



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



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HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

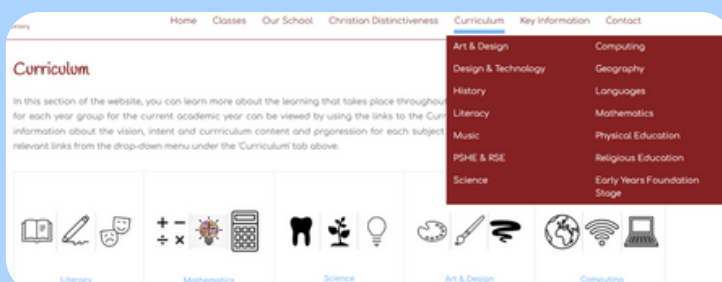
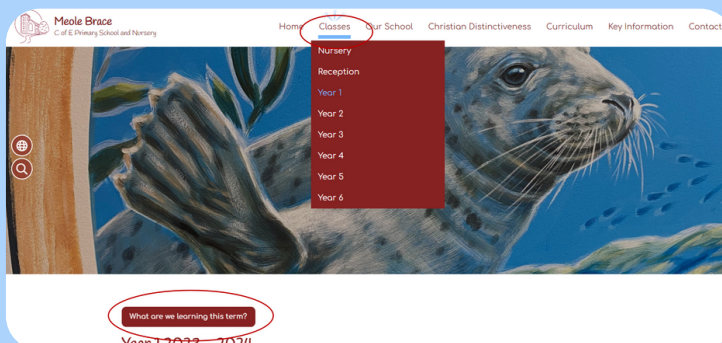
January 2024

CURRICULUM



We always encourage lots of talk at home with the children about their learning in school and I just wanted to remind you all that there is a wealth of information on our school website to help you with these conversations.

Under the “Classes” tab, you will find a page for your child’s year group and within there you will see links to helpful websites to support their learning. You will also see a button that reads “What are we learning this term?” If you click on this, you will find a page packed full of information about the children’s current topics in each of the different subject areas. Under the “Curriculum” tab there are Subject Handbooks for every curriculum area and even more detail about our approaches to each subject and how the children’s knowledge builds as they move up through the school.



Family Drop-In

Here to help
Free information, advice and support

Come along to:

Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery, School Library building, Church Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, SY3 9HG
9:00am—12:00pm

Thursday 18th January 2024

Thursday 25th January 2024

Thursday 8th February 2024

Thursday 22nd February 2024

Thursday 14th March 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

You can chat, have a coffee and see how we can help you with:

- Family Life
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Housing Support
- Baby Bank
- Parenting Support
- Finance support
- Home Fire Safety
- Training and Employment Support and much more



Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)
We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.



Thank you to those of you who joined us for the first Family Drop-In session last week. We are so fortunate to have these sessions taking place in our Library so please make use of them!

Members of the Shropshire Strengthening Families team are on hand to offer free information, advice and support or just a chat and a cup of tea or coffee!

SPORTS FIXTURES

So far this term, teams have represented the school in football, netball and dodgeball. Visit the [Sports Teams and Fixtures page of the website](#), to find out more.



YEAR 6 DARWIN DAY

As part of their learning about “Evolution and Inheritance” in Science, Year 6 started off the Spring term with a special Darwin Day. A visiting expert from Shropshire Museums helped them to learn more about the discoveries of Shrewsbury’s own Charles Darwin through artefacts and interactive workshops.



CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AND SAFER INTERNET DAY

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
5-11 FEB 2024

SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org

European Commission | INHOPE | ins@te

In February we have two important, national events which we celebrate in school – Children’s Mental Health Week (w/b Monday 5th February) and Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 6th February).

Safer Internet Day this year is centred around the theme of “Together for a better internet” and after an introductory assembly from the School Council, children throughout the school will be taking part in lessons about how we can keep ourselves safe online.

Children’s Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. The theme this year is “My Voice Matters” and we will be taking part with lessons and activities that show the children how important they are and that we are here to listen to their voices. To round off the week we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 9th February to allow children to express themselves, in keeping with the theme.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

We continue to see a high number of vehicles and congestion immediately outside of school at drop-off and pick-up times. For the children's health and safety, we encourage everyone to walk or cycle wherever possible. For those who have no alternative but to use the car due to distance or work commitments, please use either the Park and Stride car park by the Church or the car park at the Brooklands Pub and then walk up to school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Year 3 Egyptian Day – Monday 5th February
- Children's Mental Health Week – Week beginning Monday 5th February
- Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6th February
- Parent/Carer Coffee Morning – Friday 9th February at 9.00am in the KS2 Hall
- Non-uniform Day for Children's Mental Health Week – Friday 9th February
- Half Term – Week beginning Monday 12th February
- Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 1st March
- World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

TERM DATES 2023/2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023							January 2024						
M		4	11	18	25		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29			
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February 2024							March 2024							April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
M		5	12	19	26		M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24				
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July 2024							August 2024						
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Su	7	14	21	28			Su	4	11	18	25		

Shropshire Council	
School Day	190 (+2)
School Holiday	
Bank Holiday	8
PD Days	5

Autumn 1st Half	40 days
Autumn 2nd Half	33 days
Spring 1st Half	28 days
Spring 2nd Half	25 days
Summer 1st Half	34 days
Summer 2nd Half	35 days
Staff Total	195 days
Pupil Total	192 days

(Pupils are required to attend for 190 days)

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This year's term dates, along with those for the 2024/2025 academic year, are also available on our [website](#). You will also find a full calendar of [events](#) which is updated throughout the year.