

"To be the best we can be"

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,



Welcome back to our new school year!

We have had a busy start to the Autumn term and the children, as always, have been fabulous and quickly settled back in their new classes. They continue to make us all proud every day.

School Start Time Reminder

Our gates are open at 8:30am and the classroom doors open at 8:35am.



Morning Nursery sessions start at 8:30am.



All lessons from Reception - Year 6 start at 08:45am. Please support your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time for school to ensure they are not missing important learning.

Our school gates are locked at 08:45am. Any arrivals after 08:45am will be classed as late and monitored through our attendance procedures by school and the Education Welfare Officer

Our School ValuesChallengeHonestyOwnershipCourageCollaborationMake every experienceAlways do the rightTake accountability for
your actionsBe determined to
deliver greatnessWork together to
succeed

Parent Consultations

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 16th October	У4	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18th October	У2	Parent Consultations
Thursday 19th October	У5	Parent Consultations
Friday 20th October	У6	Parent Consultations
Monday 23rd October	У1	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 24th October	Reception	Parent Consultations
Thursday 26th October	У3	Parent Consultations
Monday 20th November	Nursery	Parent Consultations

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2024?

The online application form for children starting school in September 2024 is now available via the website <u>www.telford.gov.uk/admissions</u>.

The online form will need to be used to apply for a place.

There is an information booklet available online at: School Admissions Information Booklets - 2024 / 2025 - Telford & Wrekin Council

Year 7 Applications for September 2024

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to go online to apply for their Year 7 school place.

It is vital that this application is made by 31st October - failure to do so is likely to result in your child being allocated a school that you do not want them to attend, meaning that they may also have to travel some distance to attend school.

You can apply online at :

<u>https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/</u> <u>school_admissions/3247/</u>



Starting school?

Closing date for applications: **15 January 2024**

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is 31 October 2023.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You must apply if your child was born between 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020.
- You must apply even if your child is attending a nursery or preschool on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does not guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information www.telford.gov.uk/ admissions or contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk

A big welcome to our new Reception classes...

The children have settled brilliantly into our Reception classes. They are beginning to understand the routines and expectations of school life and are building relationships with both adults and children alike. It has been lovely to see them engaged and excited when participating in their learning.



Jewellery

It is our policy that pupils do not wear jewellery to school. We have assessed the risk of injury to pupils



and in order to reduce the risk we have agreed a policy whereby pupils may only wear small stud earrings (no hoops), if their ears are pierced, and a watch (smart watches are not permitted).

Jewellery needs to be removed for PE lessons.



To book, visit coaching.wolves.co.uk or email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk for more information to the second second second second second second second s

Nursery Places

We have spaces available for Nursery. Children can start after their third birthday please ring the School Office.





Places



Breakfast Club: 07:45am

Cost: £1:50 per session (£1 for a sibling attending the same session)

After School Provision: Until 5:30pm

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Cost: £5 per session

Please fill in a form at the office if you need a place for your child. Payment is made through ParentPay.

Parking in Westbourne and Ferridays Fields

remember to park <u>SAFELY</u>! Put child safety before your convenience

An issue which is a top priority for us is the safety of our children. That's why we are asking you all to think about where you park when doing the school run. Dangerous parking puts our children at risk and no one wants that.

We appreciate that pick up and drop off times are very busy and so we are encouraging you to consider walking or cycling to school instead. Both are cheaper alternatives, have health benefits and are better for the environment.



Our message is: please park safely, legally and considerately, thinking about our neighbours and setting a good example to our children. This will ensure our pupils have a happy and safe journey to and from school.

School Uniform

Thank You to all the parents and Carers who are supporting our school by ensuring their child attends school in our school uniform.



The children look so smart in their uniform and black school shoes.



School meals cost £2.50 this is payable through ParentPay as normal unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have universal free school meals.

You can view our current school menu by visiting our website:

School Lunchtime Menu | - William Reynolds (williamreynoldsprimary.org)

Subject Spotlight: Physical Education

Physical Education at William Reynolds Primary School and Nursery

At William Reynolds Primary School, believe that Physical we firmly Education should be experienced in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. This helps our pupils understand that to be successful, not just in sport but in all areas of learning and life, you must work hard. show resilience. have determination and be prepared to practise things time and time again in order to get better and improve - to be the best we can be!









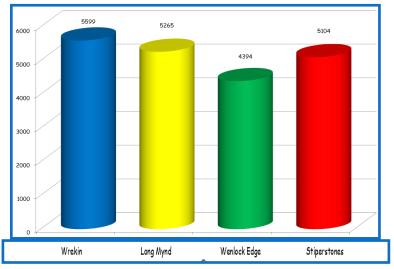


Children earn House Points as they engage in competitive sports these are calculated throughout the year.



Last Year, the trophy was won by Wrekin!





House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2023-2024. They are representatives for their respective School Houses (Long Mynd, Stiperstones, Wenlock Edge and Wrekin). They will be working with Mr Tagg throughout the year to look at how the children in school engage in healthy and active lifestyles.

Some of the things they will meet to look at this year are:

- The playtime offer what resources and equipment are available on the playgrounds and how are they being used by children.
- Extra-curricular activities what activities are offered, how popular are they, what other activities and clubs would children like to happen in school.

• They will also be making sure that each House competes as well as it can in the competitions that happen in PE lessons throughout the year, aiming to win the House Trophy at the end of the year.

Long Mynd House Captains

Alexia Tivey and Caiden Flanagan



Wenlock Edge House Captains Darcy Williams and Oscar Beard Stiperstones House Captains

Ella Bromwell and Kieran Guvamatanga



Wrekin House Captains Trai Brown-McCatty and Kayla-Mae Hill





Our School Rainbow Values

Our School Values are consistent across school and children are motivated to work towards these values every day in school. They are always proud when they receive recognition from their teachers for their achievements.



Each week, children are awarded Values Certificates on a Friday. Teachers identify children who are showing the school values - they have to work hard to achieve these values in school so we are always really proud of them when they are awarded their certificates.

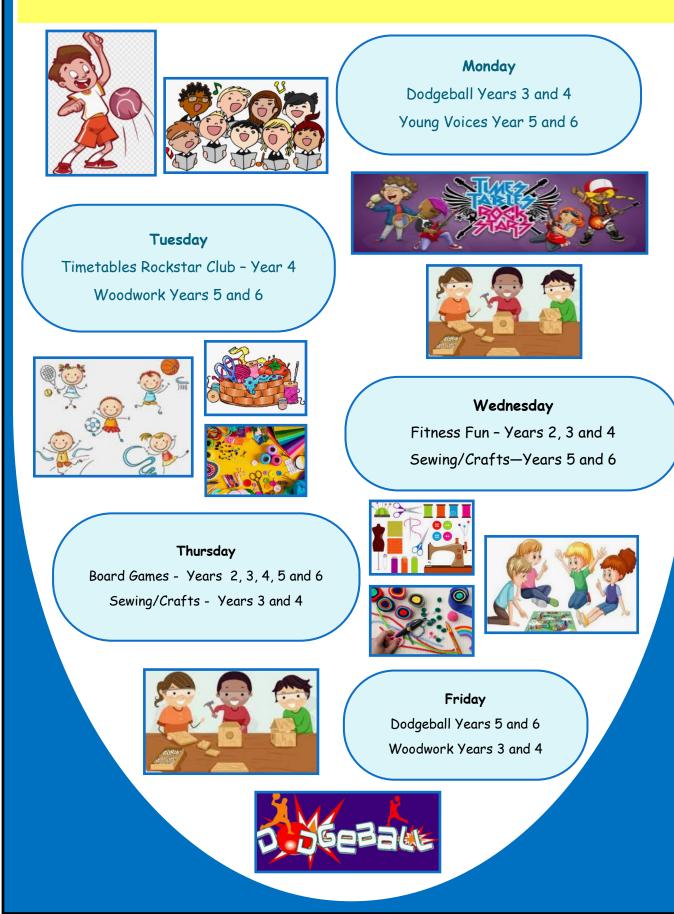


To achieve a 'Rainbow Values Badge' the children have to be awarded all five Values certificates within the school year they are in. There is a different Rainbow Badge to work towards in each year group.



After School Clubs

Our after school clubs start on Monday 2nd October. Many children have signed up and will have lots of fun developing their skills over the Autumn Term.



Absence

Please call us by 9am, in the event of your child being too unwell to attend school.



01952 388280 Thank you for your support.

Perfection		100%
Impressive		98%
Good Effort		97%
Nearly There	•	95%
Needs to Improve	•	94%
Danger Zone	•	90%

Summer Term 2023 Attendance Party Winners

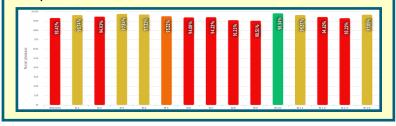


Well done to **Base 1** and **Base 8** who were rewarded with an attendance party in July 2023 for having the best attendance over the year.

The children were so excited to have won and had a fabulous time at their party, enjoying cakes, drinks and prizes, whilst having lots of fun.

Best attendance this year so far...

Base 10 have the best attendance in the school so far this year - well done Base 10!



Celebrating Attendance in School

Attendance Awards:

- 100% Badges will be awarded at the end of the year to the children who have attended school every day.
- Attendance rewards to children who have not achieved 100% but have met our school attendance target of at least 96%.
- Weekly attendance rewards for classes on a Friday are announced in Celebration Assembly - KS1 (playpark) and KS2 (Outdoor Gym).
- * Attendance awards in Early Years.
- * Attendance Parties for the class with the best attendance across the year.

Punctuality

A polite reminder to our families that our school day starts at 8:45am.



If your child arrives after this time, their lessons will have already started, meaning that they are missing out on their learning which will have an impact on the progress they are able to make in school.

Attendance

We are working really hard on our attendance and expect all children to attend every day unless they are extremely unwell. **Parents have a legal** responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly.

If your child suffers from a recurrent illness that is having an impact on their attendance, we are able to provide you with a print out of their attendance so that you can share this with their doctor, who may be able to provide further medical advice.

Medication



If your child has been prescribed medication, we are able to administer this in school so they are still able to attend school. Please visit the school office to fill in a form, if your child needs to take prescribed medication during the school day.

100% Attendance

Well done to the children who had 100% attendance at the end of the year - we are really proud of them all.



School Attendance Target



Every school day counts and we are aiming for **at least 96%** overall attendance this year. We rely on each and every one of you to support us to reach our

target. Every missed school day means that your child misses out on important learning and when attendance becomes a concern, it can impact upon the progress your child makes in school.



10 by 10, is an initiative which aims to encourage children in Telford & Wrekin to take part in ten life-enhancing activities by the time they are ten.

The 10 activities are:



Join in competitive team sports



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Learn to swim



Telford & Wrekin

Visit the seaside and the countryside



Protect, care and invest to create a better borough

Take part in drama and performing arts



Experience museums. galleries and heritage sites



Use a library

Learn to ride a bike



debating



Take part in



Take part in camping trips and overnight residentials

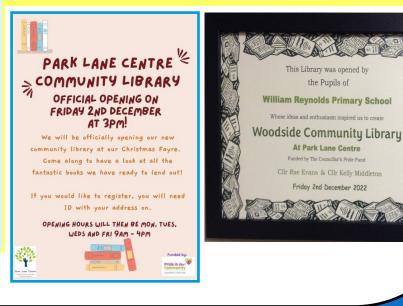
You can create a 10 By 10 account for your child to enable you to track your child's achievements by visiting the website below. After registering, you will get regular updates, news and offers from the scheme.

https://www.telford.gov.uk/10by10

Park Lane Community Library

Have you taken your child to the local library at Park Lane Centre?

The library started with our children wanting a local library and was supported by local councillors. It is ۵ fabulous resource in the local area and well worth a visit.



Contact Information

Have you moved or changed your contact information?

If you have had a change of address, contact number or email address, it is really important for us to be informed of this.

Please go to the school office if you need to update any of your contact information. It is really important that there is an up to date contact number held at school so that we can contact you, if needed, during the school day.

Staying Safe Online

There is a lot of information on our School Website for parents on online safety.

Online-Safety is all about being aware of the possible dangers and risks associated with using the Internet via a PC, laptop, mobile phone, iPad or game console. It also covers the use of electronic and online communication and wireless technology. It is vital, that children and adults, learn how to use the internet responsibly and make informed choices that will equip them now and in the future.

Click on the link below:

Online Safety | - William Reynolds (williamreynoldsprimary.org

If you are worried about your child's online behaviour and would like support from school, please speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

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Fire Alarm

We have recently had a Fire Drill, which involves the Fire Alarm sounding and all staff and children vacating the building and going to their designated point. It is important to practice, so that the children understand what to do in the event of a real fire.



Every person in the school was at their designated point in 2 minutes and 30 seconds. We were really proud of how sensibly the children vacated the building and lined up with their classes quietly so that teachers could retake the registers before returning to school to carry on with their lessons.



Our DSL's

Miss Julie Marriott Mrs Joanne Shephard Mrs Ruth Angeloff Miss Emma Shankland Mrs Wendy Bowen Mrs Debra Groucott Miss Lauren Dawkins

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering perents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they to believe trusted adults which be information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they to believe trusted adults should be avare at Please visit waw matched because and on functional data in the information of the safety with their children.

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SCAMS

Fraudeters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes-encouraging the user to click on a mk to wirarning comeone that they in WhatsApp subscription has run out (alming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

ers can set WhatsApp messages to appear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days default. Photos and videos can also be tructed to disappear after the zipient has viewed them. These files in t be saved or forwarded – so if your ild was sent an inappropriate sssage, it would be difficult to prove y wrongdoing. However, the receiver h take a screenshot and save that as idence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset. CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

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LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe - but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

BACK!

Advice for Parents & Carers CUCKHERE

...TEXT

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaui is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING 🔍 🌈 **REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS** If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list - so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

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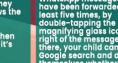
Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

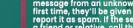
You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



#WakeUpWednesday

Safety





If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS





Headlice Reminder

Please can we ask all parents to regularly check their child's hair for headlice.

Did you know that ...

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.



Head lice are small insects. They can be difficult to spot in your hair.

Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.



Head lice can make your head feel:

NHS Advice

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine -toothed comb (detection comb).

How to get rid of head lice:

- Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.
- You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing:

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

wash hair with ordinary shampoo

apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)

comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

How to get rid of head lice:

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice.

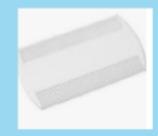
They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

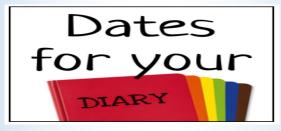
Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments.





Date	Year Group	Event	
Tuesday 10th October	Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	Flu Vaccinations	
Thursday 12th October	У1	Twycross Zoo	
Tuesday 17th October	У4	Church Visit	
Tuesday 17th October	Parents	NSPCC Safety Parent workshop	
Thursday 26th October	Rec—2-3pm	Halloween Disco	
	У1 & У2—4-5pm		
	Y3 & Y4-5.30-6.30pm		
	У5 & У6—6.45—8pm		
Tuesday 7th November	All	Whole School Individual & Family Photographs	
Friday 10th November	У2	School Nurse to visit	
Monday 13th November	KS2	Wizard Theatre Group in School	
Monday 13th—Friday 17th November	Whole School	Anti-Bullying week— Make a Noise	
Tuesday 14th November	УЗ	Think Tank	
Tuesday 14th November	У2	Drama Workshop	
Wednesday 15th November	У6	Blists Hill	
Thursday 16th November	Y3 and Y4	Dogs Trust Workshop	
Friday 17th November	All	Children in Need	
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st November	У4	Anglo-Saxon Day	
Wednesday 22nd November	У5	Professor McGinty	

End of Autumn Half Term: Friday 27th October 2023 Back to School: Monday 6th November 2023





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