

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 who participated in Shropshire Sings last week. They represented our school amazingly and we are extremely proud of them.

PE

- Monday— PE for Robin and Peregrine Classes
- Tuesday - Swimming for Dragonfly and Red Kite Classes
- Wednesday - Swimming for Skylark (Year 1) and Mayfly (Year 1 and 2)
Cricket for Robin (Year 3), Red Kite (Year 4), Peregrine (Years 5 and 6)
- Friday - PE for Bumblebee and Dragonfly Classes

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

Tuesday 16th June	Tots and Tales—9.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m. Swimming for Dragonfly and Red Kite Classes
Wednesday 17th June	Thomas Adams Taster Day for Year 5 Cricket for Robin, Red Kite and Peregrine Classes Swimming for Skylark and Mayfly Classes
Friday 19th June	Sailing for Year 6 children
Tuesday 23rd June	Tots and Tales—9.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m.
Thursday 25th June	Careers' Day Skylark and Mayfly visit to Rhyl
Friday 26th June	Class Photographs
Monday 29th June	Nursery Sports
Tuesday 14th July	Concert—please see separate note
Wednesday 15th July	Leavers' Service 9.30 a.m. ans 2 p.m.
Thursday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays

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.

Concert

On Tuesday 14th July, all our children will be invited to take part in a concert to be held at school. The concert will be held after school at 3.45 p.m. everyone is welcome to attend. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Photographs

You may have noticed that the photographs in our facebook posts have changed-we are now taking side and back profiles of the children. It has been brought to our attention that children's images are being lifted from social media and manipulated using AI - we will be reviewing all of our photographs in due course.

This is also something that families may wish to be mindful of when posting pictures of your own children and children of other families on your social media accounts



Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during the Summer Holidays on Friday 24th July and Monday 27th July through to Friday 14th August. Further details about booking will be available soon.

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). We really do appreciate all children adhering to our uniform policy.

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.

Easy Fundraising

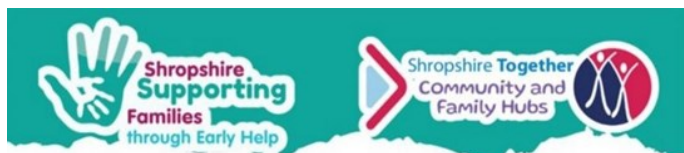
During these uncertain times, we are looking for different ways to raise funds for school. We have registered for the Easy Fundraising scheme and would really appreciate your support with this. The scheme is very easy and free to use - if you buy any items online then please register with the easy fundraising website:

<https://www.easypfundraising.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



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shropshire.gov.uk/early-help



SHREWSBURY REPAIR CAFE

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



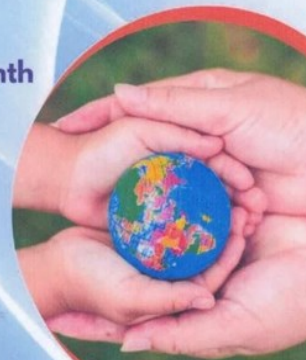
Bring it to the repair cafe
Have it fixed & repaired
Refreshments & cake

Shrewsbury United Reformed Church
Coleham Head

3rd Saturday every month
10am till 2pm

[shrewsrepaircafe](https://www.facebook.com/shrewsrepaircafe)

Repairing the World
One item at a Time



Back2basics FAMILY FEST

AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

At Wellness Woodlands, Highley, Shropshire
£99 inc camping
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Ticket inc 1 free Stone Age workshop

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More info & tickets

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Stone Age	Wood fired
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Why Hot Weather Can Affect People with Special Needs

Hot weather can be harder for some people. Here's why – and how we can help.

- Harder to regulate body temperature**
Some conditions or medications can make it harder to cool down.
- Sensory overload**
Heat, bright sun, noise and crowds can feel overwhelming.
- More fatigue**
Heat can cause tiredness, irritability and low energy.
- Higher risk of dehydration**
Some may not recognise thirst or communicate it.
- May impact behaviour and emotional wellbeing**
Discomfort can lead to anxiety, meltdowns or shutdowns.

Small adjustments can make a big difference. Stay cool. Be kind. Be understanding.

Shropshire Larder - a resource for people in Shropshire

The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes.

Take a look at their website for further information on the following:

- How to access emergency food
- Where to access low cost or free food in Shropshire
- Advice on eating well on a budget
- Where to get local help with money issues



Worrying About Money

Worrying about Money? Please use the link below to find guidance and advice regarding money worries that may be affecting you and your family:

<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/shrops-hire>

Leaflets are also available from:
<https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets>



Shropshire family
Information Service

Info, advice and support, for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.



Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).

Click on 'Chats'.

Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.

"Retro - Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

Privacy and data access.

It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.

Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle."

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and young people should not be accessing this site.

Find out more here:

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/june-2026-primary/>