



Preen Scene



20th December

What a busy term with lots of exciting opportunity's for the children. We have rounded it off in our traditional festive style making Christmas cakes , enjoying Christmas lunch, a trip to the pantomime, parents were invited in to share in some festive craft activities and we had a very special visitor too!

We will be back in school on the 4th January 2024 so let us wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.



& Grayson



PE STARS for this half term



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic term we've had in Class Severn! Our Stone Age to Iron Age topic has involved some amazing events, such as Stone Age Day and our trip to Norton Camp. It has inspired our writing – from a Stone Age story to persuasive leaflets. Most wonderful has been seeing the children build their knowledge and make connections in their learning.

These past few weeks, we've made a model of the digestive system in Science – a practical (and messy) way to learn how the digestive process occurs. In Outdoor Learning, we achieved our Science outcome of 'provide homes and other methods to attract animals', by creating our bird feeders and hanging them in the school grounds. Year 5 & 6 also enjoyed a brilliant Computing workshop, learning how to create digital images. Take a look at the pictures!

The children have been set a homework for the holidays for their Design & Technology, with a choice of activities they can get creative with! Details can be found in their homework book.

Finally, a huge thank you to all who attended recent events such as the Festive Crafts morning and our brilliant Federation Carol Service. It is always wonderful to share your children's successes. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday and see you in the New Year! Thank you for your brilliant support.

Best wishes, Mrs Williams



Jolly Jumper Day

Supporting Birmingham Childrens Hospital

Thank you to those people that supported this cause with their donations for the children wearing Jolly jumpers.

You raised £62

Church Preen Primary School PTA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Thursday 11th January 2024
3.30pm

Our PTA needs your support. We are on the verge of having to cease if we don't.

Children can attend after school club for free, please book in with Mrs Plant.



Parentkind
Member Association

A holiday message from SpaDental Whitchurch

We know this holiday is a busy time of the year for families, and perhaps a trip to the dentist doesn't sound like the best fun. But we'd like to take this opportunity to let you know we have NHS appointments for children available during the holiday on Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Saturday 23rd, Thursday 28th, Saturday 30th of December 2023 and Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Saturday 6th January 2024. We would love to see your children during this time! Making an appointment is easy. Please fill in the website 'Contact Us' form: <https://www.spadental.co.uk/contact/>. We believe the best present you can give your children is healthy teeth!

Thank you so much for your support. And we wish your whole team a very happy holiday and New Year!



NEW YEAR'S FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday 30th December
11am - 12.30pm

Bring the children to celebrate the New Year as we explore food from around the world. Learn about the traditions of different cultures. Make a Mexican sweet tamale, southern American cornbread and German glücksschwein. Eat 12 grapes and some lentils for luck from Spain and Italy; though we will neither be breaking crockery nor jumping off chairs for luck.

Booking essential, call 01588 676 060

Just £7.50 per accompanied child.
£6.75 for members.
Recommended age 4-11 years.

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
the home of Grow Cook Learn

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A Discovery Winter Children's Club

9AM - 1PM
THURSDAY 21ST, WEDNESDAY 27TH, FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER & TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY

At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms

Go down into the meadows and collect natural materials to use in Christmas/winter crafts - making ornaments and gifts inside. Bake turnovers. Also create bird feeders and mini minibeast hotels. Construct dens and go on hunts in the meadows. Includes a snack and a cooked lunch.

For ages 5 to 11 years (years 1-6)
Booking essential call 01588 676 060

Part of the Shropshire Council HAF programme.
Free with a voucher code, £10 per day without.

Taking bookings from Monday 20th November

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
HAF
Department for Education
Shropshire

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Shropshire. Funded by the Department for Education. To find out more, view the 'What's On' guide and sign up to the HAF newsletter go to: www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf



Winter Crafts

Friday 22nd December
Drop in between 11am - 3pm

Spend some family time with us before Christmas. Make melted snowmen biscuits, a Rudolf tree ornament, a Santa table ornament and a pinecone penguin. AS well as old favourites like paper chains.

£4.50 per accompanied child.
£4.05 for members.
Recommended age 4 - 11 years.

MERRY XMAS

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FREE DISCOVERY DAY / **10 JANUARY** William Brookes School

CALL OR EMAIL TO ENROL

Stagecoach Shrewsbury
DRAMA SCHOOL OPENING SOON IN MUCH WENLOCK
PROFESSIONAL SINGING, ACTING, AND DANCE SCHOOLS LED BY TRAINED PERFORMERS

Location: William Brookes School
Date: Wednesday 10th January, 2024
16:15 - 17:15: Early Stages (4-6 years)
16:30 - 18:30: Main School (6-18 years)

Contact Us
07718892738
shrewsbury@stagecoach.co.uk

More Information
www.stagecoach.co.uk/shrewsbury



Shrewsbury Theatre Singers

SING IN OUR CHOIR
WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

We invite anyone who enjoys singing to come and try us out! Open to anyone aged 8+ (children and adults).

We meet in Bayston Hill on **TUESDAYS in term time**
From 6pm to 7.30pm

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

Email us for more info:
shrewsburytheatresingers@gmail.com

No musical knowledge or previous experience needed, just a desire to learn, sing and have fun!

www.kccleaton.co.uk/STS // 07751 940600

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

December

21st December - 2nd January Christmas Holidays

3rd January 2024 - PD Day

4th - Lunch time Special menu - (See poster)

11th - PTA AGM 3:30pm

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

Applications to Reception class 2024

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closes on **Monday 15 January 2024**.

Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk



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

Twitter: @churchpreen

Facebook: @churchpreenprimaryschool



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

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08/01/2024
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01/07/2024

WEEK 3

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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

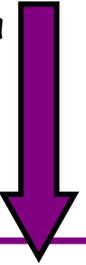
Look out for these fun menus throughout the year!



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



Please note the special menu for our return to school on January 4th 2024



'BACK TO SCHOOL' MENU

Traditional Sausage Mash & Yorkshire Pudding

Quorn Sausage (v) Mash & Yorkshire Pudding

SERVED WITH...
Peas or Baked Beans Gravy

FOLLOWED BY...
Iced Sponge & Sprinkles



Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements



MONDAY

Everyday favourites

TUESDAY

Mid-week roast

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Take-away day

SAMMY SWEETCORN SAYS...

'Enjoy your lunch'

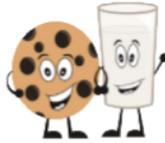


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Nuggets
OPTION 2	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
CARBS	Mashed 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

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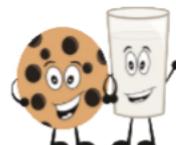


OPTION 1	Fish Finger Fish Cake or Fish Shape	Breaded Chicken Steak	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala	Pizza Selection	
	OPTION 2	Mac 'n' Cheese v	Quorn Bolognaise v	Roasted Quorn Fillet & Gravy v	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Nacho Bites v
	CARBS	Diced Potatoes or Crusty 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

WEEK 3

Fresh DINING



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Everyday favourites

Mid-week roast

Take-away day

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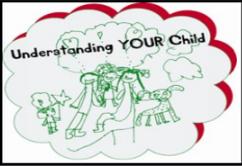
OPTION 1	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Beef Burger with tomato ketchup	Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Mac 'n' Cheese Chicken Bake	Shepherd's Pie	
	OPTION 2	BBQ Veggie Hot Dog v	Vegetable & Bean Burger v	Meat (free) Balls Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy v	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Pizza Selection 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	Fruity Friday A selection of chilled, frozen & fresh fruit desserts

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New workshops beginning in the Spring Term . Book Now

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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 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.

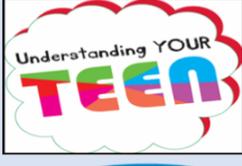
Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15th January 2024 until 18th March 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.

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



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 General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

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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. 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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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**



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

As evidenced here, many children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what children's online lives are like. When it comes to protecting their mental health, knowing the social media can be key to get your child's online life on a safe and secure footing. We're here to help you understand the risks and how to keep your child safe online. We'll be talking to you about the risks of social media, how to keep your child safe online, and how to help them manage their online life. We'll be talking to you about the risks of social media, how to keep your child safe online, and how to help them manage their online life.

- 1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM**
 Algorithms are used by social media companies to show you content that is most likely to interest 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 harmful content. Try to avoid the main feed and instead look for content from people you know and trust.
- 3. DISCOVER WHAT THEY'VE SEEN**
 Check what your child has seen on social media. This can help you understand what they are interested in and what they are exposed to. You can also use this information to help them manage their online life.
- 4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT**
 Teach your child how to hide content on social media. This can help them avoid seeing content that is not appropriate for them.
- 5. SET DAILY LIMITS**
 Set daily limits on social media use. This can help your child manage their time and avoid spending too much time online.
- 6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY**
 Monitor your child's activity on social media. This can help you understand what they are doing online and what they are exposed to.
- 7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**
 Turn off push notifications on social media. This can help your child avoid being distracted by notifications and help them manage their time.
- 8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER**
 Use devices together. This can help you understand what your child is doing online and help them manage their online life.
- 9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES**
 Encourage your child to engage in other activities. This can help them manage their time and avoid spending too much time online.
- 10. NO TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE**
 Talk to your child about peer pressure. This can help them understand what they are being pressured to do and help them manage their online life.

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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 friends and family, but it's also a great way to get scammed. We're here to help you understand the risks of WhatsApp and how to keep your child safe. We'll be talking to you about the risks of WhatsApp, how to keep your child safe, and how to help them manage their online life.

16+ (Age Restriction)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCAMS:** Scammers use WhatsApp to send you messages that look like they're from a friend or family member. They ask you for money or other personal information. Don't give them any!
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES:** Scammers use disappearing messages to hide their tracks. They send you a message that disappears after a certain amount of time. Don't click on any links in these messages!
- EMULATING FAKE NEWS:** Scammers use WhatsApp to spread fake news. They send you messages that look like they're from a news outlet. Don't believe anything you see on WhatsApp!
- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE:** Make your profile private. Don't share your phone number or other personal information. Don't post any photos or videos that could be embarrassing.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING:** Teach your child how to block people. This can help them avoid seeing messages from people who are bothering them.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS:** Report any suspicious messages to WhatsApp. This can help them take action against scammers.
- LEAVE A GROUP:** If you're in a group chat and you're not sure who you're talking to, leave the group. This can help you avoid being scammed.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION:** Don't share your location with people you don't know. This can help you avoid being tracked.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES:** If you accidentally send a message to someone, delete it. This can help you avoid embarrassing yourself.
- CHECK THE FACTS:** Don't believe anything you see on WhatsApp. Check the facts before you believe anything.

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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