wrap Around Care

We are offering wrap around care after our normal school clubs from 4.30 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. These must be booked and paid for in advance by 3.00 p.m. of the **Wednesday** of the previous week (booking will close at 3 p.m.).

Clubs will therefore be organised as follows:

3.15 p.m. —4.30 p.m.—Usual clubs—at £2.00 per session these are booked and paid for in the usual way.

4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - £4 per session payable on ParentPay

4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.— £6 per session payable on ParentPay

If anyone wishes their child to access club during the week beginning 19th May please book by Wednesday 14th May.

School Uniform

Please ensure that the children's clothing is **clearly labelled** with their name. As the weather warms up, the children are prone to remove their sweatshirts and forget them. Unfortunately, it is really tricky to work out who owns each sweatshirt if they are not named.

Could we also ask please that children only come into school with traditional haircuts- tram lines etc are not acceptable.

A reminder please that due to health and safety the children should not wear sandals to school.



VE Day celebrations

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our VE Day celebrations. The children looked amazing, dressed in red, white and blue. It was lovely to see so many of family members at the end of the day who came to listen to the children singing. We hope that the children will treasure the poppies that they made to mark the occasion for a long time to come.



Holiday Club

The next holiday clubs will take place on Friday 23rd May, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th May.

Holiday Club takes place at Prees CE Primary School and is run by staff from our schools. It takes place from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Children need to bring a packed lunch please and a water bottle. Snacks throughout the day are provided.

Bookings on Parentpay will open this week.

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 our **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.

Fenn's Whixall and Bettisfield Mosses National Nature Reserve



Family Wildlife Fun
Saturday 17th May 10am



Join us for a walk to spot birds, butterflies, dragonflies and raft spiders. We'll go bug hunting and pond dipping and see what special creatures we can spot.

£6 per family of up to two adults and three children.

Places are strictly limited. To book your place or for more information scan the QR code, or email: info.whixall@naturalengland.org.uk



www.gov.uk/natural-england

Repair Café

24th May 10-1pm 2025,
Wem Library

Got something broken down?
Let's fix it together!
Bring along your;
Small electricals Clothes and textiles Bicycles
Toys Furniture & more!

Our friendly volunteers will help repair and revive your items, saving you money and reducing waste.

Enjoy a cuppa, cookies or cake while you wait.

Low-cost Energy freebies from Marches Energy Agency



wemclimateaction@gmail.com



ALL STARS & DYNAMOS CRICKET AT ACTON REYNALD CC

ACTON REYNALD CRICKET CLUB, HIGH STREET, GRINSHILL, SY4 3BW

Wednesday 7th May
To Wed. 2nd July
(Excl. 28th May)

6PM UNTIL 7PM

ALL STARS - [HTTPS://RB.GY/CSXFEG](https://rb.gy/csxfeq)

DYNAMOS - [HTTPS://RB.GY/4ARRLE](https://rb.gy/4arrle)

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- Education
- Health and wellbeing
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- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

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www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.



Cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.



Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Further information

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