

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.

After School Clubs

Please find below the timetable for clubs for the second half of the Autumn Term

Monday—Sports and Craft

Tuesday—Church Club and Code Club

Wednesday—Sports (there is a separate club for KS1 and 2) and Cookery (please note that cookery is for Year 6 only—the cost for this club is £2.50 per week)

Thursday—Film and Homework Club

Friday - Sports and Board games

All clubs to be paid for via sQuid please.

Wrap Around Care

After half term, we will be offering wrap around care after our normal school clubs from 4.30 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. These must be booked and paid for in advance by 3.00 p.m. of the Friday of the previous week (booking will close at 3 p.m.)—our apologies but unfortunately until the club becomes established, we cannot accept bookings in any other way.

Clubs will therefore be organised as follows:

3.00 p.m. —4.30 p.m.—Usual clubs—please see above at £1.50 per session these are booked and paid for in the usual way.

4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - £4 per session payable under the booking section of sQuid

4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.—£6 per session payable under the booking section of sQuid

If anyone wishes their child to access club during the week beginning 13th November please book by Friday 10th November.

Events for this week.

Tuesday 7th November—	Mastery in Number sessions for Year 1 parents—a letter has previously been sent out about this event.
	- Live Music event for all children in school
	- Children will bring home parent consultation times.
Wednesday 8th November	Worship Council training a letter will be sent home with the children who are worship councillors.
Friday 10th November	All classes in school will visit the Memorial during the course of the day.

PE

Please find below the days that each class will be swimming or will have their PE lessons. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits on PE and swimming days (please see the letter which was sent home about swimming last week for specific arrangements.)

Mondays —PE for Skylark (Year 1)

Wednesday —Swimming for Dragonfly (Reception), Mayfly (Year 2) and Peregrine (Years 5 and 6) Classes

Thursday - PE for Bumblebee Class (Nursery) and Robin Class (Year 3/ 4)

Fridays — PE for all classes in school.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Children in Nursery to Year 6 may be eligible

Please visit the site below to check if you are eligible to apply.

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

Thank you.



Holiday Club



Thank you so much to everyone who supported holiday club this week, the children were amazing.

The next holiday clubs will take place on Thursday 21st December, Friday 22nd December and Wednesday 3rd January. Bookings are now available on sQuid for these.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other products will be available for purchase from 6th November. Suggested donations of at least 20p for poppies and £1 for other products.



Dates for your Diary

6.11.23	Children back to school
7.11.23	Mastering Number Workshop for Year 1 parents (9am and 2pm)
13.11.23	Parent consultations
14.11.23	Parent consultations
26.11.23	Christingle Service at 4 p.m. at the Church—all welcome
1.12.23	Advent Journey Day for the whole school
6.12.23	Christmas Performance at 1 .30 p.m.
7.12.23	Christmas Performance at 6.00 p.m. More details about the performance will be sent out this week.
13.12.23	Disco at school all children welcome (please note that this is a date change.)
14.12.23	Christmas Lunch – children welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper
19.12.23	Carol Service in Church at 1.30 p.m.
20.12.23	Last day of the Autumn Term – children break up

Children can start school in reception at the beginning of the academic year following their fourth birthday.

Therefore, children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 can start primary school from September 2024.

Applications should be made online. See the attached guidance to help you make your application. If you have any queries or encounter any difficulties completing your application, please contact the School Admissions Team by email - school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.

Please note that the online facility is open from **2 November 2023**. You must apply by 15 January 2024. If there is a reason why your application is late i.e. due to a house move, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk to advise

Applications received after 15 January, without exceptional reasons, are considered late. Late applications won't be processed until all the applications received on time have been allocated. This may result in your child not being offered a school place at your preferred school.

Shropshire Local Authority residents should use the Shropshire online portal to make their application for any English state infant or primary school. If the school you wish to apply to isn't there, please email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk with the name of the school, and we will get it added

- If you wish to apply for a neighbouring Welsh authority primary school, you should apply directly to either Powys or Wrexham authorities

If you want to apply for a Shropshire school but do not reside in the Shropshire Council authority area, please refer to our [who to apply to](#) page. Telford local authority residents must apply via Telford and Wrekin Council not Shropshire Council

- Applicants from either overseas, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland can use the Shropshire Council website to make an application for a Shropshire school

IF AN APPLICATION IS MADE THROUGH THIS PORTAL FROM A RESIDENT IN ANOTHER ENGLISH AUTHORITY OTHER THAN SHROPSHIRE IT WILL BE DISCARDED

BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION

Ensure you read the [Parent's Guide to Education in Shropshire](#). This guide provides all the correct information to help you make your application

- Note the importance of naming more than one school on your application, particularly when not applying for your catchment area school

Ensure that you're happy with the application before you submit it. The online portal doesn't allow you to change your application once it's been submitted and downloaded by the Admissions Team. If you do need to amend your application after you have submitted it, you must email

school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk