



17th October 2025

We are now in the process of moving to our new school management information, club booking and payments system, Arbour. Please bear with us as there may be a few disruptions to our communications, bookings and payments over this period. The school email admin@churchpreenschool.co.uk and telephones will be unaffected so please double check to make sure we have received information from you!

How fantastic to see the children using our new balance bikes in school! My thanks to Miss Wilde for successfully putting together the funding bid and Rob Evans for putting the base and storage shed together.

Thank you so much to everyone who has come into school over the past couple of weeks to join in with their children's learning - it is always a pleasure to share your children's achievements with you.



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



This half term's value Generosity



UPCOMING EVENTS

20th October

Y6 Bronze Ambassadors - training session 2

22nd October

Celebration Assembly 2:50pm - all welcome

23rd October

Break up for half term

PTA Halloween Disco

24th October

Training day for school staff - pupils not in school

27th-31st October

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

10th November

Odd socks day

13th November

Cound live lesson with Michael Rosen

PTA Meeting 8pm (in-person or online)

24th November

Severn Vikings workshop

10th December

Whole school winter stay&play (1:30pm)

15th December

Celebration Assembly - all welcome

(2:50pm)

16th December

Pantomime at Theatre Severn (oh yes it is)

18th December

School Christmas Dinner/ Christmas

Jumpers

19th December

Last day of term

22nd December-2nd January

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

5th January

Training day for school staff - pupils not in school

6th January

Start of spring term

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School Meals

Church Preen Primary School

Week 1 Menu

We offer a daily choice of a Baked Potato with Cheese (V, GF) or DF Cheese (V, DF, GF) and the vegetable of the day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Pork Sausages (DF)	Chicken Curry (GF,DF)	Roast Pork in Gravy (GF,DF)	Beef Bolognese (DF)	Fish Goujons (DF)
Main 2	Cauliflower Cheese (GF,V)	Bean Chilli (V,GF,DF)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Vegetarian Cottage Pie (GF,V)	Jacket Potato (DF,V,GF)
Sides	Croquette Potatoes (V,DF,GF) Sweetcorn (V,GF,DF) Baked Beans (V,GF,DF)	White Rice (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF) Broccoli (V,GF,DF)	Roast Potatoes (V,DF,GF) Yorkshire Pudding (V,GF) Sweetcorn (V,GF,DF) Cut Green Beans (V,GF,DF)	Saute Potatoes (V,GF,DF) Pasta (V,DF) Peas (V,DF,GF)	Oven Chips (V,DF,GF) Pasta (DF,V) Baked Beans (V,GF,DF) Carrots (V,DF,GF)
Dessert	Ice Cream (V)	Jam Sponge (V)	Rice Pudding (V,GF)	Chocolate Chip Sponge (V)	Ice Cream (V)

Autumn Term

1st/15th/
29th Sept
13th Oct
10th/24th
Nov
8th Dec

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



Church Preen Primary School

Week 2 Menu

We offer a daily choice of a Baked Potato with Cheese (V, GF) or DF Cheese (V, DF, GF) and the vegetable of the day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Cottage Pie (GF)	Chicken Breast in Tomato & Basil Sauce ((GF,DF)	Roast Beef in Gravy (GF,DF)	Pork Meatballs (DF)	Chicken Goujons (DF)
Main 2	Broccoli & Cauliflower Pasta (V)	Baked Vegetable Pie (V)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Vegetarian Tikka Masala with White Rice (V,GF)	Jacket Potato (DF,V,GF)
Sides	Boiled Potatoes (V,GF,DF) Carrots (V,DF,GF) Sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)	Saute Potatoes (V,GF,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF) Broccoli (V,DF,GF)	Roast Potatoes (V,GF,DF) Yorkshire Pudding (V,GF) Carrot Tips (V,GF,DF) Cut Green Beans (V,GF,DF)	Pasta (V,DF) Peas (V,GF,DF)	Oven Chips (V,DF,GF) Pasta (V,DF) Baked Beans (V,GF,DF) Sweetcorn (V,GF,DF)
Dessert	Ice Cream (V)	Hot Chocolate Brownie (V)	Summer Fruit Sponge (V)	Chocolate Sponge (V,GF,DF)	Ice Cream (V)

Summer Term

5th/19th
May
2nd/16th/
30th June
14th July

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





Exciting news! Just before summer, we were lucky enough to receive a £1000 Active Travel grant from Shropshire Council

The grant helped us buy 6 shiny new balance bikes, 6 helmets, and a storage shed to keep them safe.

During Cound's Stay and Play session, our Reception children got to try the bikes for the very first time — and they were a huge hit! We even found our traffic signs, which will be great for teaching road safety, all whilst having fun.

Thank you Shropshire Council from Cound class.

In Count class,
Y1 and Y2 have
written their
own fantastic
versions of Cave
Baby. They
enjoyed sharing
their stories with
each other in
Literacy.

Sharing our Cave Baby stories



Reception made
healthy treats for
Stay and Play in
maths.



Cound enjoyed an autumn themed Stay and Play. The new balance bikes were very popular.! Thanks to everyone who came along to support the session.



Making stay and play treats!



Dear Parents,

We've had a brilliant week in Class Severn. A huge thank you to parents and grandparents who were able to join us in school this week to help make our salads. It's always wonderful having you in and sharing our learning. Another thank you for attending the parent consultations to discuss the great successes of your child/ren.

Each week, pupils have a dedicated Library session where we encourage pupils to make their own book choices, discuss different authors, and expand their reading repertoire. Please continue to record any reading completed at home in the children's Reading Record.

Next week, on Thursday morning, Class Severn will be visiting Hughley Church to support our learning in RE. Pupils should be in uniform. However, please make sure they have sturdy footwear and a warm, waterproof coat, as we will be walking to the church. Lunch will continue as normal.

If you have any questions, please do catch me on the playground at the end of the day, send an email, or arrange an appointment via the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Williams



Art Club
Tuesdays
3:20-4:20pm



Craft Club
Thursdays
3:20-4:20pm

Come and join us!

Book your place on
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AUTUMN TERM SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey

Speak with experts in:

- EHCPs
- School support
- Health and wellbeing
- Social care
- Mental health
- Navigating SEND challenges

Each session will have different professionals available, so come along, have a chat, and find the help you need.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Scan the QR code to suggest topics and activities for future drop-in sessions.



RAVEN HOUSE
Tuesday 23rd September 2025 2:00pm-4:00pm
Raven House, 129 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton, TF9 3AH
BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY
Tuesday 14th October 2025 1:00pm-3:00pm
Bridgnorth Library, Lidbury Street, Town Centre, Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW
THE LANTERN
Thursday 13th November 2025 10:00am-12:00pm
The Lantern, Meadow Farm drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG
OSWESTRY LIBRARY
Thursday 4th December 2025 1:00pm-3:00pm
Oswestry Library, Arthur Street, Oswestry, SY11 1UN

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THURSDAY 4:30PM - 7:30PM

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO DEAL WITH UPSETTING CONTENT A Guide for Parents and Carers

Raising children in the digital age seems to be getting tougher, with the world currently experiencing so many uncertainties. From climate change to the war in Ukraine and the conflict in Israel, right now children across the globe can scarcely go online without being exposed to unsettling stories, images and ideas. Reassuring a concerned child can be difficult, especially when bad news feels omnipresent. We've put together some advice to help you in discussing upsetting events with young ones.

FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD KNOWS

There are many ways that children are exposed to upsetting content in the media, both online and offline. Before swamping your child with information, find out what they know already. Show them you're interested in what they have to say, practice active listening and try to gauge how much your child has been impacted by what they've seen.

RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

Starting a conversation about upsetting content probably isn't the best idea when your child is studying for an exam or about to go to bed. Choose a time when they're relaxed and open to talking, to make sure you have their full attention. Remember, these conversations can become emotional, so choose somewhere your child feels safe and comfortable.

KEEP IT AGE APPROPRIATE

With younger children, try and keep the conversation more general and avoid leading questions and complex detail. You can go slightly deeper into the specifics with young teenagers but keep monitoring their emotional responses. With older teens, you can be more open about the realities and consequences of what's happening — but again, do stay aware of their emotional state.

EMPHASISE HOPE

Upsetting content can make anyone feel angry, scared, sad or overwhelmed. Try to find stories of hope, generosity and strength related to the content you're discussing. Children often feel reassured when they know they can do something to help, so encourage your child's sense of control through activities which make them feel they're positively impacting the events they're concerned about.

MONITOR REACTIONS

All children react differently, of course, and young people might not directly say that they're scared, angry, anxious, confused or uncomfortable. Emotional reactions are natural when discussing upsetting topics, so take note of your child's body language and reactions. Allow them to express their feelings in a non-judgmental space and try to stay mindful of how they might be feeling.

CONSIDER YOUR OWN EMOTIONS

It's not only young people who find upsetting news difficult to process: adults also have to deal with strong emotions in moments of stress. Children develop coping strategies by mirroring those around them, so staying on top of how you appear to be regulating your emotion on the outside is important for supporting your child through worrying times.

SET LIMITS

Managing screen-time and content can be difficult even in normal circumstances, but especially in unusual or stressful periods (at the start of the pandemic, for example), it's virtually impossible to keep children away from upsetting content completely, but it's important to try to limit exposure by using parental controls, talking about the dangers of harmful content and enforcing screen-time limits.

TAKE THINGS SLOWLY

Try not to overwhelm your child with information all at once. Instead, take the discussion one step at a time. You could make the first conversation a simple introduction to a potentially upsetting subject and then wait until your child is ready to talk again. Opening the door to the conversation and demonstrating that your child can talk to you about this type of issue is a vital first step.

ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Online, troubling images, posts, videos and stories are shared across multiple platforms, many of which your child might access. Even if the content is actually inappropriate, encourage your child to discuss what they saw instead of being angry at them for seeing it. Children are still learning that not everything online is accurate — you want to be their ultimate source of information, not their device.

FIND A BALANCE

There's often a tremendous compulsion to stay right up to date with events. Our phones frequently send us push notifications urging us to read the latest article or view the most recent video on social media. It's essential to remind your child that it's healthy to take regular breaks, and to focus on positive events instead of 'doomscrolling' and risking becoming overwhelmed by bad news.

BUILD RESILIENCE

News has never been more accessible. While our instinct may be to shield children from upsetting stories, it's important that they're equipped with the tools to manage this content when they are exposed to it. Talk about upsetting content more generally with your child and emphasise that they can always tell you or a trusted adult if something they see makes them feel uneasy.

IDENTIFY HELP

It's hugely important that children know where to find support if they encounter upsetting content online. Encourage them to open up to an adult that they trust, and make sure they're aware of who their trusted adults are. It's essential that children understand that they're not alone, and that help is available if and when they need it.

Meet Our Expert

Carley Jorgensen is the director of RockUp South Africa, which is a reporting system that is currently being used by schools and companies to fight bullying around the world. RockUp helps give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up and get the help they not only want but need.



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TERM DATES 2025-26

Monday 1 st September and Tuesday 2 nd September	Training days for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Wednesday 3 rd September – Thursday 23 rd October	Pupil days
Friday 24 th October	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half term holiday
Monday 3 rd November – Friday 19 th December	Pupil days
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas holiday
Monday 5 th January	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)
Tuesday 6 th January – Friday 13 th February	Pupil days
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March	Pupil days
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter holiday
Monday 13 th April – Friday 22 nd May	Pupil days
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday (school not open to pupils)
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half term holiday
Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July	Pupil days
Monday 20 th July	Training day for school staff (school not open to pupils)