

Dear Parents/Carers

WHIXALL SCHOOL

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 Year 6, who along with Mrs Hitchman's expert guidance served up a wonderful three course meal for their families on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone for their support and encouragement.

Particular thanks to Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrisons and the Coop-Wem for their very generous donations.

PE

Wednesday- Cricket for Robin (Year 3), Red Kite (Year 4), Peregrine (Years 5 and 6),.

Thursday— PE for Skylark (Year1) 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.

Dates

Tuesday 14th July	Tots and Tales—9.30—11.00 a.m. Concert—please see separate note below
Wednesday 15th July	Leavers' Service 9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Skylark and Mayfly rearranged visit to Rhyl
Monday 20th—Wednesday 23rd July	Year 6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 21st July	Tots and Tales—9.30—11.00 a.m.
Thursday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays
Friday 24th July—	
Friday 14th August	Holiday Club

Concert

On Tuesday 14th July, all our children are 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.

If your child is taking part in the concert, then we will keep them at school until the concert begins. The gate at the top of the lay-by will open at 3.35 p.m. for families to enter to watch the concert. The concert will take place on the field, so please bring something to sit on. Can we please ask that if watching the concert, you do not arrive before 3.30 p.m. to ensure that we can dismiss those children going home at the usual time safely.

If your child is not taking part in the concert, can you please email the school office—admin@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk to let us know.



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.

Given the weather forecast for this week, the children may continue to come into school wearing their PE kits. However we ask that Year 6 wear their full school uniform to school on Wednesday please and bring their PE kit with them to change into.



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.

**Holiday
And Food**



Shrewsbury

The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST
July & August 2026
08:30 - 15:30

Ludlow

Bromfield Rd Ludlow, SY8 2BN
July & August 2026
08:30 - 15:00

For children aged 5-11 and in receipt of free school meals, the HAF programme is a way to gain access to fun activities and food during the school holidays.

01743 289177 opt 6
admin@foundationstfc.co.uk
foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book.



**Holiday
Clubs**



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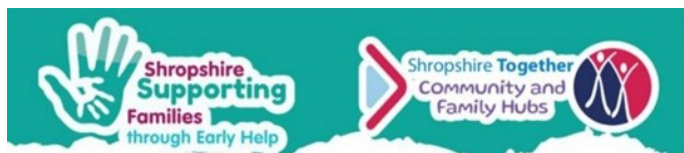
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If you are concerned about someone's safety

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?



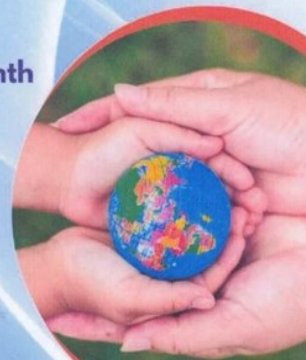
Bring it to the repair cafe
Have it fixed & repaired
Refreshments & cake

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](https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/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

<https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/>



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

Livestreaming

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can I help my child?

All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.

For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.

Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.

Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.



Further information

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Instagram: New supervision tool

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages. Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here:

<https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Screentime balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>