



Federation Carol Service, Wednesday 6th December



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order for us to plan seating arrangements and refreshments for this year's Carol Service, it would be helpful to know how many pupils and guests are planning to attend. This is a polite reminder to return your reply slips by tomorrow Monday 4th

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

*So this year Miss Wilde entered a
competition and She WON
a magical Christmas Tree from Dobbies
Garden Centres.*

*Which was then expertly decorated by the
children in our afterschool club under the
supervision of Helen.*

*Thank you to all for making our school feel
so festive*



Private Tutors

We are aware that sometimes parents choose to hire a private tutor for their children. Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that anyone you are "hiring" as a private tutor, has the appropriate credentials and safer recruitment checks in place. Always ask to see their DBS documentation and recent references.

Severn Class

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all who attended the parent consultations this week. It is always wonderful to share your children's successes, and their brilliant learning. Those discussions are so valuable to help me better understand and support your child; encouraging them to fulfil their potential.

We've had a brilliant few weeks of learning in Class Severn. In English we have finished our final draft of a leaflet – persuading people to visit Stonehenge. We will share these in a Class book next week. We have honed our multiplication and division skills in maths, and conducted a science experiment exploring the effects of different drinks on our teeth.

Outdoor Learning has become a highlight of the week in Class Severn. Take a look at our lesson linking to maths, where we measured the height, and calculated the age of trees in our school grounds. It was so rewarding to apply our maths skills to real-world problems.



Why don't you explore some more maths problems at home with your child, with this brilliant advent calendar! <https://nrich.maths.org/advent-primary>

Please note that devices which allow pictures and/or calls (mobile phones/smart watches etc) are not permitted in school for Safeguarding reasons. We understand that children may require these if staying with a different relative for the weekend for example. If so, please hand in the device to the school office at the beginning of the day. We can then make sure the responsible adult receives the device at home time.

As we head into December, we have lots of brilliant events and activities ahead. With panto, Christmas Cakes and class parties, it's a joyous time of year. We will keep you posted with any updates on Parent Mail. **However, please pop the following in your diary:**

Federation Carol Service - Wednesday 6th December 6.30pm

We hope you and the family can join us at St. Lawrence's Church for the Federation Carol Service. Church Preen pupils (Y2-6) will be performing 'Christmas Hit'.

Christmas Craft Morning – Wednesday 13th December 9am

Parents and relatives, are invited to Church Preen School for a morning of Christmas Crafts and festive cheer! Come support your child with creating decorations to take home, and solve some Christmas-themed problems. It's also our Jolly Jumper Day – so join us in your best festive outfit!

If you have any questions, please do drop me an email, see me on the playground, or arrange an appointment with the school office. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Williams

Cound Class

What a busy couple of weeks we've had. We wrapped up warm and attended our first multi skills event at Brosley using our skills learnt in PE to help us win a certificate for determination. Then on Friday we attended a Christmas themed event held at Brockton and hosted by the Bronze ambassadors from across the federation. We looked very festive in our Christmas jumpers having lots of fun.



Jolly Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Supporting Birmingham Childrens Hospital

Suggested donation of £2

This year we are supporting a charity, that over the years has become dear to our heart's at Church Preen, because of the help and support children and their families from our school community have received from them. So we ask that you join us on Wednesday 13th wearing your festive Jumper and making your charitable donation to raise funds for Birmingham Childrens Hospital.



Joules
OUTLET SALE

MASSIVE DISCOUNTS IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
Friday, 8th December 2023
LUDLOW RACECOURSE
BROMFIELD, LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 2BT

£10 VIP Tickets for Pre-Entry 6-6.30pm
£5 Advance Tickets for Entry 6.30-8pm
£8 Tickets on the Door (subject to availability & cash only)

Advance tickets available from:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joules-outlet-sale-at-ludlow-racecourse-on-friday-8th-december-2023-tickets-757242120567?aff=oddtdtcreator>

PLEASE NOTE: GOODS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. **NO RETURNS** &
NO CHILDREN UNDER 12 IN THE SALE ROOM AS IT IS A BUSY EVENT.
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRANCE HALL.

TICKET SALES IN AID OF NEWCASTLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT MELANIE@SANDAIG.COM OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://BHF.SHROPSHIRE.SCH.UK/NEWCASTLE-PRIMARY/PTA/](https://bhf.shropshire.sch.uk/newcastle-primary/pta/)

SCAN ME



Are you in school years 4-6 and
interested in playing netball?

Flames Netball Club train on Fridays between
5.30 and 6.30 p.m. (term time Sept-Easter) at
Church Stretton Leisure Centre and would love
to hear from you!

For more information, please visit flamesnetball.co.uk
and fill out a contact form to register your interest

Through regular training sessions and matches, our aim is to
create a club that promotes enjoyment, friendships, skills
development, team and individual achievement and above all, a
respect for fellow players, coaches and umpires in a sporting
environment.



hello@flamesnetball.co.uk

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2025/26

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2025/26. The Council is simultaneously coordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies/trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **4 December 2023** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **19 January 2024**.

The proposed amendment to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements are as follows:

St Lawrence CE Primary School in **Church Stretton** is proposing a reduction to its Published Admission Number from 34 to 30.

Shropshire Council are proposing changes to the in-year admission arrangements from 1st September 2024 for all community and voluntary controlled schools as well as own admission authority schools. Shropshire Council is proposing that the Local Authority be responsible for coordinating in-year applications, as well as retaining responsibility for coordinating main admissions rounds. The proposed coordination represents a significant change from the existing position, where the responsibility for in-year applications is delegated to all Shropshire schools.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.

- **The Trust-Ed CSAT Alliance** is proposing the standardisation of all their Trust policies, the schools below are consulting on the following changes:
 - Alveley Primary School** - adding medical and staff criteria
 - Castlefields Primary School**, Bridgnorth - adding medical and staff criteria
 - Stokesay Primary School** - adding medical and staff criteria
 - St. Leonard's CE Primary School**, Bridgnorth - adding medical and staff criteria
 - Church Stretton School** - adding medical and staff criteria
 - Mary Webb School & Science College** – changing the position of staff criteria
 - Oldbury Wells School** - adding medical and changing the position of staff criteria
- **Barrow 1618 Primary School** – removal of faith-related criteria
- **Cleobury Mortimer Primary School** – adding medical criteria
- **Clunbury CE Primary School** – adding medical criteria
- **Longden CE Primary School** – removal of faith criteria, adding staff criteria and changing the position of medical criteria
- **Greenacres Primary School** – adding staff criteria
- **St Mary's CE (aided) Primary School** - adding medical criteria
- **Bowbrook Primary School** is a new school and a part of the 3-18 Education trust in Shropshire. As the school opened in September 2023, they need to consult on their proposed oversubscription criteria and admissions policy
- **Much Wenlock Primary School** has joined the 3-18 Education Trust and is proposing to remove medical criteria along with adding staff criteria, bringing the policy in line with those in the rest of the trust
- **St Michaels Federation, consisting of Lydbury North CE Primary School and Onny CE Primary School** is proposing changing the position of medical criteria
- **Our Lady & St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Oswestry**, and **St John's Catholic Primary School, Bridgnorth** is proposing to give priority to all looked after children and previously looked after children whether or not of Catholic faith
- **Idsall School** has joined The Marches Academy Trust and is and is proposing to add medical criteria to bring their policy in line with those in the rest of the trust

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2025.

You can make comments on any of the proposed changes and submit by **Friday 19 January 2024** e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk, contact the school directly, or write to:
School Admissions, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

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

December

6th - Edge Schools Federation Carol Service

St Lawrence Church, Church Stretton 6:30pm

12th - Cound Class Christmas Stay & Play pm

13th - Jolly Jumper day in aid of Birmingham Childrens Hospital

Christmas Lunch Day

15th - Pantomime Oakengates

21st December - 2nd January Christmas Holidays

3rd January 2024 - PD Day

February

2nd - NSPCC Numbers Day

Monday 12th - Friday 16th - HALF TERM

March

Tuesday 5th - Special Lunch Menu

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April - Easter Holidays

April

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th April - Y3/4 Residential

May

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 27th - Friday 31st - HALF TERM

Friday 19th July - End of Term



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

Twitter: @churchpreen

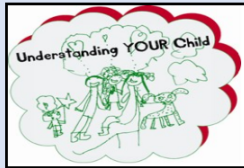
Facebook: @churchpreenprimaryschool



New workshops beginning in the Spring Term . Book Now



- 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 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 you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities. No formal diagnosis is needed.

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15th January 2024 until 18th March 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.

Understanding Your Child starts Wednesday 10th January 2024 until 20th March 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11th January 2024 until 21st March 2024 From 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

There are no sessions during the school holidays.

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01743 250950



www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000



- 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. All you need for the virtual groups is an email address and an electronic device, and we will talk you through the rest.

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Starts on Friday 12th January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.

Starts on Friday 12th January 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm Virtually via MS Teams

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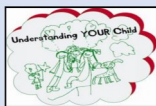
To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Or call us on 01743 250950



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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 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

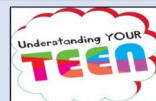
Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

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



www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

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

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what children are getting up to online, what they're posting and the impact it may be having on their mental health. It can be easy to get into a 'parental' mode, but it's important to remember that children are not adults and need support and guidance. It's important to remember that children are not adults and need support and guidance.

- 1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM**
Algorithms are used by social media companies to show you content that is most relevant to you. This means that you may see a lot of content that is similar to what you've already seen, which can be helpful, but it can also mean that you miss out on other interesting content.
- 2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS**
The main feed is the most popular part of social media, but it's also the most likely to contain negative content. Try to avoid the main feed and instead look for content that is positive and uplifting.
- 3. DISCLOSE WHAT THEY'VE SEEN**
Encourage your child to tell you what they've seen on social media. This will help you to understand what they're seeing and whether it's appropriate for them.
- 4. LEARN HOW TO HOPE CONTENT**
If your child has seen something that is upsetting or scary, encourage them to talk to you about it. You can help them to understand what they've seen and whether it's real or just a hoax.
- 5. SET DAILY LIMITS**
Set a limit on how much time your child spends on social media each day. This will help them to stay balanced and not become addicted.
- 6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY**
Keep an eye on what your child is posting and who they are interacting with. This will help you to understand their online life and whether it's safe.
- 7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**
Push notifications can be a distraction and can lead to your child checking their phone constantly. Turn them off to help them to focus on other activities.
- 8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER**
Use social media devices together as a family. This will help you to understand what your child is doing and whether it's appropriate.
- 9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES**
Encourage your child to engage in other activities, such as sports or hobbies. This will help them to stay balanced and not become addicted to social media.
- 10. NO TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE**
Talk to your child about peer pressure and how to deal with it. Encourage them to be confident and to stand up for themselves.

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NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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 friends and family, but it's also a place where children can be exposed to risks. Here are some tips to help you keep your child safe on WhatsApp.

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**
Children can be exposed to scams, disappearing messages, and fake news on WhatsApp.
- SCAMS**
Scammers often use WhatsApp to trick people into giving them money or personal information. Be careful of anyone who asks for money or asks you to click on a link.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**
Messages on WhatsApp disappear after a set period of time. This means that you can't always rely on the app to keep a record of what's been said.
- EMULATING FAKE NEWS**
Fake news is a big problem on WhatsApp. It's important to be careful of what you see and share, and to check the facts before you believe anything.
- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**
Make sure your child's profile is safe. They should not share their location or other personal information.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING**
Explain to your child how to block someone who is bothering them. This will help them to stay safe.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS**
If you see a scam or fake news, report it to WhatsApp. This will help them to remove it from the app.
- CHECK THE FACTS**
Before you share anything, check the facts. This will help you to avoid spreading fake news.
- LEAVE A GROUP**
If your child is in a group that is not safe, encourage them to leave it. This will help them to stay safe.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION**
Be careful of sharing your location on WhatsApp. This can be a risk to your safety.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**
If you send a message that you don't want to, delete it as soon as you can. This will help you to stay safe.

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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

WEEK 2

11/09/2023
02/10/2023
23/10/2023
20/11/2023
11/12/2023
08/01/2024
29/01/2024
26/02/2024
18/03/2024
22/04/2024
13/05/2024
10/06/2024
01/07/2024

WEEK 3

18/09/2023
09/10/2023
06/11/2023
27/11/2023
18/12/2023
15/01/2024
05/02/2024
04/03/2024
08/04/2024
29/04/2024
20/05/2024
17/06/2024
08/07/2024

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
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Are you in receipt of any benefits?

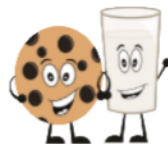
Could you be entitled to Free School meals,

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'

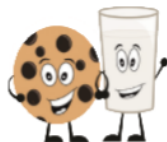


OPTION 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Nuggets
OPTION 2	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
CARBS	Mashed Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Pasta or Diced Potatoes	Roast & New Potatoes	Garlic & Herb Bread or Potato Wedges	Potato Crunchies or Pasta
PUDDING	Mousse	Waffle	Iced Cake	Cookies	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

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

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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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TERM DATES 2023-24

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