



Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2025/2026

2025	
Thursday 17th July	End of year Service, Yr6 Bowling Event
Friday 18th Jul	End of Summer Term
Tuesday 22nd – Friday 29th Aug	Summer Holidays
Autumn Term	
Monday 1st Sept	PD Day
Tuesday 2nd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Friday 24th Oct	PD Day
Monday 27th – Friday 31st Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd Nov	PD Day
Friday 19th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd Dec – Friday 2nd Jan 26	Christmas Holiday
2026	
Monday 5th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 6th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Monday 16th – Friday 20th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
Friday 27th Mar	End of Spring Term
Monday 30th Mar – Friday 10th Apr	Easter Holiday
Monday 13th Apr	Start of Summer Term
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Friday 17th Jul	End of Summer Term
Monday 20th Jul – Friday 28th Aug	Summer Holiday
Monday 31st Aug	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1st Sept	PD Day
Wednesday 2nd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Monday 26th – Friday 30th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Friday 18th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21st Dec – Friday 1st Jan 27	Christmas Holiday
2027	
Monday 4th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 5th Jan	Start of Spring Term

'WEAR IT WILD' DAY

The children looked brilliant on Friday, with their animal themed outfits.

Thank you for your kind donations to support the John Muir Trust. The Trust helps conserve our wonderfully wild places throughout the UK.

WELCOMING OUR NEW SENCO ASSISTANT

We are pleased to announce that from September 2025, Mrs McKinney will take on the role of SEND Assistant, supporting our current SENCO, Miss Dunleavy. She will be working in this role each Wednesday as she begins her training, including undertaking the National SENCO Award.

Over time, Mrs McKinney will work closely alongside Miss Dunleavy to develop her skills and knowledge, with the aim of gradually transitioning into the full SENCO role when the time is right.

We would also like to thank Mrs McCracken for her valued contributions as SEND Assistant. She will continue to be an important member of our school team in her ongoing role as Administrative Assistant.

Cathy Dunleavy
Headteacher

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Look on the school website and go to the Parents dropdown box, click on Newsletters and download the Summer Reading Challenge information and activity sheets to join in the fun or visit the local library. Starts from 5th July 2025.

<https://www.trefonenschool.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

HEADLICE

There have been reports of headlice being seen in hair again.

Could parents please check their children's hair for 'friends' and treat the hair accordingly. Thank you!

FOTS NEWS

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FOTS has lots of exciting events still to come this school year! If anyone can spare any time to help, please get in touch in person, on Facebook or email

friendsoftrefonenschool@gmail.com

Tuesday 15th July – Bag2School - This has now been postponed until September!

Friday 18th July – End of term picnic at the park

We invite you all to join us for a lovely picnic at the park – bring a blanket and buy a picnic bag! Forms sent out this week.

If anyone can spare any time to help, please get in touch in person, on Facebook or email friendsoftrefonenschool@gmail.com

SWIMMING ON MONDAY YEARS 4/5/6

The pupils have been participating brilliantly in their Swimming lessons at Oswestry School pool. Please can your child bring with them a t-shirt and shorts or pyjamas, on Monday. It is part of their swimming lessons, linked to water safety. They have a go at jumping in and swimming with them on. They will of course get very wet, so a spare plastic bag to pop them in would be brilliant.

Many thanks

YEAR 6 LEAVERS AND END OF YEAR SERVICE – ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Thursday 17th July 9.30am

We would like to invite parents and families to join us at our end of term service at All Saints Church on Thursday 17th July, starting at 9.30am.

This will be the last service for our Year 6s and we would like to celebrate all their wonderful effort and achievements throughout their time at Trefonen. We look forward to welcoming you.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

It has been an amazing week for Robins! Sports Day was brilliant with Robins taking part in all the events. Chirk Castle was a great day out. Robins were great ambassadors for our school. I had lots of comments from staff and members of the public regarding their excellent manners and behaviour. We explored the lovely castle gardens, visited the main rooms and tried on very heavy armour. In squirrel school Robins were artists, creating detailed pencil sketches of the landscape. It was lovely just sitting under shady trees, sketching and having our breacktime snacks. Reports went out on Thursday and Robins were told which class they will be moving into in September. It was all very exciting.

NIGHTINGALES

What a busy week! The children started the week with Sports Afternoon. The children all competed well in a full range of events. Most of all, they all had fun! We done to all!

They then had a fun morning creating their healthy pitta sandwiches, which they had designed. The children enjoyed chopping and creating their sandwiches.

On Wednesday we had a great time on our trip to Chirk Castle. The children were all brilliantly behaved and enjoyed the visit. They were surprised with how heavy the chain mail was.

PE next week will be on Monday and Friday.

Please can all children bring in a named bag next week so that they have something to carry their books etc home in.

Please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle every day. Make sure that your child's jumpers have their name in. Most importantly, remember to read regularly and write it in the reading record, stating what page you have read to.

WRENS

The Wrens are so busy in class! This week in Design Technology they have been designing and making their own creative salad to encourage more children to eat salads. Their ideas and creations have been amazing- we will pop some photos on the class Dojo page. We have seen fish, ladybirds, aliens, caterpillars, cats and even a horse sculpted out of salad items! The children practised grating, chopping, slicing, peeling and some very delicate knife skills.

We have also been practising ball skills in PE and extra outdoor time using our free-standing squash walls- they have really enjoyed improving their score at how many bounces against the net they can do. Well done to the Year Fours on their great swimming so far too.

In art we completed our collage pieces based on the work of Beatriz Milhaze, a Brazilian artist. The results are amazing and we will share those on our class page too.

We hope you enjoyed having a look at the children's work on Tuesday, if you were able to. They are proud of everything they have done this year. Don't worry if you couldn't make it, as the children can start to bring some books home from Monday. It would be great if they could bring a shopping bag, cloth bag etc in their book bags each day next week, for us to start organising this. We will send a few books each day, as they get quite heavy!

PUFFINS

This week, has been full of swimming and science! In swimming, we have been practising a variety of strokes and had fun floating and jumping in. The children have been brilliant, full of enthusiasm and energy.

In science, we have been researching Galileo and Sir Isaac Newton and designing science posters to put up in class. We have enjoyed using Newton meters to measure force, using a collection of objects from our classroom - including Percy Puffin!

On Wednesday, we planned and wrote stories, inspired by our book 'The Strange Case of Origami Yoda'. The stories use the same concept of a child using a wise toy/puppet to spread advice to friends. We look forward to sharing them in class next week.

HAWKS

The children in Hawks have really been enjoying their swimming sessions. We look forward to our remaining sessions and improving our confidence even more in the

different strokes. In computing, we have been programming quizzes for our partners, using the coding that we have learnt in previous sessions. The children have enjoyed being creative with their questions and thinking carefully about how to programme specific answers. We have also been preparing for the end of year service in the church. We look forward to showing you our part of the service and hope you enjoy it.

Our two remaining swimming sessions are on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July. Have a fantastic week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

In relation to the following notices the school accepts no responsibility for verifying the suitability of the providers for the events. Parents should exercise their own judgement.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church services are now generally at 10.00am on a Sunday though there are exceptions. Please try and arrive at the church with some time available to be shown to your seats.

JULY

July 13th – Open air service at The Green Man followed by BBQ – 10.00am

July 20th – Holy Communion – 10.00am

July 27th – Family Worship – 10.00am

Trefonen Church is open during the day at least between 10 and 4 and can be used for prayer and quiet reflection.

Go to <https://borderparishes.org.uk/index.php/trefonen/> for details.

Please note that the Church can be used as a drop off for the Foodbank.

EXPLORERS AT TREFONEN

Pre School places available September 2025.

Before school care available from 8.00am. Nursery session 9am – 3pm

After school care available until 5.45pm

Email: trefonen@explorerschildcare.co or call 01691 653512

STUDENT BUS TRAVEL - ARRIVA

If you're a student getting the bus to school, college or university make big savings on your travel and spread the cost of the ticket over affordable monthly payments when you pay by direct debit.

Reduced price bus travel for the academic year. Unlimited bus travel in your chosen Arriva Zone, 7 days a week. Convenient monthly direct debit. No minimum contract - cancel anytime. Contact – www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets

SHROPSHIRE HILLS DISCOVERY CENTRE

Lots of activities to do at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms – booking advised.

<https://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/>

FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

If anyone thinks that their child may be entitled to a Free School Meal, please complete the form online or visit the school website Parents – Lunch Menus - down load the form at the of the page.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/>

Don't forget there is lots of parent support available on our website:

<https://www.trefonenschool.co.uk/parent-support-1/>



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short).

Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare - finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.



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www.shropshire.gov.uk/fis

EMERGENCY CLOSURE INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency closure, we will alert you through ParentPay email alert. We will also post information on our school website and through the Shropshire Council website: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/primary-schools/>

Information will also be shared on Radio Shropshire 96FM

Newsletter Feedback

We'd love to have some feedback on our school newsletter and what you would like to see in it, in the future. Please send ideas through our parent contact email or let us know on the gate. Many thanks

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