

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.

BINGO

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the bingo event at Prees Club on the 10th October. The event raised an amazing £540 for our school.

Thank you so much for your donation of prizes and for your support on the night.

A fantastic amount raised.

A message from the Foodbank

What a super Harvest Donation we received from Whixall School on 26th September weighing 67.6kgs. – that was brilliant, thank you so much. Please do pass on our sincere thanks to all those pupils and parents who contributed in any way, we are so grateful to you all for your support for Whitchurch Food Bank—what would we do without all you wonderful people out there in our schools?

Without all the support we have from our schools, churches and chapels at Harvest time, we would really struggle at the Food Bank without all the support we do have from our Schools, Churches and Chapels.

Thank you so much.

Clubs

Clubs (during term time) run from 3.15pm–4.30pm daily. The cost is £2 per session, payable via ParentPay.

Clubs are for children aged 3 years and above. Childcare vouchers can be used to pay for Breakfast and/or After School Club.

Clubs for this half term are as follows:

Monday – Netball and Craft

Tuesdays – Code Club and Church Club

Wednesday – Games

Thursday – Film Club and Homework Club

Friday – Games

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.

PE

Please find below the days that each class will have their PE lessons. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits.

Tuesday –	Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2), Bumblebee and Dragonfly Classes (Nursery and Reception), Skylark Class (Year 1)
Wednesday –	Red Kite Class (Year 4)
Thursday –	Bumblebee and Dragonfly Classes (Nursery and Reception), Skylark Class (Year 1) Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2), Robin (Year 3) and Peregrine (Years 5 and 6)
Friday –	Red Kite Class (Year 4).

If all children could bring their outdoor learning clothes into school please and leave them in school, that would be appreciated. It would also be appreciated if all children could bring a pair of wellies into school please .

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th November	Children return to school.
Wednesday 5th November	Parent Consultations
Thursday 6th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 7th November	Live Music event at school Non uniform day in exchange for a bottle or Chocolate for the Christmas Fair please
Friday 14th November	Christmas Fair at school (see attached poster)
Wednesday 19th November	Skylark and Mayfly Class visit to Cosford
Monday 24th November	Individual photographs
Sunday 30th November	Christingle Service (further details to follow)
Monday 1st December	Advent Journey Day
Tuesday 9th December	Carol Service 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch and Parties
Friday 19th December	Theatre visit Break up for Christmas Holidays



Holiday Club



Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club, the children were as always amazing.

The next holiday club will run in February half term. More details in the New Year,

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 880330) by 9.30am 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 9.30am we will text you and then follow-up with a telephone call if we have still not heard from you by lunchtime.

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.

Christmas Fair

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Fair on
Friday 14th November
(please see attached flyer)



On Friday 7th November we will be having a non uniform day—we would be extremely grateful if in exchange for wearing non uniform the children could bring into school a bottle for the bottle tombola or some chocolate for the chocolate tombola or an item to be included in the hampers for the raffle – we really appreciate everyone's support with this.

In addition to the above, if anyone can support us with the following, we would be very grateful:

Surprise Jars

We would like to run a Surprise Jar stall at the Christmas Fair and would be extremely grateful if anyone is able to make a surprise jar at home. Surprise jars are decorated on the outside so that the contents can not be seen. Decorations could include making the jar into a Christmas Tree, Santa Claus or any of the amazing ideas that the children have. A small gift is then put into the jar. Your support is appreciated.

Golden Envelopes

On Friday we will be sending home a 'golden envelope' to each family. Families can put a pound coin in the envelope if you wish to enter and put your name and telephone number on the front of the envelope. All returned envelopes will go into a draw and the winning envelope pulled out on the night will receive a cash prize.

Raffle Tickets

This week we will send home 1 book of raffle tickets with each family to purchase if you wish – please could any unsold tickets be sent back into school to hopefully sell on the night.

Please telephone into school or email if you require any further books of raffle tickets.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other products will be available for purchase at school from 5th November. Suggested donations of at least 20p for poppies and £1 for other products. Thank you.



*** School Admissions Dates ***

Applications for Reception School Places

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 can start primary school from September 2026

Applications can be made online from Monday 3rd November 2025 to 15th January 2026.

To apply please visit: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

click on: Apply to start or transfer school

then click on: Starting infant or primary school

If you have any queries please contact the office.

Santa Cruises

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

A cruise on the
Shropshire Lady and a
visit from Santa

Festive refreshments,
mince pies and
mulled wine

Tickets £12.50

includes a present for each child

To book:

santa@lyneal-trust.org.uk

or 01948 710708

Find us at

Lyneal Wharf, Ellesmere SY12 0LQ



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SCAN ME

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT



"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal,
Gulsborough Academy

Poster designed by Eliza

KIDZ CAFE!

Opening 9th October 2025

Time : 3.30 - 5.00 pm

Tasty treats - milkshakes, brownies
- Toast + toppings

Legos, games, crafts - share + play

and Music Playing too

Perfect for families and children



EVERY THURSDAY



COFFEE & CHAT Wem

3rd Thursday of each month
1.30pm until 3pm
Wem Library, 3 High St, Wem,
Shrewsbury SY4 5AA

All families within the local area welcome

Free information, support & advice around:

- Family Life
- Housing & Finance
- Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)
- Parenting Support
- Training & Employment
- Domestic Abuse Support
- And much more...

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

shropshire.gov.uk/early-help

Unlock your musical potential with Wem Jubilee Training Band!

Would you like to learn to play a brass instrument? Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, the Wem Jubilee Training Band is the place for you.

What We Offer:

- **Expert Training** from passionate and experienced musicians
- **Instruments and Music Provided**
- **All Ages Welcome** Adults and children are welcome (from 8 upwards) — no experience necessary
- **Fun, Supportive Environment** to learn, grow, and perform
- **Inclusive Community** — make new friends and be part of something special!
- **Low Cost** - just £2 per week

Available Brass Instruments:
Cornet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Eb and Bb Bass

Why Join Us?

- Build confidence while mastering a new skill
- Perform at local events and celebrations
- Enjoy the thrill of playing in a band

For more information: wbjuniors@outlook.com
Rehearsals/lessons take place on a Monday night between 6-7:30pm at our bandroom on the site of Thomas Adams School.

Making Music, Making memories

Worried about your child's health?

Think 'Pharmacy First'

You can now get treatment for a variety of common conditions and minor illnesses from your local community pharmacy.

Your pharmacy can help with:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Infected insect bites (from age 1)
- Impetigo (from age 1)
- Sore throat (from age 5)
- Hay fever (all ages)
- Conjunctivitis (all ages)

If you don't know whether a pharmacist can help with what you need, give them a call first or just pop in.

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.

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](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/) can help 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

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.



Are you a parent carer or a young person with special needs or learning differences (with or without a diagnosis)?

Here's where you can join us: Natter Matters sessions and family events

Natter Matters

Monday 8th September, 9.30am-11.30am Wem Town Hall

Stories and Crafts - Stories told by Jake Evans

Saturday 13th September, 1.30pm-3.30pm Wem Town Hall

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Saturday 11th October, 1.30pm-3.30pm Wem Town Hall

Natter Matters -Abi from PACC-Community Navigator Service

Monday 13th October, 9.30am-11.50am
Meeting Room, Wem Town Hall

Natter Matters

Monday 10th November, 9.30am-11.50am Wem Town Hall

Swimming - Whitchurch Swimming Pool

Date TBC (November), Sunday 11am-12pm

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Monday 8th December, 9.30am-11.50am Wem Town Hall

Please book on to events via the Wem SEN Hub Facebook Page

WEM TOWN HALL SEN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Relaxed Screening of Hotel Transylvania

Tuesday 28th October, 1.30pm - Wem Town Hall

Wem Town Hall Halloween Crafts SEN Session

Friday 31st October 1pm-2pm

Relaxed Screening of Polar Express (PJs Welcome)

Saturday 20th December, 1.30pm, Wem Town Hall

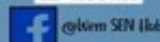
please book for these events directly with Wem Town Hall

You can also find us at

Wem Market every Thursday until 9th October

Wem Car boot - Sunday 14th September
9.00am-12.00pm Wem Recreational Ground

Quiet Space during
Wem Christmas Lights and Festival
1pm-6pm, Wem Town Hall



Events coming in the New Year

The Animal Family
and
Keystage Circus