



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Mr. Bray

October 2025



CURRICULUM

After such a busy and successful start to the school year, I can hardly believe that the half term break is fast approaching. It has been lovely to see so many of you at events this half term, including at the recent Parent/Carer Consultations, which have been so well attended. If for any reason you were unable to make it and are yet to do so, please contact your child's class teacher or speak to them at drop-off or pick-up to either arrange a make-up appointment or to get some feedback about how your child is getting on.

Thank you also to everyone who made it to our Reading and Phonics workshops and our first "Phonics Fridays" in Reception. We hope you have found these useful and that they have provided some insight into how we teach phonics and reading as the children move up through the school. If you were unable to be here however, please do not worry as the presentations are available on our website, along with a wealth of information and resources in the '[Supporting Your Child at Home](#)' section of the English curriculum pages. Don't miss our [Reading Newsletters](#) for further updates and guidance as well!



SPORTS TEAMS & FIXTURES



Football has taken centre stage in the sporting arena at the beginning of the year with a number of fixtures having taken place already, while our Year 6 children have completed the “Reading the Game” programme with the Shrewsbury Town Foundation. We have also had children represent us in hockey and at a bowls event, to which grandparents or parents/carers were invited to take part with them.





ACTIVE TRAVEL

We encourage children to be as active as possible and one simple way to do this is by walking, cycling or scooting to school. This also helps us to reduce the number of cars outside school at drop-off and pick-up times, which is of course safer for the children and more environmentally friendly for everyone.

To promote this active travel, we continue to take part in the Living Streets Wow Challenge that logs how children arrive at school each day. Points are awarded for not coming by car and, at the time writing, we were top of the table for Shropshire schools! As part of this initiative, we held a walk to school event, starting out from the retail park. We were joined by a representative from the Woodland Trust who pointed out different trees the children passed on the route and who challenged them to find a variety of leaves on their walk. Year 6 have also completed their Bikeability training and at the end of that week, we invited “Dr. Bike” into school to provide free bike checks and repairs to all of the children. Thank you to the Learn Cycling team and the Bikeability Trust.



Can I once again remind everyone that if you have to travel to school by car, please make use of the park and stride car park opposite the Church and refrain from driving up Church Road and parking outside school? Police and traffic enforcement officers will continue to attend to ensure the rules of the road are being kept.

Thank you all for your generosity in sending in food and household items for our collection for Shrewsbury Foodbank – they were very gratefully received and the Foodbank sent this certificate to the children in thanks.



We will be holding our annual Early Years Foundation Stage Open Evening on Tuesday 18th November between 4.00 and 6.00pm.

This is an opportunity for parents/carers of children who are about to start Nursery, or who will be registering for a Reception school place for September 2026, to explore our Early Years classrooms, meet the team and take a tour of the whole school. Prospective parents/carers are welcome to drop in at any time within the two hours and the children are more than welcome to join and see it all for themselves.

Please find the full details here to the right and share with anyone you know who might be interested in joining us.



FOND FARWELLS & NEW BEGINNINGS

As I am sure you are all aware, our long serving Caretaker, Mr. Andrew Breeze has moved on and taken up a new role with the town council. Meanwhile, Mrs Seeney, one of our dedicated Teaching Assistants has taken an exciting step into retirement and is looking forward to some exciting travels and adventures this year! I would like to thank them both for all their hard work and for everything they did for the school and the children over many years.

As one chapter closes, another always opens and it is my pleasure to welcome Mr. Alex Haycock and Ms Staisha Stublely to the team as Teaching Assistants. After the half term break, Mr. Shaun Evans will also be joining us as the new Caretaker. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to the school community.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please see below for a list of upcoming events, including the dates and times of the children's Christmas performances. Class Teachers will share further information about these but please note that on the days of their performances, the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children should be collected from school as usual at the end of the school day and then brought back to the Church for the evening.

- Half term break – Week beginning Monday 27th October
- PD Day (School closed to all pupils) – Monday 3rd November
- Y1 Circus Workshop – Tuesday 4th November
- Y5 Parent/Carer Computing Workshop – Tuesday 11th November
- Y6 Residential Visit to Arthog – Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th November
- Children in Need (Non-uniform day) – Friday 14th November
- EYFS Open Evening – Tuesday 18th November 4.00–6.00pm
- Y5 Anglo Saxon Day – Monday 24th November
- Christmas Fair – Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm
- Y3&4 Christmas Performances at Church – Monday 1st December at 2.00 & 5.30pm
- Y1&2 Christmas Performances at Church – Wednesday 3rd December at 2.00 & 5.30pm
- Reception Christmas Performance at Church – Thursday 4th December at 2.00pm
- Y5&6 Christmas Performances at Church – Tuesday 9th December at 2.00 & 5.30pm
- Nursery Christmas Performance in the Nursery – Wednesday 10th December at 2.15pm
- Christmas Lunch (& Christmas jumper/accessories day) – Wednesday 17th December
- Pantomime Performance for the children in School – Thursday 18th December
- Last day of term – Friday 19th December

September 2025

M		1	8	15	22	29
T		2	9	16	23	30
W		3	10	17	24	
Th		4	11	18	25	
F		5	12	19	26	
S		6	13	20	27	
Su		7	14	21	28	

October 2025

M		6	13	20	27	
T		7	14	21	28	
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Th	2	9	16	23	30	
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Su	5	12	19	26		

November 2025

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December 2025

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January 2026

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W		7	14	21	28	
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Su	4	11	18	25		

February 2026

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W		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
Su	1	8	15	22		

March 2026

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W		4	11	18	25	
Th		5	12	19	26	
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Su	1	8	15	22	29	

April 2026

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Th	2	9	16	23	30	
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Su	5	12	19	26		

May 2026

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Th		7	14	21	28	
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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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2025/2026

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	School Day	190
	School Holiday	58
	Bank Holiday	8
	PD Days	5

Autumn 1st Half

39 days

Autumn 2nd Half

34 days

Spring 1st Half

29 days

Spring 2nd Half

25 days

Summer 1st Half

28 days

Summer 2nd Half

35 days

Staff Total

195 days

Pupil Total

190 days

(Pupils are required to attend for 190 days)