



HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM

☺ Wishing everyone a fantastic half-term break - you've earned it! See you soon with more adventures to share! 🌈

Trefonen Hill Walk 24th– 26th May 2025

This great community event is taking place this weekend with many fantastic activities for you all to take part in and enjoy. It was lovely that Helen Francis could join our Creation Celebration and talk to us about the charities and for the children to design motivational posters to encourage the walkers. Have a great time!

LUNCH BOOKINGS

Our lunch provider is making some minor changes to the school menu and unfortunately, ParentPay staff are unable to amend the menu until just after the half term holiday.

Therefore, we advise you to only book for the first week back 2nd – 6th June, until the new menu is in place, as any bookings beyond the first week will be deleted once the new menu is uploaded. Thank you.

CREATION CELEBRATION

Thank you to all those who took the time to attend the Creation Celebration service today. Well done to all the children for their lovely singing and sharing their beautiful work.

SPORTY WORKSHOPS

We are excited to tell you about three workshops that we have booked in for after half term. All the activities have been funded with our Sports Premium funding. Children should wear their PE kits on all these dates.

Wednesday 4th June

Skateboard and scooters- a coach will work with each class during the day, teaching and practising skills. The younger classes will work on scooters and older classes on skateboards. All equipment and safety equipment will be brought in by the coach. The company have visited us before and it is always a very popular day with the children.

Tuesday 24th June

Brazil carnival dance workshops. A dance teacher from One Day Creative will be visiting us to look at different dance styles from Brazil and try out some moves!

Monday 30th June

Skipping workshops. A skipping coach from National skipping workshops will lead a session with each class developing their skipping skills and trying to master some skipping tricks. The day will finish with a whole school skipping assembly to celebrate achievements from the day. (Apologies to those children who are out a Marches School transition day- this was the only date available this term.)

MAY 8th - RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 PHOTOGRAPHS

For those parents who are yet to order **online**, they have until **Monday 2nd June 2025** to take advantage of free delivery back to school. We hope that you could send out the following communications to ensure that no-one misses out.

For free delivery to school on your child's Group photograph order by Monday 2nd June 2025.

Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk or call 01736 751555 for assistance.

Kind regards, Mandy

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Starting on Tuesday 3rd June for 5 weeks there will be a Marches Trust sports coach here to run a Multi Sports club for Years 3 to 6. Payment as usual via ParentPay.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

Ahoy Pirates! What a super week it has been for Robins. Our pirate day was fantastic. The children looked brilliant in their outfits. We had a day of building ships, finding buried treasure, making ancient maps and healthy pirate boats to eat.

In phonics this week reception have revisited some phase 3 phonics v, j and z while year 1 have been revisiting sounds taught so far. In English we wrote our own Pesky Pirate fact sheets and letters to Tom from our class story 'Night Pirates'. We told him how good we are as pirates.

In maths, reception have been comparing quantities within 10, while Year 1's have started been making arrays and counting in equal groups.

In science we have been learning more about insects and how we can group them together according to their features while in Geography we have been learning about cold places.

Things to remember:

Squirrel School – Thursdays (please remember wellies, gloves, hats, scarfs and an extra pair of socks).

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

NIGHTINGALES

Another busy week in Nightingales class. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been revising the phonemes we have covered so far. The Year 2 children have been completing reading comprehensions. In English, the children have been learning about using commas in lists.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been adding equal groups and making arrays. The Year 2 children have been learning about what three quarters is and counting in fractions.

The children enjoyed seeing that their seeds have started to grow and were looking at the shoots. They also replanted them outside. In geography, the children looked at what it was like in a cold place.

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WRENS

Our week has been even more exciting than usual, with our trip to Chester Zoo. The children behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the school. Having studied rainforests and the animals that inhabit these spaces, it was a great opportunity for Wrens Class to see them up close. They have written some wonderful recounts of what was a very magical day and created fact files on rainforests to give to the children in Nightingales.

As well as a zoo visit, the children have been finding out how fruit grows and the many ways in which seeds are dispersed and rehearsing their songs and their presentation for our Creation Celebration.

It's been a busy half term and you all deserve a wonderful half term break.


Reminders- please remember a water bottle each day (only water please). PE is still Wednesdays and Fridays for the next few weeks. Remember to record reading completed at home in reading records and don't forget our termly homework challenges and Activity Passport activities!

PUFFINS

Artistic magic happened in Puffins Class this week! Our little sculptors channelled their inner Henry Moore, creating amazing abstract masterpieces in clay. Check out their proud faces and fantastic work on Class Dojo!

From art to athletics, we've been keeping active! Swapped our running shoes for rounders bats on Thursday - nothing beats the summer buzz of a good game (Mrs Phillips agrees)!

Friday's creation celebration was absolutely wonderful! Your presence made our performance extra sparkly - those proud smiles during our song were priceless! ✨

 Our Year 4 superstars are working hard on their multiplication practice! Keep the maths momentum going at home with [BBC Supermovers](#) and [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#) - they're getting stronger every day!

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Changes to Puffins Class End of Day Pick-up

We are trialling Puffins' class leaving from the same exit as Nightingales and Wrens Classes. Please let us know at the gates and through our parentcontact email, if this is working better for you and your child. All children may use either gate in the morning. Many thanks

HAWKS

In Hawks Class we have been creating vector drawings on laptops - using circles and squares and modifying their shapes and sizes, the children were exploring how to create a 2D drawing with layers whilst using key controls, e.g copy and paste, rotate, shrink and enlarge. We have also been discussing mental health and sharing our ideas on scenarios where children have been in difficult situations: suggesting actions they may take to break the cycle before their mental health suffers. The children showed great maturity and empathy with this.

For our Creation Celebration, the children have been working hard to design their posters and create their presentation - we have all been very excited to show you what we have been working on and hope you enjoyed it!

The children have worked so hard this half-term and have earned a well-deserved break. I wish them all a great week off and look forward to seeing them after the holidays.

Friends of Trefonen School – (FoTS) SPRING NEWS

Don't forget - 7th June - Family bike ride at Lake Vyrnwy 9.30am.

FoTS Annual General Meeting

You're Invited!

Join us for the FoTS AGM

Date: Tuesday 10th June

Time: 7pm

Location: Barley Mow, Trefonen

We're looking for new faces and familiar ones too! Whether you want to get more involved or just show your support, everyone is welcome and no experience is needed!

We will be electing a new FoTS committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer)

This is a great opportunity to:

- Meet other parents
- Hear what FoTS has achieved
- Get involved; whether it's a little or a lot, every bit helps!

FoTS fundraising supports trips, pantos, and all sorts of extras that make our children's school experience even more special.

If you can't make it but still want to be involved, just let us know, you can join anytime!

We'd love to see you there and appreciate your support.

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.

MAY

May 25th – Morning Worship – 10.00am

JUNE

June 1st – Holy Communion – 10.00am

June 8th – Morning Family Worship – 10.00am

June 15th – Morning Family Worship – 10.00am

June 22nd – Morning Family Worship – 10.00am

June 29th – Benefice Service at Trefonen at 10.30am

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.

OSWESTRY COMMUNITY GAMES

FREE EVENT - Sunday 8th June at Cae Glas Park from 11am to 4pm.

Special guest is Kelda Wood MBE World record holder and Paralympic athlete.

Local sports clubs, dance groups, demonstrations, live music and lots more!

Find a new activity and have a go!
[Facebook.com/oswcommgames](https://www.facebook.com/oswcommgames)

FATHER'S DAY CRAFTS

On Tuesday 27th May, 2.00pm – 3.00pm there is a free drop-in craft session at Oswestry Library, parental supervision required.
For further information – call 01743 250351

FAMILY BOAT RIDES ON MONTGOMERY CANAL

Llanymynech Wharf (SY22 6EA) Saturday, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 18th April to 28th September 1.30pm to 4pm. Family Boat rides and fun trips on the Montgomery Canal. See news@themontgomerycanal.org.uk

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

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/>

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – TUESDAYS

Due to rapidly declining attendances, the Village Hall Community Cafe will now be open between 9.45 (not 9.00am as before) and 11.30am. Tea, Coffee and various cakes etc. All are welcome.

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

A friendly listening ear and practical advice on everything from behaviours that challenge to sleep issues. No judgment, just support, through this anonymous and confidential service. Call 01743 250950 Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm or Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm or email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

SHROPSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

The Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant universal service, which your families (and possibly you) may not know about.

The FIS brings together loads of useful, local information for families:

- Childcare or baby and toddler groups
- Holiday clubs, events and things to do as a family
- Parenting, relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing support
- Cost of Living info and advice

Families can subscribe to our newsletter <https://orlo.uk/5RvZN>

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

Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2025/2026

2025	
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (1)
Thursday 5 th June	Father's Day Wrap
Saturday 7 th June	FoTS Lake Vyrnwy Family Bike Ride
Tuesday 10 th June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (2), Crucial Crew am tbc
Thursday 12 th June	KS2 Sports Day am
Monday 16 th June	Yr6 Outdoor Pursuits tbc
Tuesday 17 th June	Yr5 Outdoor Pursuits tbc/Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (3)
Wednesday 18 th June	Yr4 Outdoor Pursuits
Tuesday 24 th June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (4)
Friday 27 th June	Economic Wellbeing Day tbc
Monday 30 th June	Yr6 Marches Transition Day (1)
Tuesday 1 st July	Yr6 Marches Transition Day (2)
Monday 7 th July	Swimming (1) tbc, KS1 Sports Day pm
Tuesday 8 th July	Swimming (2) tbc, Parent's Family Open Afternoon tbc
Wednesday 9 th July	Swimming (3) tbc
Thursday 10 th July	Swimming (4) tbc
Friday 11 th July	John Muir Discovery Award Wear It Wild Day
Monday 14 th July	Swimming (5) tbc
Tuesday 15 th July	Swimming (6) tbc
Thursday 17 th July	End of year Service tbc, Yr6 Bowling Event tbc
Friday 18 th Jul	End of Summer Term
Tuesday 22 nd – Friday 29 th Aug	Summer Holidays
Spring Term	
Monday 1 st Sept	PD Day
Tuesday 2 nd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Friday 24 th Oct	PD Day
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st Oct	Autumn Half Term
Monday 3 rd Nov	PD Day
Friday 19 th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22 nd Dec – Friday 2 nd Jan 26	Christmas Holiday
2026	
Monday 5 th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 6 th Jan	Start of Spring Term

www.trefonenschool.co.uk
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Have a lovely Half Term Holiday
and we will see you back
on Monday 2nd June.