



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

[www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk)  
info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk / 01588 676060  
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS  
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795



**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 minibest 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

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**HAF**  
Holiday Activities and Food

Department for Education

**Shropshire**  
Council

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](http://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.

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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](mailto:shrewsbury@stagecoach.co.uk)

More Information  
[www.stagecoach.co.uk/shrewsbury](http://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](mailto:shrewsburytheatresingers@gmail.com)

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

[www.kleinton.co.uk/STS](http://www.kleinton.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 11<sup>th</sup> 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/synergy)

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](mailto:school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk)



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social media platforms or missing out?

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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**

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

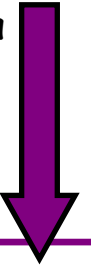
Look out for these fun menus throughout the year!



for further information  
T: 01743 250250  
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...

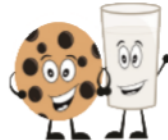
Iced Sponge & Sprinkles



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



Fresh DINING



**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

Everyday favourites

Mid-week roast

Take-away day

**SAMMY SWEETCORN SAYS...**

'Enjoy your lunch'



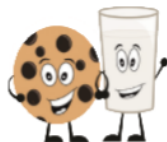
OPTION 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Chicken Nuggets
OPTION 2	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Baked Beans v	Vegetarian Sausage Roll v	Cheese & Potato Pie v	Vegetable Goujons v	Pizza Selection v
CARBS	Mashed Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Pasta or Diced 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

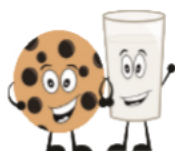
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# WEEK 3

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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A selection of chilled,  
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fruit desserts

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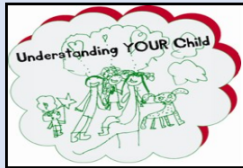
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## New workshops beginning in the Spring Term . Book Now



- 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

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

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 until 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 01743 250950



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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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 from 09.30am to 11.30am in Shrewsbury, venue to be confirmed.**

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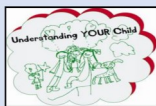
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If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call us on 01743 250950



### 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**

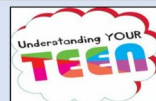
Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

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 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 be a 'parent' in a way that supports your child's mental health. It's not about being a 'parent' in a way that is over-protective, but a way that is supportive and understanding.

- 1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM**  
An algorithm is a computer program that sorts information into a list of results. It's like a 'parent' that knows what your child is interested in and shows them what they might like. It's important to understand how it works so you can help your child to be safe and healthy online.
- 2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS**  
The main feeds are the most popular posts on social media. They are often the most engaging and can be the most harmful. Avoid them as much as possible.
- 3. DISCLOSE WHAT THEY'VE SEEN**  
If your child has seen something that makes them feel bad or unsafe, talk to them about it. They should feel safe to tell you what they've seen.
- 4. LEARN HOW TO MIX CONTENT**  
Encourage your child to mix in content that is positive and uplifting with content that is more negative or harmful.
- 5. SET DAILY LIMITS**  
Set a limit on how much time your child spends on social media each day. This helps to reduce the risk of addiction.
- 6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY**  
Keep an eye on what your child is posting and who they are interacting with. This helps to ensure they are safe and healthy online.
- 7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**  
Push notifications can be a distraction and can lead to addiction. Turn them off to help your child stay focused.
- 8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER**  
Use social media devices together as a family. This helps to ensure everyone is safe and healthy online.
- 9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
Encourage your child to engage in other activities, such as sports or hobbies, to help them stay balanced.
- 10. NO TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE**  
Talk to your child about peer pressure and how to deal with it. They should feel confident in their own skin.

Meet Our Expert  
NOS National Online Safety  
#WakeUpWednesday

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

WhatsApp is the most popular messaging app in the world. 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?**  
Scams, disappearing messages, fake news, and contact from strangers are all risks on WhatsApp.
- SCAMS**  
Be careful of links and offers that seem too good to be true. They could be scams.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**  
Messages disappear after 24 hours. This means you can't go back and check them if you're worried.
- EMULATING FAKE NEWS**  
Fake news can spread quickly on WhatsApp. Be careful of what you share.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**  
Strangers can contact you on WhatsApp. Don't give out your phone number to strangers.
- LOCATION SHARING**  
Location sharing can be a privacy risk. Turn it off if you're not using it.
- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**  
Don't put too much information in your profile. Keep it simple and safe.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING**  
Blocking someone can help you stay safe. Explain to your child how to block someone.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS**  
Report any suspicious activity to WhatsApp. This helps to keep everyone safe.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**  
If you send a message by accident, delete it as soon as you can.
- CHECK THE FACTS**  
Check any information you receive on WhatsApp. Don't believe everything you see.

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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