



## **WELCOME BACK**

We hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the warmer weather.

This half term is going to be super busy as it is only 4 weeks and it includes Yr 6 Mock SATS and SATS and a Bank Holiday!

Please help pupils apply sun cream at home and bring in a water bottle and cap/sunhat this term. Thank you

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## **SCHOOL OFSTED INSPECTION**

Many thanks to all of the parents and pupils who supported us with our Ofsted Inspection. We were delighted that our inspection identified so many strengths that make our school such a happy and thriving place where all children can flourish.

Here are just a few of our best bits:

- *The school is ambitious for all of its pupils and leaders act in the best interests of pupils*
- *The school has high expectations of all pupils*
- *All pupils learn an ambitious curriculum*
- *Pupils' wider development is a strength in the school.*
- *All pupils have ample opportunities to extend their horizons and broaden their interests.*
- *Pupils enjoy many extra-curricular trips and activities*
- *Pupils enjoy coming to this school*
- *They (pupils) feel safe and say there is no bullying*
- *Pupils are usually very happy, polite and confident*
- *They (pupils) behave well and work eagerly in lessons*
- *They enjoy talking to each other using the attractive and well-resourced playground'*
- *They (staff) provide extra help quickly, including to pupils with special educational needs and or disabilities*
- *Staff know and care for pupils very well*

Areas to continue to develop:

1. Improving early years writing even further
2. Introducing new ways of communicating with parents
3. Provision of further staff training to enhance pupil support.

You can read the full inspection report on our school website: <https://trefonen-ce-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/ofsted-and-performance-data/>

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## **ALL ABOUT US – Summer Term Stakeholder Consultation**

The views of staff, pupils, parents, governors and other community members deepen leaders' understanding of the most pressing needs of Trefonen School community. With this in mind, we would like to ask for your participation in our Summer Term Stakeholder Consultation. You can share your views by completing the online survey at the following <https://forms.office.com/e/MYV2YNpuct> or alternatively using the scan code below, which will be on the school gates next week. This closes 20<sup>th</sup> May.



We believe school is a key part in developing children's characters and is also a place to build relationships. We would like to find out what you think about our school and the things you feel are important. We would like to use your answers to help us refresh and update our **school's Christian Vision**.

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## **ROBINS AND NIGHTINGALES AT HOME TIME**

Due to increased numbers of parents at the KS1 gates, could we ask Robins and Nightingales parents to come forward and make themselves easier to see for their children. Thank you

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## **KS1 CHIRK CASTLE TRIP**

We are expecting to take Robins and Nightingales on an educational trip to Chirk Castle next half term, although this can only take place if we have received enough contributions to fund the trip.

Contributions need to have been received via ParentPay ideally by 9<sup>th</sup> May for us to book the required transport and the venue. Thank you.

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## **OUTDOOR ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES YEARS 4/5/6**

We are expecting to take Years 4/5/6 on outdoor adventurous days, although this can only take place if we have received enough contributions to fund the trip.

Pupils have received a letter explaining this.

Contributions need to have been received via ParentPay ideally by 31<sup>st</sup> May for us to book the required instructors and transport. Thank you.

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## **HAWKS CLASS - CRUCIAL CREW**

We are expecting to take Hawks Class on an educational trip to the Flaxmill Shrewsbury next half term, although this can only take place if we have received enough contributions to fund the trip. Pupils have received a letter explaining this.

Contributions need to have been received via ParentPay ideally by 31<sup>st</sup> May as a contribution towards transport to the venue. Thank you

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## **SPORTS CLUBS IN SUMMER TERM**

These are the clubs running this half term:-

**Mondays – Cricket Club** with a ‘Chance to Shine’ cricket coach.  
**Years 3 and 4 for 4 weeks** (28<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun) Cost £12.00  
13 places available - **2 spaces left.**

Followed by . . .

**Mondays – Cricket Club** with a ‘Chance to Shine’ cricket coach.  
**Years 5 and 6 for 4 weeks** (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Jun) Cost £12.00  
13 places available - **6 places left.**

**Tuesdays – Multi Sports** run by a Marches Academy sports coach.  
**Years 5 and 6 for 4 weeks** (29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> May) Cost £12.00  
13 places available – **10 places left.**

**Thursdays – Multi Sports** run by a Marches Academy sports coach.  
**Years 1 and 2 for 9 weeks** (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July) Cost £27.00  
13 spaces available. **Fully booked**

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## **CROSS COUNTRY RACE – 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2025**

An impressive twenty-one pupils took part in the Cross-country race at The Marches on Thursday. It was a really hot day and the race organisers very sensibly shortened the routes and started the races in the shade, where the children could wait for their race.

In the Year 3/4 Girls' race were: Betsi, Emilia, Marni, Katie, Seren, Sofia and Maecy. They had a fantastic start and ran brilliantly, all smiling at the finish! The Year 3/4 Boys' team were very excited to get started. They were: Dylan, Sam, Finn, Harry, Owen and Rory. They were really fast and supportive of each other. Next came the Year 5/6 girls' team who were Josie, Penelope, Mia, Maggie and Abi. The girls were great and were happy with their performances. Finally came the Year 5/6 boys' race. We only had one runner, Mabon, who came a brilliant 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

As always, the Trefonen racers were amazing!

The next race is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at The Marches. It would be great to see you all there again.

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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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### **OUR VALUES CURRICULUM**

We hope that you will support this month's 'value': May: LOVE

We will be thinking about: **Caring**    **Thoughtfulness**    **Sharing**    **Empathy**  
**Appreciation**    **Forgiveness**    **Trust**    **Understanding**

Thought of the month:

*'Love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and who so-ever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is done well.'*

Vincent Van Gough

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### **CLASS NEWS**

#### **ROBINS**

A very hot and busy week back for Robins! In English we have been writing 'wanted posters', describing the wolf from our class story, while the year 1's rewrote the story changing the main character.

In maths, Reception were introduced to rekenreks, a counting frame used to develop number sense. Year 1's completed their maths outside which was exciting, comparing mass and solving problems.

In science we started a new topic, 'On Safari'. We discussed what we could use to find bugs and how handle them carefully. We took our equipment to squirrel school and went bug hunting while picking daisies and dandelions along the way. 😊

This term's art focuses on the artist 'Andy Goldsworthy'. This week we started to talk like artists, using key vocabulary to describe our feelings towards pieces of his work and create our own art using natural resources.

In computing we have started to look at the programming app 'scratch'. We learnt to click and drag blocks to programme the sprite, so it could move in different directions.

#### **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**

What a great week back! The Year 1 children have been working on the phonemes c, k and ck in phonics. The Year 2 children were still working on words ending in al, el and le. In English, we started work on our new book, Jim and the Beanstalk. The children enjoyed predicting what they thought would happen in the book.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been working on capacity. The Year 2 children have been looking at equal and non-equal parts and then started looking at what a half is.

In computing, the children were using ScratchJr to make the sprites move around the screen. In PE, the children enjoyed their session with the cricket coach. In RE, the children looked at what makes a good leader.

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## **WRENS**

Welcome back Wrens! We would also like to welcome both Mrs McKinney and Miss Humphreys to our Wrens team. Mrs McKinney will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays and Miss Humphrey's will be supporting in the afternoons. This week, we began our new geography topic on South America. We looked at a map of the continent and found out which countries are located here. We will be 'zooming in' to Brazil and Rio De Janeiro over the next few weeks. We will be finding out about the physical features of the country, including its rainforests. To help us with our research of birds and animals of the rainforest, we are hoping to visit Chester Zoo and the children have all received a letter with the details.

We also began to learn about artist Beatrice Milhaze. She lives in Rio and creates collages inspired by the nature all around her, including the rainforests. We are looking forward to creating our own pieces in her style.

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**

Welcome back Puffins! We would also like to welcome both Mrs McKinney and Miss Humphreys to our Puffins team. Mrs McKinney will be teaching the class on Mondays and Miss Humphreys will be supporting in the afternoons.

Puffins have enjoyed starting the Summer term with athletics in PE and have been focusing on running and throwing this week. We sprinted 50m and 80m distances and participated in ball throw and javelin.

In Art, we have been looking at the sculptor Henry Moore and focused on his bronze statues representing a family unit. We have drawn some wonderful sketches of our own 'family units' too, including lots of pets.

Our English for the next couple of weeks is based on the nonsense poem The Jabberwocky, by Lewis Carroll from Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There, 1871. So expect lots of strange words!

### **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**

It has been a great first week back at school. The weather has been sunny so we have taken to the field to do some athletics practice.

In English we have moved on to try fairy tale writing. We have read several Grimm Tales this week to expose the children to the common characteristics and language that is used across fairy tales. This helps the children to understand the features to include, when they write their own fairy tales.

In Geography we are now learning about rainforests. Why we should look after them and why are they important to us? Next week the Year 6 children will practise their mock SATs.

During this hot weather can children please bring in sun cream and a sun hat, especially on PE days, to protect them from the sun. Thank you!

### **REMEMBER**

Reading with your child for a few minutes each day is one of the most important things you can do to help raise their vocabulary and interest in books.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion Service 10.00am

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>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>VE Day, Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Environment day</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Cross country race at The Marches</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>FoTS Non-uniform for Father's Day Wrap/ Creation Celebration tbc</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Summer Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (1)</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Father's Day Wrap</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (2), Crucial Crew am tbc</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr6 Outdoor Pursuits tbc</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr5 Outdoor Pursuits tbc/Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (3)</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr4 Outdoor Pursuits</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (4)</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Economic Wellbeing Day tbc</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Yr6 Marches Transition Day (1)</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Yr6 Marches Transition Day (2)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day KS2 am, KS1 pm</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Swimming (1) tbc</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Swimming (2) tbc, Parent's Family Open Afternoon tbc</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Swimming (3) tbc</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Swimming (4) tbc</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>John Muir Discovery Award Wear It Wild Day</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Swimming (5) tbc</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Swimming (6) tbc</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of year Service tbc, Yr6 Bowling Event tbc</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>End of Summer Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Start of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 26</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>2026</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>

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