

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.

Thank you so much to everyone who brought their bikes to school yesterday to be checked by 'Dr Bike'. The children in Key Stage 2 were also given a lesson in how to check their bikes routinely.

PE

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

Dates

w/b 11th May	SATs for children in Year 6
Thursday 21st May	Break up for half term Whixall Moss visit for Peregrine Class
Friday 22nd May	PD Day—children not in school on this day. Holiday Club is available.
Monday 25th—Friday 29th May	- Half Term
Tuesday 26th—Thursday 28th May	—Holiday Club
Monday 1st June	Return to school Trinity Journey Day
Tuesday 2nd June	River Severn visit for children in Robin and Red Kite Classes

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school each day. Water bottles should just contain water please, not squash—we really appreciate everyone's support with this.

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.

Date for Your Diary

Thursday 11th June we will be holding our Sports morning for families for children from Reception to year 6.

Events begin at 9.15 a.m. we do hope that you will be able to join us.

There will be a separate date for sports for Nursery, we will let you know the date for this as soon as possible.



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.

School Uniform

A gentle reminder please that children should be wearing plain black shoes when they come to school in their uniform, in line with our uniform policy. Please ensure that your child wears a plain navy sweatshirt or a sweatshirt with the Whixall logo on as part of their uniform (not a hoodie please)

VEG POWER

For ideas on getting your child(ren) to eat more fruit and veg have a look at [Veg Power](#). Lots of useful ideas and articles about the importance of fruit and veg. A particularly useful article about avoiding food waste.



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 online 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.

Thank you to everyone who has already registered.



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



Fenn's Whixall and Bettisfield Mosses National Nature Reserve



Family Wildlife Fun
Saturday 16th May 10am



Join us for a walk to spot birds, butterflies, dragonflies and raft spiders. We'll go bug hunting and pond dipping to see what special creatures we can find.

£6 per family of up to two adults and three children. Places are strictly limited.

To book your place or for more information, search Natural England on Eventbrite, scan the QR code, or email: info.whixall@naturalengland.org.uk



This event is not suitable for dogs.

www.gov.uk/natural-england

Cygnets teaches traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers & professional quality materials.

We run two holiday workshops per day, so students can attend individual classes, or bring a packed lunch and stay for both!



Tuesday 26th May

10.30 - 12PM Red 'The Elephants' with Fineliner & Watercolour

12.30 - 2PM Orange 'Still Life With Oranges' with Oil Pastels

Wednesday 27th May

10.30 - 12PM Yellow 'The Kiss' with Inks

12.30 - 2PM Green 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' with Colouring Pencils and Soft Pastels



Thursday 28th May

10.30 - 12PM Blue 'Le Rêve de Chagall sur Vitebsk' with Gouache

12.30 - 2PM Purple 'Saint Tropez in the Pine Woods' with Acrylic



Lots of different projects to choose from!

TERM TIME CLASSES



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SEASON STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE LADIES TO JOIN THE TEAM,
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

[f](#) CONTACT US VIA OUR FB PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS



May Fayre!

Join us to celebrate 40 years of Beavers and 110 years of Cubs!

on Thursday 21st May 6 - 8pm
At Whixall Social Centre SY13 2NA

Ultimate Summer Showdown!
 Compete for your chance to be our
 Champion of the Fayre!

Raffle	
Independent stalls	
Axe Throwing	
Refreshments	
Hook A Duck	Water or Wine
Lucky Letters	Vintage Vehicles
Bat the Rat	Space Hoppers
Bike registrations	Burger Shack
Guinea Pig Petting	Ice Cream Van



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
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Who?
 Men with prostate cancer (any stage) or prostate concerns or monitoring





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PREES Village Hall Trust PRESENTS:

Come and join us at
Prees Village Hall
For a Film Night
 on Saturday 30th May, 2026
 Chilli (just nicely spiced) served from 6.30pm.
 followed by:

The Choral

£10 including supper
 please buy tickets in advance from:
Jackie's Post Office

Vegetarian Chilli option available
 Bring your own beverage





Any questions?
prees.villagehall@gmail.com

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:



Inappropriate content – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.

Bullying – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into ‘real life’.

Strangers – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.

Conversations can be shared/screen shot – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.

Sharing personal information – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.

How can I help make group chats safer?

Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.

Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.

On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.

Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.

Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**

Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.

Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what ‘looksmaxxing’ is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks.

Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

Would you like to read our Online Safety newsletter in a different language?

You can use the translate tool on our web version:

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