

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.

Sports Day

A sincere thank you to everyone who joined us for our fantastic Sports morning on Thursday! We are incredibly grateful to our amazing children and our dedicated staff and volunteers for making the event such a wonderful success.

Special thanks to everyone who provided cakes for the event.

We truly appreciate your continued support.

PE

Wednesday - Cricket for Robin (Year 3), Red Kite (Year 4), Peregrine (Years 5 and 6), Skylark (Year 1) and Mayfly (Years 1 and 2)

Friday - PE for Bumblebee and Dragonfly Classes

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

Please note that all swimming has now finished for the current academic year.

Dates

Monday 6th July

Move Up day

Tuesday 7th July

Tots and Tales—9.30—11.00 a.m.

Thursday 9th July

Restaurant Night for families of children in Year 6

Tuesday 14th July

Concert—please see separate note

Wednesday 15th July

Leavers' Service 9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Skylark and Mayfly rearranged visit to Rhyl—we will write to families with further details for this, this week.

Thursday 23rd July

Break up for summer holidays

Class organisation for the next academic year

Please find below the classes and teacher for next year.

Dragonfly Class — Nursery and Reception — **Mrs Newth**

Skylark Class — Year 1 and 2 (the children in Year 2 in Skylark Class will be the same children who are currently in Year 1 in Mayfly Class) - **Mrs Aspinall**

Mayfly Class — Year 2 (these are the same children who are currently in Year 1 in Skylark Class) — **Mrs Taylor**

Robin Class — Years 3 and 4 — **Mrs Foster and Miss Cooper**

Peregrine Class — Years 5 and 6 — **Mr Edwards and Miss Stevanovic**

By having two members of staff in Robin and Peregrine Classes, this will mean that the year groups can be split in the mornings for core subjects.



Water Bottles, Sun Hats and Sunscreen

Please can children bring a water bottle, labelled with their name to school each day. If your child is bringing juice to drink with their lunch, can they also bring a bottle with water in, so that they can remain hydrated throughout the day.



In the sunny weather, can children please bring a sun hat to school and can you please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school in the morning. Can you please label sunscreen brought into school with your child's name. Thank you.

.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.



Holiday Club



Holiday Club will run again during the Summer Holidays on Friday 24th July and Monday 27th July through to Friday 14th August. Booking details are now available on ParentPay.

Child Absence

Please telephone school (01948 880330) by 9.00am if your child is unwell and will not be attending that day. If leaving a message, can you please provide the exact reason why your child is absent. If we have not heard from you by 9.15am, we will telephone you and follow-up with a text message. If we have still not heard from you by 10.30am we will telephone and text again as this becomes a safeguarding concern.

We shall also be contacting parents of Nursery children who do not attend, for whatever reason, on days that we are expecting them. This is a health and wellbeing safeguarding check.

Thank you for your support.

Holiday provision at Shrewsbury Town foundation this SUMMER!!

We are delighted to announce that bookings are now being taken for our Summer Holiday Clubs! Our Holiday Clubs are perfect for children aged 5-11, offering a fun, safe and inclusive environment during the school holidays, packed with exciting activities, games, sports and opportunities to make new friends.

Delivered by qualified and experienced staff, sessions are designed to keep children active, engaged and entertained while supporting confidence, teamwork and wellbeing.

Holiday Clubs will run over six weeks at the home of Shrewsbury Town – the Croud Meadow.

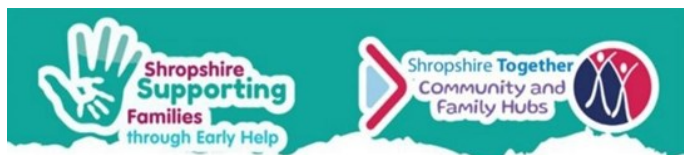
Our summer Holiday Clubs are now available to book over on our new booking site, please copy and paste the link below into your browser.

Abler: <https://www.abler.io/shop/foundationstfc?returnTo=%2F%3Fcountry%3DGGB%26mode%3Dprograms%26search%3Ds...>

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.



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



Learn imagine discover



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
£33 Family day ticket
Ticket inc 1 free Stone Age workshop

2 full days of outdoor fun & wild skills for
all the family

More info & tickets

Workshops in	Wellness
Stone Age	Wood fired
Bushcraft	saunas
Forest School	Yoga
Nature Crafts	Breath work
Graffiti	Demos, talks &
Singing	loads more

Wood fired pizzas
Evening BBQ
Bar
Live music

For more info
email: info@outback2basics.co.uk

Come and join us at
PREES VILLAGE HALL
FOR A FILM AND CREAM TEA

on Sunday 12th July, 2026
followed by:
'Mother's Pride'
Tea served from 2.30pm
£10.00
Please buy tickets in advance only from:
Jackie's Post Office
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FAMILY GRAPEVINE

The Summer/Autumn 2026 issue of the Shrewsbury & Telford Family Grapevine is out now! It is full of useful information, with a guide to what's on for families, and the directory full of fun activities from toddler groups to sports clubs, plus childcare, party entertainers, support and lots more. For those who don't receive a print copy, you can either pick up a free copy at family venues, leisure centres and libraries across the area, or you can access the full issue on our website:

[The Unique Family Magazine - The Family Grapevine](#)



Safe & Sound
CARE WITH ISSY

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:

Shropshire Council

WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

Group chats: Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.

Inappropriate content: users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.

Location sharing: talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.

Chat lock/secret code: users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.

Screentime due to addictive nature

AI: WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

What can I do?

Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.

Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>

Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Set up appropriate parental controls.

Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.

Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>

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

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-givekids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

[Fact sheet: New rules to protect children online - GOV.UK](#)