



# Preen Scene

15th September 2023



A warm welcome back to school and to our new parents and families. I hope you are all settling back into our school routines. Here are a few gentle reminders about school:

Our school day starts at **8:50am**. Pupils should be lined up in the playground for this time to be collected by their class teacher and the doors will be locked. If your child arrives after 8:50am, they should be taken to the main Reception area to enter school.

Where at all possible, dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours. I understand that this is not always possible so please provide an appointment letter/reminder text/email confirming the details should you only be able to make an appointment during the school day. You should also complete a leave of absence form (available from Mrs Plant).

## Attendance

Regular attendance in school gives your child the best chances of future success.

Did you know that ...

Attending school every day = 100%?

Attending school 4 ½ days a week = 90% = 4 weeks missed per year?

Attending school 4 days a week = 80% = more than half a term missed per year?.

Punctuality is just as important; being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss 3 days of learning each year.

Information about holidays during term time can be found [here](#).

Sue Phillips

Head of School.



## Crossbar Coaching After School Sports Clubs

Jack, our coach, has returned this year to continue after school sports clubs on Mondays and Wednesdays.

This half term, Jack will be coaching:

Mondays: multisports (netball, basketball, dodgeball)

Wednesday: Football.

Club finishes at 4:20pm.



Alexa in Cound Class for super sequencing instructions in Literacy.

## Severn Class

What a wonderful start to the year we've had in Class Severn! Our Stone Age to Iron Age topic is in full swing. Inspired by the text *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura, we have been developing our descriptive writing in English, and exploring cave paintings in Art. Our Stone Age Experience will now take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The children are welcome to bring their Stone Age outfit in a bag to change into. We will learn about surviving as hunter-gatherers in Mesolithic Britain – foraging, preparing 'flints', building shelters and lighting fires!

This year in Class Severn we are going to make the most of our Forest School area and garden with a weekly Outdoor Learning session. Take a look at the images from our first session, developing understanding of the risks of working outdoors and how we will reduce them. The children also shared ideas about what learning they would like to develop in these areas. Outdoor Learning sessions take place every Friday for Class Severn.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop in for a chat. It's set to be a brilliant year of learning and smiles!

Best wishes, Mrs Williams



**Music Lessons will resume this week with Jess on Tuesdays and Luke on Fridays.**

### **Music Lessons Available**

Music lessons are available in September on flute, clarinet, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, singing and piano on Tuesday afternoons. First come first serve. If you are interested contact Jess Hignell at [jez88@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jez88@hotmail.co.uk). This is available for KS1 and KS2 children. Thank you.

For KS2 children please see the letter that was sent out from Luke on Friday.

## Cound Class

Dear Parents

We are pleased to welcome you and your child back to our class and extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their parents. Please ensure that your child brings in their plastic wallet containing their reading book / reading record book/ blue link book /sound wallet everyday. This is also used to send home important letters too.

Please remember to request book changes in the Link Book and NOT the Reading Diary. Book change days will be **WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**. We will endeavour to change books at other times, but this will not always be possible.

### Outdoor Learning

Thank you to those parents who have already sent in a cheap pair of wellies and some spare socks that can be kept in school permanently. We will have Forest School again this term commencing this Wednesday so all children will need wellies, waterproofs if you have them and a good waterproof coat as we will still go to Forest school in the rain.

**Forest School dates – please come dressed for Forest School.**

Wednesday 20th September

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### PE

Unless advised otherwise, children should come dressed ready for PE on **Mondays and Fridays** so we can maximise the teaching time. They do not need uniform to change into after. Trainers are fine for PE and preferably without laces unless your child can tie them independently. Tracksuits (plain black or navy) are also acceptable particularly for when the weather turns chilly.

### Morning Snack and Water

In Cound class we will continue to receive free fruit under the Government scheme so you do not need to send in a morning snack. Please also remember to send in your child's filled water bottle each day. These can be refilled as necessary.

### History

For our history topic in Cound class this term we are finding out about transport in the past and present. Is there anybody out there who has an old vehicle that they would be prepared to bring into school to show the children? If so please contact Mrs. Ross or the school office.

**For Tomorrow - Monday 18th September - We are collecting toothpaste boxes for a project in RE** Please drop off in reception or in class.



Children had to write instructions to make cloud blowers in Literacy this week and then follow them. The pictures show this

Children in Year 2 will be learning about the following words over the next two weeks

**Week 1 (18/9/23) - dge - makes j sound in**

Badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge, ridge, smudge, judge, wedge, lodge

**Week 2 (25/9/23) - ge - makes a j sound in**

Change, orange, sponge, charge, hinge, pigeon, range, strange, fringe, dungeon



New events (in bold) so please keep an eye on the diary

September 2023

28th - High 5 Netball WBS 4pm

Y6 Open evening at Church Stretton School

29th - Church Stretton School Open morning Y6

October

3rd - Open Morning for prospective parents 10am - 11am

4th - KS2 X Country WBS

5th - High 5 Netball WBS 4pm

12th - High 5 Netball WBS 4pm

13th - Balance Bike training - Reception children

18th - KS1 (Cound Class) - Multi skills invasion games

19th High 5 Netball - 4pm

25th - KS2 X Country WBS

27th - PD DAY

30th - 3rd November Half Term



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Are you following us on our  
social media platforms or missing out?

Twitter: @churchpreen

Facebook: @churchpreenprimaryschool



*St. Mary's Church, Come and Join Us Group*

are holding a

***Craft Fair***

Saturday 21st October 2023 from 1pm - 4.30pm

in Eaton Constantine Village Hall

Many different items for sale



Cards, Art Work, Glass Infusion, Ideal for your Christmas gifts

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon

This is an open morning for potential new parents and pupils, so please help us to spread the word about our wonderful school. If you can help by placing a poster to promote our Open morning far and wide please see Mrs Plant in the school office or just mention it to friends and families to help us get our name out there.

Thank you



# OPEN MORNING

***Tuesday 3rd October  
10-11am***

Church Preen Primary School is a small rural school nestled in the heart of the Shropshire countryside.

***‘Dedicated teachers provide a well-rounded education in a close-knit school community where pupils flourish’***

**Join us at our open morning where you can meet our experienced teachers, tour our facilities and learn more about our approach to education.**

Church Preen Primary School, Church Preen, SY6 7LH  
01694 771359 [www.churchpreenschool.org.uk](http://www.churchpreenschool.org.uk)



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# Menu Weeks & Additional Information

## WEEK 1

04/09/2023  
25/09/2023  
16/10/2023  
13/11/2023  
04/12/2023  
01/01/2024  
22/01/2024  
19/02/2024  
11/03/2024  
15/04/2024  
06/05/2024  
03/06/2024  
24/06/2024  
15/07/2024

## Each day your child can enjoy:

- A choice of main meals and seasonal vegetables.
- A dessert, piece of fresh fruit or yoghurt.
- Access to our salad bar, fresh bread and water station.

## Free school meals:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals please contact your school for further information.

## Theme day calendar

Look out for these fun menus throughout the year!



for further information  
T: 01743 250250  
www.shireservices.co.uk



## Are you in receipt of any benefits?

Could you be entitled to Free School meals,

Even parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Free school meals generates funding for your school so follow the link and see if you are entitled.

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

## WEEK 1

Fresh DINING



## MONDAY

Everyday favourites

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

Mid-week roast

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

Take-away day

SAMMY SWEETCORN SAYS...

'Enjoy your lunch'

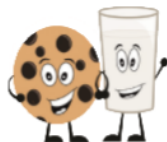


OPTION 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Nuggets
OPTION 2	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
CARBS	Mashed Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Roast & New Potatoes	Garlic & Herb Bread or Potato Wedges	Potato Crunchies or Pasta
PUDDING	Mousse	Waffle	Iced Cake	Cookies	<b>Fruity Friday</b> A selection of chilled, frozen & fresh fruit desserts

**ALL SERVED WITH** - A choice of two vegetables, baked beans, freshly prepared seasonal salads, crusty bread, fresh fruit salad & yoghurts

# WEEK 2

Fresh DINING



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Everyday  
favourites

Mid-week  
roast

Take-away  
day

SAMMY  
SWEETCORN  
SAYS...

'Enjoy your  
lunch'



OPTION  
1

Fish Finger  
Fish Cake  
or Fish Shape

Breaded  
Chicken Steak

Roast Beef  
Yorkshire Pudding  
& Gravy

Chicken Tikka  
Masala

Pizza Selection

OPTION  
2

Mac 'n' Cheese v

Quorn  
Bolognese v

Roasted  
Quorn Fillet  
& Gravy v

Jacket Potato  
with Cheese  
& Baked Beans v

Nacho Bites v

CARBS

Diced Potatoes  
or Crusty Bread

Potato Crunchies  
or Garlic & Herb  
Bread

Roast & Mashed  
Potatoes

Rice  
or Potato Wedges

Chips

PUDDING

Chocolate  
Crunch

Waffle

Ice-cream Tub

Toffee Apple Slice  
Custard

**Fruity Friday**  
A selection of chilled,  
frozen & fresh  
fruit desserts

**ALL SERVED WITH** - A choice of two vegetables, baked beans,  
freshly prepared seasonal salads, crusty bread, fresh fruit salad & yoghurts

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Food allergen & intolerance information - before ordering speak to our staff about your requirements

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# WEEK 3

Fresh DINING



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Everyday  
favourites

Mid-week  
roast

Take-away  
day

SAMMY  
SWEETCORN  
SAYS...

'Enjoy your  
lunch'



OPTION  
1

Sweet & Sour  
Chicken

Beef Burger  
with tomato ketchup

Roast Pork  
Yorkshire Pudding  
& Gravy

Mac 'n' Cheese  
Chicken Bake

Shepherd's Pie

OPTION  
2

BBQ Veggie  
Hot Dog v

Vegetable &  
Bean Burger v

Meat (free) Balls  
Yorkshire Pudding  
& Gravy v

Jacket Potato  
with Cheese  
& Baked Beans v

Pizza Selection v

CARBS

Pasta  
or Potato Crunchies

Diced Potatoes

Roast & New  
Potatoes

Potato Wedges  
or Garlic &  
Herb Bread

Chips

PUDDING

Flapjacks

Iced Cake

Waffle

Apple Puff Slice  
Custard

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fruit desserts

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## TERM DATES 2023-24

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Training Day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupil days
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Training day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half term holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil days
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Training day for school staff – school not open to pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil days
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pupil days
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil days
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - school not open to pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil days



Relationships can be difficult, complicated, fun, satisfying, exciting, annoying, bring out the best in us and bring out the worst in us. We are often in one, but we don't often spend much time on them. So here is your chance to make the time and come to one of our workshops.

- Do you feel your relationship needs some attention?
- Do you feel you are drifting a bit lately or things have been difficult?
- Would you like to meet with others and share ideas and thoughts?
- Are you looking for a way forward?

### WORKING ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Why not join us for our 4-week workshop with 2 hours session each week. There are 2 different workshops on offer this Autumn:

**Starts on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW  
or  
**Starts on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
at Helena Lane Community Centre, 20 Hamlet Rd, Ludlow SY8 2NP

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Or call us on 01743 250950

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- Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?
  - Does your child struggle with their sleep?
- Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?
  - Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?

### SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOP

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shrewsbury. Our workshop runs for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

**Starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually via MS Teams  
**Starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually via MS Teams  
**Starts on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
At Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
Emailing [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
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- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire. All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays. SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups.

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 11.30am**  
Virtually via MS Teams  
**Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 12.30pm to 2.30pm**  
Virtually via MS Teams  
**Understanding Your Child SEND starts Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am**  
at Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury  
**Understanding Your Child starts on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am**  
at Market Drayton Infants School, Longslow Road, Market Drayton

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:  
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If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 01743 250950

### PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

available  
Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm  
and  
Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm  
You can contact the Parenting Help and Support Line by calling  
**01743 250950**

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment. Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

Why not call our Parenting Help and Support Line where one of our trained Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Help and Support Line will not operate Bank Holidays and between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please call  
**First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021**

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### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An increasing number of children have a smartphone, tablet, or laptop, so it's important that parents and carers know what young people are consuming, what they're posting, and the consequences. They're having fun, but social media is not the same as the real world. It's important to be aware of the risks and to know when to step in. We're here to help you understand the risks and to know when to step in. We're here to help you understand the risks and to know when to step in.

- 1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM**  
Social media algorithms are designed to show you content that is most likely to keep you on the app. This means that you may see a lot of content that is not representative of what is actually out there. It's important to be aware of this and to not let the algorithm dictate what you see.
- 2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS**  
The main feeds on social media are designed to show you content that is most likely to keep you on the app. This means that you may see a lot of content that is not representative of what is actually out there. It's important to be aware of this and to not let the algorithm dictate what you see.
- 3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN**  
It's important to talk to your child about what they've seen on social media. This can help you to understand what they're seeing and to help them to understand the risks. It's also important to talk to your child about what they're posting and to help them to understand the risks.
- 4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT**  
It's important to teach your child how to hide content on social media. This can help them to avoid seeing content that is not appropriate for them. It's also important to teach them how to report content that is inappropriate.
- 5. SET DAILY LIMITS**  
It's important to set daily limits on social media use. This can help to reduce the risk of addiction and to ensure that your child has time for other activities. It's also important to encourage your child to take breaks from social media.
- 6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY**  
It's important to monitor your child's activity on social media. This can help you to understand what they're seeing and to help them to understand the risks. It's also important to monitor their posting and to help them to understand the risks.
- 7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**  
It's important to turn off push notifications on social media. This can help to reduce the risk of addiction and to ensure that your child has time for other activities. It's also important to encourage your child to take breaks from social media.
- 8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER**  
It's important to use devices together with your child. This can help you to understand what they're seeing and to help them to understand the risks. It's also important to monitor their posting and to help them to understand the risks.
- 9. DISCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
It's important to discourage other activities that may interfere with social media use. This can help to reduce the risk of addiction and to ensure that your child has time for other activities. It's also important to encourage your child to take breaks from social media.
- 10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE**  
It's important to talk to your child about peer pressure. This can help them to understand the risks and to know when to step in. We're here to help you understand the risks and to know when to step in.

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### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging app, with over 2 billion users. It's a great way to stay in touch with family and friends, but it's also a great way to get into trouble. It's important to be aware of the risks and to know when to step in. We're here to help you understand the risks and to know when to step in.

- 1. WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
WhatsApp is a great way to stay in touch with family and friends, but it's also a great way to get into trouble. It's important to be aware of the risks and to know when to step in. We're here to help you understand the risks and to know when to step in.
- 2. SCAMS**  
WhatsApp is a great way to stay in touch with family and friends, but it's also a great way to get into trouble. It's important to be aware of the risks and to know when to step in. We're here to help you understand the risks and to know when to step in.
- 3. DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**  
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- 4. ENABLING FAKE NEWS**  
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- 5. CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**  
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- 6. LEAVE A GROUP**  
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- 7. THINK ABOUT LOCATION**  
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- 8. DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**  
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- 9. CHECK THE FACTS**  
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