

Dear Parents/Carers

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.

*So lovely to see everyone back at school this week.
The children have been fantastic.*

PE

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

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

Please note that on swimming days, children should come to school in their PE kit with their swimming costume underneath. Please remember to send your child with underwear to change into on swimming days.

The children were amazing in their swimming lessons this week.

Dates

Monday 20th April	Mr Nagy to deliver football training to Peregrine Class
Tuesday 21st April	Swimming for Dragonfly and Red Kite.
Wednesday 22nd April	Swimming for Skylark and Mayfly Classes.
Friday 24th April	School Nurse to talk with children in Reception about their teeth..
Saturday 25th April	Shrewsbury Half Marathon
Friday 22nd April	PD Day—holiday club will be available
Monday 25th—Friday 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday 26th—Thursday 28th May	Holiday Club
Monday 1st June	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.

WHIXALL SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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.



Holiday Club



Thank you to everyone who supported Holiday Club.

The children were truly amazing!

Holiday Club will run again during the May Half Term holiday on the PD day—Friday 22nd May, Tuesday 26th May, Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 28th May. Booking details will follow shortly.

CLOTHING LABELS

Now the weather is warming up and the chances of taking jumpers off increase, please could you ensure that all clothing that is likely to be removed is labelled with your child(ren)'s name(s). This really does help with the smooth running of the school day.

Many thanks for your help.

Hedgehog
AWARENESS WEEK
03-09 May 2026

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BHPS
THE HEDGEHOG
CONSERVATION CHARITY

Donate to the 2026
#HEDGEHOGWEEK appeal:
[justgiving.com/campaign/HAW26](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/HAW26)

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, Hedgehog House, Dnustone, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3PL
Tel: 01584 890301 E-mail: info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk www: www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk
[@britishhedgehogsociety](https://www.facebook.com/britishhedgehogsociety) [@britishhedgehogsociety](https://www.instagram.com/britishhedgehogsociety) [British Hedgehog Preservation Society](https://www.linkedin.com/company/british-hedgehog-preservation-society)
Reg Charity No. 1164542

Age ratings in games

Age ratings exist to help protect your child as they show whether content is suitable for your child's age. Make sure you check the age rating of any game your child is playing.

Why should I check?

Not all games will be appropriate for your child. Some may appear child friendly due to fun or cartoon style graphics but still include unsuitable content. Age ratings consider factors such as violence, frightening content, bad language and/or in app purchases.

How can I check?

Most games are rated by PEGI (Pan European Game Information), who not only state the age you should be to play the game but also provide further content descriptors to give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter. Apps are rated by the App store/Google Play.

How can I stop my child from accessing a game they are not old enough to play?

You can set up parental controls to restrict access to games or apps that your child is not old enough to play and set restrictions so any downloads/ purchases must be approved by you. For example:

Nintendo – restrict software by age so if you restrict to 10+, games with that rating or above cannot be played by your child.

Xbox / PlayStation – set an age limit so anything that exceeds that age rating must be approved.

Apple / Google (Family Link) – restrict your child from installing apps, allowing you to review before approving all purchases.

What else do I need to do?

Review any additional content descriptors, read reviews and check if the game includes any form of communication or in app purchases. This will help inform your decision as to whether the game is suitable for your child.

For any game your child plays, set up appropriate parental controls.

If you decide a game is not appropriate, explain to your child why. We know your child might feel peer pressure to play certain games, but explaining your reasoning will help them understand your decision.

Further information

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

BBC iPlayer for Kids

Children under the age of 13 can have their own iPlayer profile, which includes content from CBBC, CBeebies and other suitable BBC programmes.

You can download the iPlayer app and then find out how to create a profile here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/help/questions/about-the-childrens-experience/iplayer-child-experience>

Going on a long journey? The BBC have also compiled a list of shows and films as well as games and quizzes to make the journey go quicker:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/best-films-games-and-quizzes-to-keep-kids-entertained-on-long-journeys>



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



Kids Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service

Kids offer warm, supportive services for parent carers and families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities across Shropshire. We help provide families with practical tools, emotional support and confidence to help families thrive.

SEND Sleep Workshop

We invite you to join us for a sleep workshop.

These are held by trained sleep practitioners offering support, advice and guidance for your child/young persons sleep issues.



The workshop consists of :

- Science of sleep
- Potential Triggers causing sleep issues
- Strategies and bedtime routines
- Natural production of melatonin
- Physical and Emotional wellbeing

Friday 8th May 2026

9.30-11.30am

Online Workshop

If you wish to attend, please book a place via phone or email.

Tel: 01743 644506

Email: kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk

Kids Disabled children say we can

Registered office: 249 Birmingham Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Colfield B72 1EA
Company limited by guarantee no: 1346252

Registered charity number: 275936



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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!



Support available while waiting for your appointment

There are a range of local support providers that you and your child can access while you wait for a health appointment or assessment. Many of these can continue to support you and your child beyond your appointment/assessment.

- Development or wellbeing
- Communication
- Physical and sensory needs
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Neurodivergent needs
- Behaviours of concern
- Preparing for adulthood



For more information, please see the Healthier Together website

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Contact: info@paccshropshire.org.uk

**Crane Quality
Counselling**
Presents
**"Every Shropshire
Child Has A Voice"**
In recognition of
Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Friday 15th May 2026
6:00pm-8:30pm

Adult Tickets : £7.00
Junior Tickets : £3.50
Under 11's and Tiny Tots : Free
Entry

St Georges Parish Church
Drinkwater Street,
Frankwell,
Shrewsbury,
SY3 8QA

To Buy Tickets Scan QR Code Or Contact Us On
01743 280546

Charity No. 1175610

**SHREWSBURY
REPAIR
CAFE**

Your radio doesn't work?
Your jumper has a hole in it?
Your ornament is broken?

Bring it to the repair cafe
Have it fixed & repaired
Refreshments & cake

Shrewsbury United Reformed Church
Coleham Head

3rd Saturday every month
10am till 2pm

shrewsrepaircafe

Repairing the World
One Item at a Time

In aid of
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Bluebell Walk
Sun 26th April

A walk through Soulton Hall Bluebell wood
FEATURED IN SHAKESPEARE'S "AS YOU LIKE IT"

Soulton Hall, Wem, SY4 5RS
10:00am-4:00pm

MORNING WALK: ARRIVAL 10-11AM
LUNCHTIME WALK: ARRIVAL 12-1PM
AFTERNOON WALK: ARRIVAL 2-3PM

TICKETS:
ADULT £7.50
CHILDREN £4
FAMILY TICKET £20
Family Ticket (max 2 adults & 3 Children/1 adult & 4 children)

PRE-BOOKING NECESSARY

FOR TICKETS SCAN
THE QR CODE

Refreshments will be available to purchase Walk takes up to 60-90
minutes Woodland paths Bring appropriate footwear
Not suitable for pushchairs or wheel chairs
Dogs on leads at all times Free On site parking.

ENQUIRIES TO SHREWSBURYMACMILLANFUNDRAISING@GMAIL.COM

This event is organised by the Shrewsbury Fundraising Group in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, a registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

Bluebell Walk
Afternoon Tea Special

Soulton Hall, Wem, SY4 5RS
Sunday 26th April
From 1pm

SAVOURIES
Ham & Salad Sandwich
Cheese & Onion Sandwich

SCONE
Jam, butter & cream

SWEETS
Victoria Sponge
Millionaires Cheesecake
Swiss Roll

TEA OR COFFEE

PRE-BOOKING NECESSARY
PRE-BOOK CONTACT:
IRENE RENNIE
MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER
07980669252

PLEASE MENTION ANY ALLERGIES WHEN BOOKING

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