

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.

Well done to the children in Robin and Red Kite Classes for their amazing behaviour on their visit to the Black Country Living Museum. The children had the most fantastic time and are to be congratulated on representing their school so well.

PE

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

Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits please. Please note that swimming has now finished for Robin and Peregrine Classes.

Dates

Monday 16th March	Reading the Game for children in Robin Class
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief
Saturday 21st March	Clive Cross Country
Monday 23rd March	Reading the Game for children in Robin Class Easter Journey Day
Tuesday 24th March	Saltmine Theatre Company visiting school.
Wednesday 25th March	Easter Service at 9.30 a.m. at St Mary's Church
Friday 27th March	Break up for the Easter holidays
Monday 13th April	Children return to school

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.

Quiz Night

Our grateful thanks to the Dicken Arms for allowing us to raise funds through one of their Quiz Nights. Please see flyer on page 3 for details. .

If you are able to donate a raffle prize for the event, then we would be very grateful. Please send any donated prizes into the school office. Your child has brought some tickets home today to help to support the event—if you are able to sell any tickets it would be very much appreciated.

There are some great prizes: please see flyer on page 3 for details.

Many thanks for your support.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day 2026 on Friday 20th March

non-uniform - **come to school wearing something red**

A voluntary donation if you are able, to support incredible projects which help children to be happier, families stronger, women safer, communities prouder, and millions of lives fairer.



Our Easter Service

We would like to invite you to join us for
our Easter Service
at St Mary's Church
on Wednesday 25th March at 9.30 a.m.



Everyone welcome


Holiday Club

Holiday club will run again during the Easter holidays on
Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April and
Tuesday 7th April, Wednesday 8th April and Thursday 9th April
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 admin@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk



**WHIXALL C E
PRIMARY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**



QUIZ NIGHT

**AT THE DICKIN ARMS,
LOPPINGTON SY4 5SR**

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

FIRST QUESTION @ 7.00PM



QUIZ PRIZES

**1ST PRIZE = DRINKS
HAMPER**

**2ND PRIZE = £50 MYSTERY
HAMPER**

**3RD PRIZE = £40 FOOD
HAMPER**

**KINDLY DONATED BY LET LOOSE DOG PARK,
BRADSHAW LIVESTOCK &
JAMIE WARD'S BUTCHERS & DELI**

**£5 PER HEAD, TEAMS OF 4
TO INCLUDE NIBBLES**

**LOTS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES TO
BE WON, INCLUDING RAFFLE**



**CAN'T MAKE THE QUIZ BUT
STILL WANT
TO HELP RAISE FUNDS AND
WIN BIG PRIZES ?
GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS
NOW!!**

**CONTACT TORI 07069733276
TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS**

RAFFLE PRIZES

**THE IRON WORKS, OSWESTRY -
ENTRANCE AND CREAM TEA
OSWESTRY SHOW FAMILY TICKET
BULL & DOG £25 VOUCHER
WHIXALL MARINA £10 VOUCHER
SHERRATTS BIRD FEED HAMPER
OLLIE AND BOO NOTICE BOARD
MYSTERY PRIZE TARTAN FOX
PADEL WHITCHURCH VOUCHER
AND MUCH MORE**



Virtual Private Networks

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) helps make your connection between a device and the internet more secure and can help protect personal information and add privacy. However, whilst a VPN has benefits, it is important that you are aware that if your child is using a VPN, they may be able to get round Wi-Fi restrictions, access blocked or restricted websites and bypass parental controls. It may also mean that their browsing history is hidden.

The NSPCC provides a helpful overview of VPNs, plus top tips and conversation starters here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/vpns-and-online-safety/>

Social Media Algorithms

What is an Algorithm?

Algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms and predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with, thereby keeping us online for longer. The algorithm uses information such as who you follow, what you have searched for and what you have watched, liked or shared to determine what thinks most interests you. It will then show you this content more, for example, in the explore tab on Instagram.



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What do I need to know?

Whilst there are benefits to algorithms, for example it means we tend to see content that does interest us, unfortunately there are negatives as well. They can lead to increased screentime as we continue to see things that interest us. Secondly, it can lead to users being shown large amounts of inappropriate content which can for example, exacerbate negative body image or heighten access to misogyny content. It can also lead to 'echo chambers' where you are only seeing content that relates to your opinion rather than seeing a balanced viewpoint.

Further information

<https://cybersmarties.com/behind-the-screen-how-algorithms-shape-what-kids-see-online/>

The BBC discuss algorithms in this article about doomscrolling:

New government campaign: Is your child influenced by toxic content?

The Government have launched a new campaign providing guidance to parents on safety settings, conversation prompts and advice for tackling misinformation and harmful content. It also includes a quiz to help you and your child spot misleading or unreliable information online. You can find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/is-your-child-influenced-by-toxic-content-new-government-campaign-supports-parents-to-talk-about-harmful-online-content>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language?

You can use the translate tool on our web version:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/march-2026/>

Cross Country Event

Races for children in Key Stage 2

Date - Thursday 19th March @ Attingham Park

Arrival - 4pm

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

Location—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
Year 3 girls
Year 3 boys
Year 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

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

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

junior parkrun

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



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DEADLINE: FRI 27 MAR 2026

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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Competition

A call to photographers of all ages - Capture the wild

Enter our Wildlife Photography Competition by Friday 27 March, with categories for under 11s, ages 12-18 and adults. See website for details:

www.shropshiremuseums.org.uk/events/



Shropshire Athletic Association Under 11s (Year 5 and 6) **CROSS COUNTRY**

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026



Saturday 14th March 2026

Concord College

Races begin at 2.30pm

Ask your school for details of how to enter or contact Mary Thornton
mary58@btinternet.com

Eligibility: Attend school, live or belong to a running club in Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin




introduce

A safe and fun environment for disabled children to kickstart their football journey!

Boys & Girls
 ages:
 5-11

MONDAY'S 6 - 7PM

DATE : TBC

SHAWBURY RECREATIONAL CENTRE, SY4 4PB

EMAIL ON:
[WELFARE.SHAWBURYUNITEDFC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:welfare.shawburyunitedfc@gmail.com)

AIMEE : 07708 250905
 SIMON : 07780 703167




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



CONFIDENTIAL • RESPECTFUL • EMPATHETIC



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.gov.uk/early-help



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

Easter Holiday Clubs

Shrewsbury at
The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

Ludlow at
Bromfield Rd, Ludlow SY8 2BN

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

9am – 3pm 30th March and 31st March at Ludlow

9am – 3pm 30th March – 2nd April at Shrewsbury

9am – 3pm 7th April – 10th April at Shrewsbury

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



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

Easter HAF

Shrewsbury at
The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

Ludlow at
Bromfield Rd, Ludlow SY8 2BN

For children aged 5 to 11, in receipt of free school meals, our HAF clubs are open to access fun activities and food in the school holidays

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Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



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



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.

