

The Friday Post



Friday, 05 December
2025



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WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

- Change to Red Squirrel PE
- FOCS Christmas events
- Diary dates - additional dates
- Meet the staff - Miss Ireland
- Christmas performances

	PE	PE	Woodland School
Dormouse	Monday	Friday	Thursday
Red Squirrel	Monday	Thursday	Friday
Hedgehog	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Badger	Tuesday (swimming)		Monday

Woodland School - please send children with long sleeved tops, long trousers (preferably not leggings or jeans as these stay wet and cold) and sturdy footwear.

PE kit - Shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt (house colour), trainers, **school sweatshirt**

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The KS 1 & 2 performances will take place on Monday 15th December at 2.30 and 5.30. Please pick up all children from the church at the end of the day. Please arrive at 5.10 for the evening show. Thankyou. **There will be no tea provided for ASC that evening as all the children will be taken to the church.**



The Dormouse concerts will **start** at 10am and 2pm on Wednesday 17th December. **Please do not forget your tickets!!**

MENU

w/c 8th Dec: Week **TWO**

We adopt a zero-debt policy for dinner money. Please ensure that your child's dinner account is regularly topped up.

SAFEGUARDING

If you are worried about anything you have seen or heard about, or from, one of the children or are concerned about their wellbeing and safety please make contact with Mrs Watts (our Designated Safeguarding Lead), Miss Anderson (Deputy DSL) or Miss Brayford. In the event you cannot speak to any of these, please make contact with FPOC on the number below.

WE'RE NOW ON INSTAGRAM

We now have an Instagram presence. We will be posting shortly but do follow us! Find us at [Instagram](#).



WRAP AROUND CARE

It is **essential** that children are booked in through the online form. Click on the links below:

AUTUMN TERM:

[BREAKFAST](#)

[AFTER SCHOOL CLUB](#)

REPORTING CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD

To report a concern call Shropshire Council's First Point of Contact (FPOC) - **0345 678 9021**

ABSENCE

Please don't forget to inform school if your child(ren) are off school for any reason. This can be done via the School Spider App, website, email, phone or on the gate with a member of staff. Unexplained absences will be followed up by a text and phone call. Forms for Leave of Absence requests can be found at [Clive CofE Primary School: Term dates](#) as can the 2025-26 term dates. LoA requests must be made **before** time off is taken.

Please note that the school officially starts at 0850. The gate opens from 0840 and will be closed at 0850. Late comers can be unsettling for the children in class as well as themselves.

DIARY DATES

Mon 8th Dec - Project afternoon - all classes (2.30)
Tues 9th Dec - Hedgehogs to Tatton Park
Tues 9th Dec - Red Squirrel to RAF Cosford
Tues 9th Dec - Final swim for Badgers (additional week as last week was cancelled)
Thurs 11th Dec - Whole school to panto (oh yes we are!)
Mon 15th Dec - KS1 & 2 Concert (2.30 & 5.30)
Tues 16th Dec - Christmas dinner and **jumpers**
Wed 17th Dec - EYFS (Dormouse) Concert (10.00 & 2.00)
Thurs 18th Dec - Christmas parties
Fri 19th Dec - Christmas service (time tbc)
Fri 19th Dec - End of Term
Mon 5th Jan 2026 - Spring term starts

YOUNG VOICES

For the children going to Young Voices next year, the songs can be found on Spotify and Youtube - search for "Young Voices 2026". This will help the children learn the words for their fabulous experience!



Our value for the half term is 'Thankfulness'.

CHRISTMAS POST

The post box is now open for letters to Santa. Christmas cards to children and staff in school can also be posted in the card postbox.



SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Why not try reusable bags instead of wrapping paper this Christmas - they can be reused again and again! Try to avoid the glittery paper as this cannot be recycled!

MEET THE STAFF:

Miss Ireland

Miss Ireland is our newest, and youngest, member of staff. She is currently working as a TA in Dormouse and Badger classes, as well as in Nursery at Prees School. She completed her A-levels in the summer and is planning on going to Liverpool Hope University in September 2026. Miss Ireland has very quickly settled into an Early Years routine of engaging with the children at an appropriate level at all times, especially during child-initiated times when there is so much talk and incidental learning happening.

LIBRARY AND CLASS READING BOOKS

Can you please have a look for any of our library books or class reading books at home. We seem to be missing quite a few! This means they aren't being enjoyed by all the children. Thankyou.



PREES PREDATORS UNDER 8's - GOALKEEPER WANTED!



Prees Predators U8s are looking for a hard-working, determined & ambitious goalkeeper to join our team!

• **Eligibility:**

Must be in School Year 3, or an advanced Year 2 player

If interested, please contact:

John – 07538 269693

Darren – 07362 729697



Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and I am looking forward to receiving all the wonderful letters from your children. Get your child to post their letter in the special postbox at school by Friday 12th December and I will send them a personalised reply!

We can deliver the replies to your house or have them handed over at drop off/pick up. Please email my elves at FOCS specifying your preference. (focs@clive.shropshire.sch.uk)

Postage to the North Pole will cost £3 per letter. Payment can be made by BACS or Cash in a named envelope.
Account No: 41637453 Sort Code: 55-70-42
Ref: Child's Name

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Santa Claus





FRIENDS OF CLIVE SCHOOL,
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SANTA COMES * TO CLIVE

SAT 13TH DEC

CLIVE
VILLAGE
HALL

2.15PM – 4.00PM
SANTA ARRIVES AT 2.30PM

£6 PER CHILD

To include grotto entry, present from
Santa and decorate a Christmas
ornament

Scan to book tickets!



REFRESHMENTS • GAMES • RAFFLE



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may qualify for Free School Meals (beyond Y2 but also in Rec, Y1 & 2) if you meet eligibility requirements:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Contact the office (in strictest confidence) for more information.

Santa Experience!

Biscuit making, reindeer food, christmas crafts, story
time with the elf, meet santa and more!

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER - SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER



MAMMOTH SANTA TRAIL

Kindly supported by Connexus

Book
your slot
BETWEEN
10AM AND 3PM

£10
PER CHILD*

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DEC, 2025

Book online

Follow the elves and snowballs through our
exhibition as you answer questions and join in
activities on your way around.

Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish
the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet
him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at
the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

***PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE
ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD
ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS**



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WREKIN FOREST SCHOOL WINTER EVENTS

Saturday, 09:30am-12:30pm

Family Christmas Creative Craft Workshop

Join us for a heart-warming Family Festive Craft Session, perfect for children aged 5+ and their adults! Create magical memories together as you make and decorate Christmas stars, tree decorations, wreaths, table crackers, and beautiful centrepieces to treasure. All materials are included, along with festive drinks, biscuits, homemade cake, and mince pies – everything you need for a cosy, creative celebration filled with laughter, love, and a sprinkle of Christmas magic. (All prices include VAT.)

Sunday, 10:00am-1:00pm

Winter Wreath Making

Get into the festive spirit and learn a new skill as you create your own beautiful Winter or Christmas wreath – the perfect way to make sure your door is the best dressed in town! Join friends for a relaxed, creative workshop where you'll use willow hoops or metal stars (with an optional moss base) and decorate with locally sourced fresh foliage, ribbons, bows, dried fruit, cones, cinnamon sticks, and more. Tickets are £27 and include your wreath materials, mulled wine, tea or coffee, nibbles, homemade cake, and mince pies. (VAT included – this popular workshop sold out last year!)

Monday, 10:00-12:00pm

Wrekin Roarers Playgroup - Christmas Special

Join us for our Winter Special Playgroup – a magical festive morning filled with joy and creativity! Little ones will meet Santa himself, enjoy wonderful Christmas crafts, and make special memories to treasure. With festive music, cheerful activities, and plenty of sparkle, it's the perfect way to celebrate the season together.

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Sunday, 10:30am-3:00pm

Christmas Special Family Fun

Join us for a fun-filled festive adventure packed with Christmas cheer! Meet Santa (with a gift for every child 12 and under), make your own family Rudolph reindeer, festive decorations, and tasty treats like decorated biscuits, reindeer food, and chocolate snowmen. Enjoy crafts, games, a treasure hunt, and Forest School fun from archery to the zip wire, plus storytime with the elves and marshmallow roasting to end the day. Tickets include unlimited tea, coffee, or squash, plus a glass of mulled wine or fruit punch with homemade cake, biscuit, or mince pie.

www.wrekinforestschool.co.uk/events



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

HAF Christmas Programme

22nd to 23rd December 9am – 3pm
with late pickup 3pm – 5pm

For children aged 5–11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities, with a focus on football, fun, and festive activities. Children will be grouped by age and ability.



Scan to book

At Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST

In receipt of free school meals, the HAF programme is a way to gain access to fun activities and food in the school holidays.

Foundationstfc.hiveliink.co.uk/115/

Get in touch

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Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

Late pick up from 3pm – 5pm for an additional £6
Foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Santa Experience at Whixall Marina

This December, Whixall Marina will host its first ever Santa Experience, bringing an evening of festive activities and entertainment to celebrate the Christmas season. The event will take place on **Friday 5th December and Saturday 6th December**, with two time slots available each evening: 3:30pm – 5:30pm and 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Time slots are available on a first come, first served basis.

Children can join the elves in the café, where they will take part in biscuit making, card and colouring crafts, and make their own reindeer food to take home. Visitors will then be invited to the Shepherd Hut Grottos to enjoy story time with Buddy the Elf, before meeting Santa in his grotto, where each child will receive a present to take home.

Children can choose between sausage and chips or chicken nuggets and chips, which are included in the ticket price. Adults can also enjoy the Marina's signature baps, freshly prepared and available to purchase throughout the evening.

The event will take place both indoors and outdoors, so visitors are encouraged to dress warmly and enjoy the festive atmosphere around the Marina.

♦ Tickets: **£20 per child (including a children's meal)**

For bookings or further information, please call **01948 840700** or email evie.kiernan@grocottdevelopments.co.uk



Get in touch

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Santa Cruises

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December

A cruise on the
Shropshire Lady and a
visit from Santa

Festive refreshments,
mince pies and
mulled wine

Tickets £12.50

includes a present for each child

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santa@lyneal-trust.org.uk

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The SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and support for children and
young people with SEND and their families, including:

- Education
- Health and wellbeing
- Family support
- Social care
- Preparing for adulthood
- Early help
- Things to do
- Education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- Travel and transport
- Financial support

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www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/



If you need help accessing the Local Offer
please speak to your school or local library.

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