



## **THEMED MENU FOR TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY**

There is a menu change on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** to the '**Great British Barbecue**'. Order your main or vegetarian choice as you would normally (ignore the actual menu on ParentPay) what the children get will be as below:

**Main:** BBQ Pulled Chicken bap (DF) with Fries and Sweetcorn

**Vegetarian:** Veggie burger (DF) with Fries and Sweetcorn

**Dessert:**

Chocolate Ice Cream OR Jelly

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## ***KS1 ATHLETICS COMPETITION***

This week, Year 2 children went to The Marches School to take part in the athletics competition.

We are really pleased to report that the children did extremely well and Trefonen School came first!

They were very proud to bring the trophy back to school.

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## **TRIPS ON PARENTPAY**

Several planned class trips are drawing close, as initially stated the school will not be able to run the trips, if not enough contributions have been made.

Could anyone who may have forgotten about their child's trip coming up please check their ParentPay items. Thank you

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## **RECYCLED PLANTER**

School Council pupils would like to enhance our playground area by making it lovely and colourful over the summer term. We would like the children to use a recycled container from home to make a planter, with which to decorate the playground.

If you have one that could be used, it would need to arrive in school the first week back after May half term and would need to be collected before the end of the term.

The planter will need the child's name on and there will be some small prizes for the best entries! Thank you from The School Council

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## **FoTS SPRING NEWS**

Please support FOTS on the **7<sup>th</sup> June - Family bike ride** at Lake Vyrnwy 9.30am. £5 per child, letters have gone out and slips need to be returned. If you have not received one please let the school office know.

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## **CLASS NEWS**

### **ROBINS**

What an exciting week it has been linked to VE Day. To celebrate we had a picnic in squirrel school, taking our delicious war time biscuits we made earlier with us and listened to music from that time. We watched the celebrations in London and learnt about why VE Day is celebrated.

In phonics, Reception have started phase 4, looking at CVCC words, while year 1 have learnt the phoneme /s/ written as c(e), c(i) & c(y).

In English we received a treasure map which was very exciting. We wrote speech bubbles and instructions to put with the pirates around our classroom. This is linked to our new class story 'The Night Pirates'.

In Maths, reception have been looking at doubles and number facts while Year 1's have started multiplication.

In Science we created a list of questions to answer to find out information that we want to know about insects. Next week we will find different ways to answer the questions.

This week in Art we have been creating our own sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy using natural art.

### **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**

A short week this week! In phonics the year 1 children have been learning the phonemes sc and se. The Year 2 children have been learning about suffixes (ing, ed, es). In English, the children wrote a letter pretending to be the giant from our story. In Maths, the Year 1 children have started a new unit on multiplication and division. They have been counting in twos and tens. The Year 2 children have been looking at quarters and thirds.

In Art, the children made artwork using natural items such as twigs, leaves etc. They were very good. The children also discussed what being endangered meant and worked together in groups to research an endangered animal.

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## **WRENS**

It has been an excellent week in Wrens Class. The children have been learning our song for the Creation Celebration, which is a tricky one, and have done so with gusto! During our music lessons, we have been starting our new topic 'Playing in a Band' over the past two weeks, and have loved singing and playing xylophones and glockenspiels to 'Love What We Do', our disco song. We have continued with our work on the rainforest and studied some of the animals that inhabit them and the children have researched their chosen animals – they have written fact files on them, producing some very impressive work. In P.E, we have been learning orienteering skills, which has been challenging but fun! We have learned about V.E day and had discussions about this historic event, with Thursday marking the 80th anniversary. Well done Wrens, a super week!

**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**

### Bwlytai Woods visit

This week we have been taking part in 'Spirited Arts Week' activities and 'Environment Day'. We spent a wonderful morning in Bwlytai woods. In the woods we sketched and painted - with watercolours and charcoal - the beautiful bluebells, which covered the woodland floor. We were also inspired by the mythical forest, Jub-Jub bird and the Bandersnatch, in the Jabberwocky (our poem in English), so we used our senses to generate phrases or poems. Here are some of our favourites:

- The enchanted, magical bluebells sway in the breeze,
- The sun was very bright but it felt cold in the shade,
- I can hear birdsong, smell wild garlic and feel soil on my hands.

We carried out important conservation work, by clearing pathways through the woods and space for the trees, which the Year 6s planted when they were in Puffins Class. We measured the trees (wild cherry, birch and elder) which were between approximately 46cm and 1.9m. We can't wait for the Year 6s to visit and see how much they have grown!

Through monitoring and exploring habitats we found that the diverse trees in this natural woodland, attracted lots of different birds which we identified by listening to bird song: wrens, robins, blue-tits, blackbirds, carrion crows, chiff chaffs and blackcaps. We smelt the pungent ramsons (wild garlic plant) and identified Herb-Robert and wood anemone flowers. Walking back, we saw mallard ducks and a tiny dipper, in the stream.

While in the woods, we thought about our theme for 'Spirited Arts Week' - Sacred Spaces - and how the tranquillity, beauty and calmness of nature and the wonder of

the wildlife made us feel. We also considered the 'Environment Day' theme of the effects of plastic on a habitat like this.

We are looking forward to visiting the woods again.

VE day was celebrated with a range of interesting activities and discussions.

### **Changes to Puffins Class End of Day Pick-up**

To help ease concerns about congestion and safety in the car park after school, we are trialling the pupils from 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**

The Year 6s have a special week coming up with their Year 6 SATs. Please can you help support them with early nights, lots of encouragement and special treats, all week! We all think our Year 6s are brilliant and this is their opportunity to show everyone how much they have learned. Thank you

In English the children have been analysing fairy tale characters and thinking about their common characteristics. They have also practised writing their own fairy tale based on the one we read. They are doing a brilliant job and are really engrossed in this topic. We look forward to applying all our learning in writing our own fairy tale later this term.

In Art, we have been exploring Benin masks, which ties in with our history topic from last term. We have learnt about their significance and have sketched a design based on a mask in the British Museum. Later this term the children will go on to design a mask with materials, which I am sure they are going to really enjoy.

We have also celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day in class by hearing from a war veteran, thinking about how the British values were represented through this period and the children have used their creativity to make a poem, a speech, or a poster based on this significant day. We look forward to showcasing these in class and showing off the children's wonderful creativity!

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### **TCS MINI MARATHON**

Over the next few weeks the children will be taking part in the TCS mini marathon in school. Inspired by the amazing runners in the London Marathon at the weekend, children are invited to join in by completing two miles (this can be broken into smaller distances) to earn a trophy for the school.

We were also one of the lucky schools to register first and receive mini badges for all of the children who complete the distance.

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## **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 11<sup>th</sup> – Morning Worship – 10.00am

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion Service 10.00am

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Morning 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.

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### **FAMILY BOAT RIDES ON MONTGOMERY CANAL**

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

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### **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](mailto:trefonen@explorerschildcare.co) or call 01691 653512

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### **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/>

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

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### **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>

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### **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

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## Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2025/2026

<b>2025</b>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross country race at The Marches
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FoTS Non-uniform for Father's Day Wrap/ Creation Celebration tbc
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (1)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Wrap
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (2), Crucial Crew am tbc
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 Outdoor Pursuits tbc
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr5 Outdoor Pursuits tbc/Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (3)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr4 Outdoor Pursuits
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (4)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Economic Wellbeing Day tbc
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr6 Marches Transition Day (1)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr6 Marches Transition Day (2)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day KS1 pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming (1) tbc
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming (2) tbc, Parent's Family Open Afternoon tbc
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming (3) tbc
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming (4) tbc
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	John Muir Discovery Award Wear It Wild Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming (5) tbc
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming (6) tbc
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year Service tbc, Yr6 Bowling Event tbc
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	End of Summer Term
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Summer Holidays
<b>Spring Term</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	PD Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PD Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Autumn Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	PD Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 26	Christmas Holiday
<b>2026</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring Term

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