

Dear Parents and Carers

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We demonstrate our values of *Respect, Caring, Supportiveness, Tolerance, Perseverance, Forgiveness, and Trust* at Whixall C.E. Primary School and Nursery in all that we strive to achieve each day.

PE

Mondays PE for Dragonfly Class (Nursery and Reception)

Wednesdays PE for Robin Class (Years 3 and 4), Year 1 children in Skylark Class
Swimming for Year 2 (Skylark and Robin Classes) and Years 5 and 6
(Peregrine Class)

Thursdays PE for Dragonfly Class (Nursery and Reception)

Fridays PE for Robin Class (Years 3 and 4)
PE for Year 1 (in Skylark Class)

Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits please on swimming and PE days please.

*** School Admissions Dates ***

Online applications for Secondary School places are now open Applications must be made online by 31st October 2026 (final day for applications) To apply please visit:
[Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **'Apply here'**.
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are happy to help.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and popped in for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! We raised a fantastic £50 to help Macmillan Cancer Support continue their vital work. Every slice truly made a difference.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will run again during October half term

Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October and Monday 2nd November.

9am—3pm, £12 per session.
Children need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle please.

Bookings for Holiday Club are now open on ParentPay.

Contacting Our Teachers

Our teachers are always happy to discuss your child's education, wellbeing, or social development. We value open communication and believe that working together is the best way to support your child. To arrange a phone call or a meeting with your child's teacher, please contact the school office, and we will find a convenient time for you. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 28 th September	Harvest Service at St Mary's Church at 9.30 a.m. everyone is welcome.
Tuesday 29 th September	Tots and Tales
Wednesday 30 th September	Swimming for Years 2, 5 and 6 Flu Vaccines for children in Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 6 th October	Tots and Tales
Wednesday 7 th October	Swimming for Years 2, 5 and 6
Friday 9 th October	Years 5 and 6 to join Prees School children for the Planetarium visit
Friday 16 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 19 th October – Monday 2 nd November - Holiday Club	
Monday 2 nd November	PD Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children return to school

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service is on Monday 28th September, 9.30am at St Mary's Church — everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be asking for donations of non-perishable food e.g. tins and packets to donate to the Whitchurch Food bank, there will be a collection box in school, so please send any items you wish to donate into school before Friday 25th September. During the service, there will be a voluntary collection, donations will be sent to the Farm Crisis Network. Thank you for your support.



Whitchurch Food Bank

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

JARS OF COFFEE (LARGE AND SMALL)
TINNED SPAGHETTI
TINS OF FRUIT
SPONGE PUDDINGS
SEMI-SKIMMED OR WHOLE LONG LIFE MILK
PORRIDGE
JARS OF FISH/MEAT PASTE
TEA
TINNED MEAT
BOTTLES OF CORDIAL/FRUIT SQUASH

TINS OF CUSTARD
PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO
JARS OF JAM
LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE
TINS OF CARROTS
TINS OF RICE PUDDING
CHOCOLATE & SWEETS
WASHING-UP LIQUID
RICE 500GM AND 1KG PACKS
WASHING POWDER/LIQUID

Facebook

Our school has a Facebook account - [Whixall CE Primary School and Nursery](#)
We use the account to share some of the amazing things that the children undertake in school.
Thank you.

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.

School Meals

Hot school meals are available daily at a cost of £2.65 (£1.85 for Nursery children) and payable via ParentPay.

Please note children moving into Year 3 will need to pay for school lunches.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Please apply, if you are eligible, for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 even though they will receive universal free school meals. Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Thank you.

Toast

Toast is available to the children at first playtime at a cost of 10p per slice, this is payable via ParentPay.

Children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have free fruit on a daily basis.

**** Please let us know if you do not want your child to have toast on a daily basis as some of our children may not understand and may order without you knowing. ****

Children are more than welcome to bring in their own healthy snacks, i.e. raw vegetables, fruit etc. to eat at playtime.

Thank you.

School Transport

Your child may be eligible for school transport if they are in Reception Class to Year 6 and fulfil certain criteria.

Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/>

Scroll down and click on Primary.

Any queries please contact school. Thank you.

Homework

Your child's homework is accessed via our online Seesaw program.

Spellings and homework are set on Seesaw each week.

New login details will be sent home with your child during their first week back at school.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Reading

We really appreciate your support in your child's reading development. We understand that it is difficult to hear your child read every day, but if you could try to build in sometime during the course of the week to hear your child read as often as possible or to talk with them about their reading that would be really beneficial. Reading books will be sent home with your child's reading record diary. Please record every time you hear your child read in the reading record diary and send their reading book and diary back into school daily. Thank you.

Wellies

Please can your child bring a pair of wellies into school (labelled with their name) that can be left in school.

We play outside at lunchtimes on the field as often as possible, and they will then also be available for use when they are taking part in Outdoor Learning.

Thank you.

Water Bottles

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.

Thank you.

Shropshire Family Information Service

Cycling is a great way to keep active and boost your wellbeing. Why not plan a bike ride with the family,

Shropshire has some great family friendly cycle routes, check them out here: <https://orlo.uk/FufJf>

You can find more inspiration and a list of all things cycling on our Family Information Directory

<https://orlo.uk/nkm7E>

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/>

Support for parent carers of children with SEND

Shropshire's Local Offer

Having access to good quality information to help you understand the world of SEND is important when making decisions about your child's life. This is where websites such as the [Shropshire's SEND Local Offer](#) can help you.

The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

localOffer@shropshire.gov.uk 0345 678 9063
www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

If you need help accessing the Local Offer please speak to your school or local library.

Shropshire Council

Cost of Living Support

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities will continue to affect most households across Shropshire this year. If you find yourself worried about money or you're struggling right now, you're not alone. But don't wait to get help. Shropshire Council and many support organisations are seeing rises in the number of people seeking help, and as winter approaches you may see more delays in getting responses.

The good news is that there's help available.

The website: www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/ was created in partnership with trusted community organisations to help you find the help you need, whether it's to get through a short-term crisis or to find more long-term support.

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.

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>




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




Creative Writing Group

At Wem Library

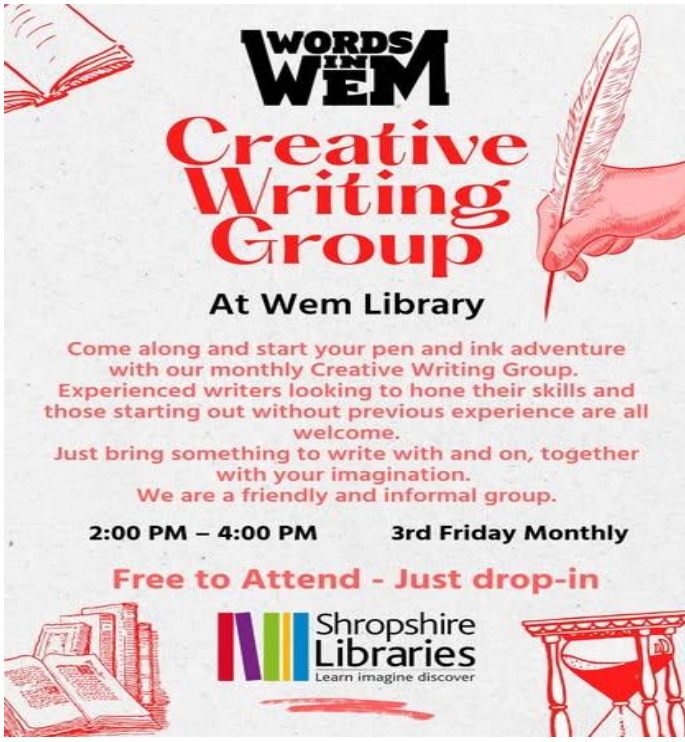
Come along and start your pen and ink adventure with our monthly Creative Writing Group. Experienced writers looking to hone their skills and those starting out without previous experience are all welcome.

Just bring something to write with and on, together with your imagination.

We are a friendly and informal group.

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM **3rd Friday Monthly**

Free to Attend - Just drop-in


Whitchurch Library free Lego Club
takes place every Saturday 10am-12pm
Lego provided
All ages welcome
Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian



Info, advice and support,
for families in Shropshire

Find us on:





NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

Sign up to receive alerts from your local policing teams www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk



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