



# PREEN SCENE

25th October 2024

It was a pleasure to take our Year 5 and Year 6 girls to Lilleshall National Sports Centre earlier this week for the "This Girl Can" celebration of girls sports and active lifestyles. We took part in a variety of different sporting activities with others girls from schools across Shropshire. As always, our pupils were a credit to Church Preen Primary School.

Well done to everyone for putting together such a lovely Harvest celebration yesterday. It was a great way to end an action-packed half term!



Mrs M Hunt  
Executive Headteacher - Edge Schools Federation  
Headteacher - Church Preen Primary School



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 25th

Staff training day - school closed to pupils

### October 28th - November 1st

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

### November 4th - December 16th (Mondays)

Y3 and Y4 swimming

### November 6th

Severn Class cross country (PM)

### November 26th

Parent meetings 1:30-6pm

### December 4th

Pantomime at Theatre Severn (Sleeping Beauty)

### December 12th

Whole school Nativity in the village hall (2:15pm). All welcome.

### December 20th

Celebration Assembly in school (2:45pm). All welcome.

### December 20th

LAST DAY OF TERM

### December 23rd - January 3rd

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

### January 6th

Staff training day - school closed to pupils

### January 7th

Pupils back in school

### February 17th - February 21st

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

### April 14th - April 25th

EASTER HOLIDAY

### 5th May

BANK HOLIDAY - school closed

### 26th May - 30th May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

### 18th July

LAST DAY OF TERM

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# Cound Class

Cound class had a fantastic day out at Park Hall Farm. The children enjoyed a variety of activities including meeting the rabbits & guinea pigs, feeding the goats, milking the pretend cow, and stroking the pony. There was plenty to see and do including a fabulous Halloween trail, soft play, bouncy castle, role-play corner and not forgetting the bumpy Tractor Ride. The day ended with a fabulous pig race- sadly, Purple Pig didn't win!

In Geography, the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. KS1 children made a long paper chain Chinese Dragon and created a dragon dance to Chinese music. Reception made some beautiful lanterns for a lantern procession. In RE, reception have been learning about the different ways that babies are welcomed and named in Christina, Muslim and Hindu faiths. KS1 have been learning about different stories in Judaism such as David and Goliath and Hannukah and why these are important for Jews.

Thank you for everyone who attended the Early Years reading workshop with Mrs. Ross. Cound class will be visiting Wistanstow Primary School for a storytelling workshop on Monday 11th November. More details to follow.





Last week, Cound class completed their Wheels and Axles design and technology project. We were very, very lucky to have 14 pairs of extra hands to help us, namely our very supportive parents & grandparents. Thank you all for coming. We hope you had a good time. See you again in Spring for our next project.!

# Severn Class

Dear Parents,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents, family and friends of Church Preen who were able to attend our Harvest Assembly. What a fabulous end to our half term! It was wonderful sharing our learning with you and celebrating our identity as a small, rural school.

Homework over the holidays is to write a short story. Pupils can write about anything they want! Creativity is the focus; in hope to build pupils' love to writing and telling stories. Pupils then have the option to enter these into the BBC 500 words competition. Please see the letter sent 22nd October for more information.

Have a fantastic half term everybody. I hope you and the family enjoy a well-deserved rest after a long half term. See you on Monday 4th November.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment, send me an email, or catch me on the playground at the end of the day.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Williams



# School Meals Menus

Church Preen Primary School					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main 1</b>	Chicken Curry (GF,DF) with White Rice (V, GF, DF)	Pork Sausages (DF)	Premium Roast beef in gravy (GF,DF)	Sweet & Sour Chicken (DF,GF) with White Rice (V,DF,GF)	Fish Goujons (DF)
<b>Main 2</b>	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Vegetarian Hotpot (V, GF, DF)	Potato, Cheese and Leek Bake (V, GF)	Plant based Shepherds Pie (V,DF)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF)
<b>Sides</b>	Croquette Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Peas (V,GF,DF) or sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) or Carrots (V,GF,DF)	Golden roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Cut green beans (V,GF,DF) or Mixed Veg (V,GF,DF)	Saute Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V, GF, DF) or Sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF)
<b>Desserts</b>	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Lemon Sponge (V,DF)	Apple Crumble (V,DF)	Chocolate Sponge (V,DF,GF)	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)

**Week 1 Menu**

**Autumn 2: Weeks commencing: 4th/18th Nov 2nd Dec**

We can now offer a daily option of Baked Potato (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF) with the vegetable of the day

Please note that bread, fruit and yoghurts will be available each day

V = Vegetarian  
GF = Gluten Free  
DF = Dairy Free

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main 1</b>	Beef Hotpot(GF,DF)	Chicken goujons (DF)	Roast chicken in gravy (GF,DF)	Beef Lasagne	Breaded Cod (DF)
<b>Main 2</b>	Cauliflower Cheese (V,GF)	Bean chilli (V,DF,GF) with White Rice (V,DF,GF)	Vegetable Gratin (V,DF)	Cauliflower, Spinach & Lentil Curry (V,DF,GF) with White Rice (V,DF,GF)	Baked Potatoes (V,GF,DF) with Cheese (V,GF) or DF Cheese (V,DF,GF)
<b>Sides</b>	Baby potatoes (V, GF, DF) Mixed vegetables (V, GF, DF)	Baked Potato Wedges (V, GF, DF) Carrots (V,GF,DF) or sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)	Golden roast potatoes (V, GF, DF) Peas (V,GF,DF) or Carrots (V,GF,DF)	Saute Potatoes (V, GF, DF) Broccoli (V,GF,DF) or Cut Green Beans (V, GF, DF)	Oven Chips (V, GF, DF) Baked beans (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF)
<b>Desserts</b>	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)	Jam Sponge (V,DF)	Apple Pie (V,DF)	Chocolate Sponge (V,DF,GF)	Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Icecream (V, GF)

**Week 2 Menu**

**Autumn 2: Weeks commencing 11th/25th Nov 9th Dec**

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Join Us for a Festive

# Christmas Market

Hosted by William Brookes School

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

10:00am - 12:30pm

Farley Road, Much Wenlock, TF13 6NB

**Wear Your Christmas Jumper!**



School Choir - Big Year 7 Sing Off!

Primary School Choirs

Stalls and Raffles

Wreaths and Other Christmas Gifts

Santa's Grotto

Local Businesses

Food, Drinks and Treats

# Baby on the way?

## Feel confident with our Family Foundations group

Is this your first baby together? Find out how Family Foundations could benefit your family, through one of our free, online, info sessions. Sessions will last 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards.

- Wed 6 Nov 2024, 5pm
- Mon 11 Nov 2024, 1pm
- Wed 13 Nov 2024, 9.30am
- Mon 9 Dec 2024, 1pm
- Fri 13 Dec 2024, 9.30am
- Wed 18 Dec 2024, 5pm

Email [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) to book

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## Much Wenlock Fencing Club

We meet on Thursdays at William Brookes Leisure Centre between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. We take children from 8 upwards. All kit is provided and fees are £60 per term. You are able to drop-off and pick up, there isn't a requirement for the parent / carer to stay. For further information / registration details contact the membership secretary at [helenbeasley74mw@gmail.com](mailto:helenbeasley74mw@gmail.com).

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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