

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.

What an amazing time we had at Young Voices –well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 who were able to attend– we are extremely proud of you and the way that you participated. A special thank you to Mrs Hawke for her support and encouragement.

PE and swimming

- Monday – Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Dragonfly Class (Reception)
Swimming for Robin Class (Year 3) and Peregrine Class (Years 5 and 6) - please note that this is the final session.
- Tuesday – Skylark Class (Year 1), Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2)
- Wednesday – Red Kite Class (Year 4)
- Thursday– Skylark Class (Year 1), Mayfly Class (Years 1 and 2)
- Friday – Bumblebee Class (Nursery), Dragonfly Class (Reception) Red Kite Class (Year 4)

Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits please.

Dates

Monday 9th February	Swimming for Robin and Peregrine Classes
Wednesday 11th February	Disco—please see separate note on page 2
Thursday 12th February	Visit to Liverpool for Peregrine Class
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term
Monday 16th—Thursday 19th February	Holiday Club (booking for holiday club are now available via ParentPay)
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school
Wednesday 11th March	Robin and Red Kite Class visit.

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.

Disco

Our Spring Disco is on Wednesday 11th February starting at 3.15 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.

The children are very welcome to wear their own clothes to school on this day. Entry to the disco is £1 per child, hot dogs will be for sale at £1.50 each and sweets will also be on sale. If you could send change into school with the children—it would be very much appreciated. We will ask the children to use their water bottles at the disco.

Thank you

Items in school

Could we please request that the children do not bring pencil cases and their own items of stationary into school please.

We would also appreciate it if the children only wear a watch and earring studs to school if they wish to.

We really appreciate everyone's support.

Coat, hat, gloves and wellies



Can we please ask that during the cold weather your child brings a coat, hat and gloves to school each day. If your child does not already have a pair of wellies in school (labelled with their name please) can we ask that you send a pair in that can be left in school.

We like to take the children out at playtimes whenever the weather allows.

Thank you.

**** School Transport ****

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Any queries please contact the school office.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible. Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Thank you.

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 on-line 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 Whixall 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.

Cross Country Events

Races for children in Key Stage 2

Dates - Thursday 5th March @ Shrewsbury Sports Village & or
Thursday 19th @ Attingham Park*

Arrival - 4pm

Time - Races will start promptly at 4.30pm - Last race 5.30pm

Location - 5th March @ Shrewsbury Sports Village SY1 4RQ

19th March @ Attingham Park SY4 4TP*

Individual races for Y3 – Y6 (separate Boy/Girl races). Distances between 1000m -2000m in accordance with guidance from England Athletics




Race order
Yr 3 girls
Yr 3 boys
Yr 4 girls
Year 4 boys
Year 5 girls
Year 5 boys
Year 6 girls / boys

Note all competitors required to pay a £1 donation per runner for Attingham Park event - As part of contribution to National Trust

Entry forms must be completed by 12th February please follow the link below to complete the entry form.

[Engage Event - Key stage 2 Afterschool Cross County – Fill in form](#)

Adults will need to transport the children to and from the event and remain with them.



Natters Matters
Monday, 9th February
9.30am join us for our AGM
10.00am join us for Natters Matters
(both will be in the meeting room downstairs
grab a coffee and follow the signs)



Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds
walk, skip, run, volunteer, spectate - it's up to you!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to help bring junior parkrun to
Jubilee Park, Whitchurch

Interested in being involved?

We'd love to hear from you, send an email to:
sally.mcdonald@parkrun.com



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



**February
Holiday Clubs**

at **The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST**

For children aged 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and sports! Groups of mixed age and ability.

16th to 20th February at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Get in touch

E: admin@foundationstfc.co.uk T: 01743 289177 opt 6



Wem
Town Council

**WEM HEALTH AND
WELLBEING
POP UP**

**THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
10:00AM - 1:00PM**

Come along to Aston Street Car Park (Co-Op) where you will find Fiona, Community Wellbeing Outreach Officer, along with Paul and volunteers from Shropshire Mental Health Support, offering you a free, safe and confidential space to receive support around a variety of subjects.

Everyone Welcome.



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Useful Resources- Sleep



Is your child/ young person struggling with their sleep? There are a number of organisations with resources and guides to help!