

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.

Wishing you and your family a truly wonderful Summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

A huge thank you from all the staff for the wonderful gifts, cards and kind messages.

Mrs Hitchman has asked us to pass on a special thank you to everyone for all of your kind messages, gifts and cards.

Year 6 Leavers

Thank you to all the families who attended the memorable Year 6 Leavers' Service. A time of reflection and celebration of what the future holds. The residential visit was a remarkable time, making memories to take forward and friendships to cherish that have grown over the years.

Whixall's Got Talent

Whixall School most certainly does have talent... oodles of it! Thank you to all the children who auditioned and the finalists who entertained the whole school. We laughed, we cheered and we celebrated their talent. We all enjoyed a wonderful morning! Thank you to everyone in Whixall C.E. Primary School we are so very proud of you all.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will run again during the Summer Holidays on Friday 24th July and Monday 27th July through to Friday 14th August. for children aged 3 - 11 years.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle, a sun hat and sun-screen (applied in the morning before arriving and the bottle labelled with their name) please.

Telephone contact during Holiday Club: 01948 800307

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 the **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.

Shropshire
family
Information Service

Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:



Shropshire
Council

Events over the Summer Holidays

Summer Holidays 2026: Kids Eat Free (or for £1!) - <http://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

Shropshire Kids Club and Activities -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2317214211886581/>

Family Events, Telford, Shropshire and Surrounding Areas -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3208832865935161>

Visit Shropshire - <https://www.visitshropshire.co.uk/things-to-do/family-fun/>

Shropshire Council's free and low-cost activities -
<https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2026/07/summer-holidays-free-and-low-cost-activities/>

National Trust, Summer of Play 2026 -
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/family-friendly/summer-of-play?type=event>

Things to do in the West Midlands, Shropshire -
<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/west-midlands/shropshire/prees>

Carnival Games & Mini Golf (Oswestry): Head to The Highwayman to enjoy a mini-golf course, ring toss, splat-a-rat, and can knockdowns. Perfect for kids, taking place Saturday, July 25, 2026 (12:00 PM – 7:00 PM) [Carnival Games and Mini Golf](#).

Teddy Bear Picnic (Wrenbury): Join Once Upon a Page at Berries for scavenger hunts, story time, and teddy bear fun on Saturday, August 15, 2026 (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM) [Teddy Bear Picnic](#).

Limitless You! Event (Crewe): A completely free, fun community afternoon in Queen's Park on Friday, August 21, 2026 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM) [Limitless You! Event](#).

Kids Shropshire - <https://www.facebook.com/KidsShropshire>

Alderford - <https://alderford.com/summer-holidays-at-alderford/>

Shropshire Museums - <https://www.shropshiremuseums.org.uk/event/family-friendly-summer-activities-at-shrewsbury-museum-and-art-gallery/>

Doodle Alley, Whitchurch - <https://doodlealley.co.uk/>

Family Grapevine - <https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/shrewsbury-telford/magazine/the-shrewsbury-telford-family-grapevine-summer-2026/>

25% off
tickets when visiting
18-31 July*

This summer
BewILDerFEST
Music, stories & family fun

T&Cs apply*

Supported by The Grocott Family Foundation

THE FORT'S FREE Summer Camp

Fun & Creative multi-activity For Boys & Girls 7-12 Years Old

week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4
Tue 4th - Thur 6th August 9am-12pm	Tue 11th - Thur 13th August 9am-12pm	Tue 18th - Thur 20th August 9am-12pm	Tue 25th - Thur 27th August 9am-12pm

Activities :

- Boxing
- Dodgeball
- Drawing
- Board games
- Indoor Games

The Fort Summer Camp
Unit 8 Digital Court, Waymills Industrial Estate, Whitchurch Shropshire, SY13 1TT
BOOK YOUR FREE SLOT
Message: Daniel Bailey
07523 743589

BONUS Gift: Summer camp kids can train for free on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 PM to 6 PM. Parents, we have you covered; you can also train for free on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from

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:

- Stone Age
- Bushcraft
- Forest School
- Nature Crafts
- Graffiti
- Singing

Wellness:

- Wood fired saunas
- Yoga
- Breath work
- Demos, talks & loads more

Wood fired pizzas
Evening BBQ
Bar
Live music

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

TENNIS
SUMMER CAMPS
AGES 7 - 15 : ALL STANDARDS
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

20 - 24 July
27 - 31 July
3 - 7 August

9: 00am - 3:00 pm

£30 per day or
£130 for a full week

Wem Tennis Club
Recreation Ground
SY4 5DA

To book:
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/pacetennis/Coaching/Camps>
or scan the QR

Enquiries: dparry.tennis@gmail.com



SOWING SEEDS

Engaging with young people
for a lifelong love of nature

A conference aimed at those working
with children and young people

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Friday 7 August 2026, 10am - 4pm

With this conference we will look at encouraging ongoing youth involvement in nature. How do we think about succession planning for a new generation of nature lovers? What are the entry points into nature-based activities and the potential for future employment opportunities?

With this conference we will look at ongoing youth investment in nature, ways of combatting eco anxiety and the development of citizen science.

Programme overleaf.

Limited places; booking essential, via:
www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/whats-on/sowing-seeds

Free event but donations of £20 will cover our costs and be much appreciated.



Shropshire Hills
National Landscape



Artwork/design: Sarah Jameson

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Conference Programme

9.15am - Doors open tea/coffee/pastries

10.00am - Chair: Grant Wilson - Welcome and Introduction to the day

Primary age children

10.15am - Stephanie Bellows, Discovery Centre: **Foraging and tracking wildlife**

10.35am - Tom Blackwell, National Trust: **Reaching out to urban children**

10.55am - **Tea break & networking**

11.15am - Sara Bellis: **Nature Journaling: a powerful tool for curiosity and confidence**

11.35am - Toni Pettit: **Forest Schools: wellbeing & wildlife education**

11.55am - Isabel Carter: **Gaining skills in identifying wildlife**

Secondary age children

10.15am - Richard Morley, Youth Forum: **Engaging young people**

10.35am - Joe Penfold, Young Rangers: **Young Rangers - Lessons learned**

10.55am - **Tea break & networking**

11.15am - Sue Rees-Evans: **Who can resist a dragonfly?**

11.35am - Sarah Thomas, PACC: **Resolving barriers for young people with additional needs**

11.55am - Sarah Bellis: **Those teenage years!**



12.15 - 1.30pm - **Lunch provided**

1.30pm - 4pm - **Afternoon Workshop topics**
(choose 3 from the 6 below):

1
Plants
Have
Families

2
Insects

3
Nature
Journaling

4
Bug Hunt

5
Discover the
Discovery
Centre

6
Bushcraft

4pm - **Meet outside to wrap up**
(Grant Wilson)



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Summer AT WREKIN FOREST SCHOOL

ADVENTURE FOR ALL AGES THIS AUGUST 1-6

HOLIDAY CLUBS

AGES 5-14

TUE 4 AUG WED 12 AUG
THU 6 AUG WED 19 AUG
MON 10 AUG THU 20 AUG

BUSHCRAFT FOR NEARLY TEENS & TEENS (10-16)
WED 26 AUG

EXPLORE LEARN MAKE MEMORIES TOGETHER

FAMILY EVENTS

FAMILY FUN FOREST SCHOOL DAY MON 3 AUG

FAMILY FUN FOREST SCHOOL DAY MON 17 AUG

ADDITIONAL NEEDS FAMILY FUN SUN 23 AUG

WILD KITCHEN CAMP FIRE COOKING SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES FRI 14 AUG

ADVENTURE IN THE WOODS FESTIVAL

28-31 AUG

FESTIVAL DAY TICKETS

SAT 29 AUG
SUN 30 AUG

BOOK ONLINE

www.wrekinforestschool.co.uk

Summer at SHDC

BOOK NOW

Three Little Pigs

Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July AND Monday 11th August - Friday 15th August

Hear an alternative story from the wolf's point of view. Make your own house of sticks and see if it will stand up to the huff and puff test. Enjoy a marshmallow toasted over a campfire. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Marvellous Minibeast Hunt

Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July and Monday 17th August - Friday 21st August

Take a magnifying glass and an ID sheet and start your search. Look in long grass, under logs and rocks in crevices in tree bark. Shake branches, part leaves on the ground, sweep with a net. Have a sheet with different habitats and draw in what you have found.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ORIENTEERING ADVENTURE

Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August and Monday 24th August - Friday 28th August

Practice orienteering in the Onny Meadows. Games and challenges will show you how to read a map and a compass. Use these skills to find hidden clues in the meadows to solve a puzzle.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

2pm-3.30pm

shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Open Daily, 10am-5pm 01588 676060 School Road, Craven Arms

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%3DGB%26mode%3Dprograms%26search%3Ds...>

Shrewsbury Town Foundation Open Day
26th July 2026

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/shropshire>

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

