

Dear Parents/Carers

We demonstrate our Values of **respect, caring, supportiveness, tolerance, perseverance, forgiveness, and trust**, at

Well done to Year 6 who were amazing during the SATs assessments last week. We are so proud of you.

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), Robin Class (Years 3 and 4) Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6)

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 19th May	Cricket for Mayfly, Robin and Peregrine Classes
Tuesday 20th May	Scooter Training for Years 1 and 2 Skateboard training for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 21st May	Swimming for Dragonfly and Robin Classes
Thursday 22nd May	Break up for half term.
Friday 23rd May	PD Day—children are not at school on this day.
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.



WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

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 2nd June please book by **Wednesday 28th 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.

Health and Safety

Could we please remind everyone, when dropping your children off at school, to please follow our drop off system for the safety of everyone concerned.

We operate a one car drop off system at each gate and ask that everyone respectfully follows this system.

Could we also ask that when driving in the layby, that children remain in their seats with their seat belts on.

We would be grateful if you would pass this message on to anyone other than yourselves who may drop your children off at school.

We really appreciate your support.



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 are now open.

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

Sign up to receive alerts from your local policing teams www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

West Mercia POLICE

Shropshire family
Information Service

Info, advice and support, for families in Shropshire

Find us on:

 Shropshire Council

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.

 Shropshire Council

Repair Café

24th May 10-1pm 2025, Wem Library

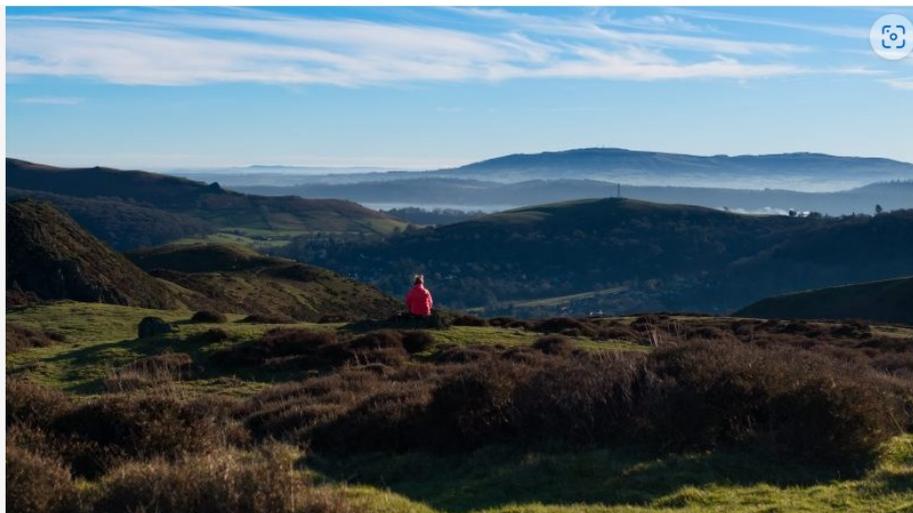
Got something broken down?
Let's fix it together!
Bring along your;
Small electricals Clothes and textiles Bicycles
Toys Furniture & more!

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

Oops!    Hum?
  WEM AREA CLIMATE ACTION wemclimateaction@gmail.com  Uh-oh!



Stretch your legs in Shropshire's Great Outdoors

Shropshire has 5,600km of public footpaths – that's the distance from Shrewsbury to New York – but it can be daunting to know where to start exploring this amazing network of routes through our county.

A new website, (shropshiregreatoutdoors.co.uk) launched ready for summer 2025 is your guide to accessing the very best from Shropshire's glorious outdoor spaces. The website brings together over 300 walking routes, it also includes 100 cycle routes, 50 horse riding trails, wild swimming opportunities, outdoor activities, country parks and nature sites, plus a wide choice of volunteering options.

With a quarter of Shropshire designated an official [National Landscape](#) due to its outstanding beauty, we often take for granted what is on our doorstep. The new website – funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – provides the perfect one stop shop to discover them all and the perfect tool for encouraging more residents and visitors to enjoy our natural landscape.

Roblox - New parental controls

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

Friend blocking - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.

Experience blocking – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.

Top game insights - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here: <https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

Further information

You can find out more about Roblox here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en->

Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>

How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device. Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>