



LEFT LUNCH BOXES AND LOST UNIFORM

If your child is missing a lunch box, a drinks bottle or an item of uniform, please ask staff at the gate, if you can look on the trolley. Thank you.

Don't forget, when we come back, Year 6 pupils are able to wear their hoodies!

BOOKING SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to book your child on for a school dinner for when the children return on Monday 28th April. Thank you.

Thank you for joining us for our Easter service on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many of you and it makes it extra special for the children.

HAPPY EASTER 😊

Facts About Easter

Eggs are a prominent symbol of Easter, representing new life and rebirth.

It is the primary festival in the Christian calendar.

2,500 years ago the ancient Persians decorated eggs for Persian new year and here, in medieval times, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, making them a special Easter treat.

BISHOPS' VISIT - MONDAY

It was lovely to meet Bishop Michael and Bishop Sarah, on Monday, while they visited Trefonen on their pilgrimage. They had a lovely time talking to the children and having lunch with them on the playground. We all wished them well on the rest of their journey.

YEAR 4 SIX-ASIDE MIXED FOOTBALL COMPETITION

A super Year 4 Football Team played at The Marches Football Festival on Wednesday. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the team were excellent. There were many amazing saves by our brilliant goal keepers: Sam, Finn, Rory and Harry. Tristan, Emilia, Katie and Nancy all had some great tackles and passes in defence. Every child played in every match because they were so intense; sometimes changing positions but always participating brilliantly. The team played four action-packed games which were all close, the scores were: The Meadows 2 Trefonen 0; Bryn Offa 2 Trefonen 0; Cockshutt 3 Trefonen 0 and Whittington 3 Trefonen 0. We all learned lots about the game and even though no goals were scored by our team we enjoyed every minute!

SCIENCE WORKSHOP

On Friday, Mrs Ellison and Benjamin visited all the classes to deliver a fascinating interactive workshop on the immune system. There were lots of amazing facts to learn and great questions from the pupils. One pupil in the Puffins Class was delighted to win a microscope because of their excellent knowledge! Thank you Mrs Ellison and Benjamin ☺

SPORTS CLUBS IN SUMMER TERM

After Easter we are pleased to provide the following sports clubs, please you're your child on to ensure a space.

Mondays – Cricket Club with a 'Chance to Shine' cricket coach.
Years 3 and 4 for 4 weeks (28th April, 12th, 19th May and 2nd Jun) Cost £12.00
13 places available.

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Mondays – Cricket Club with a 'Chance to Shine' cricket coach.
Years 5 and 6 for 4 weeks (9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Jun) Cost £12.00
13 places available.

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

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

Booking is via ParentPay.

FoTS SPRING NEWS

Thank you to all those who baked or bought cakes at the cake sale on Monday, it all helps.

So far we have raised a fantastic £2479.17, thank you for your support with all the events so far. We are hoping to surpass the £3000 target set at the AGM which will allow us to say yes to more extras for all our children at school.

Where has this money been spent?

As well as funding the Christmas activities this term we have paid for the visit from the Snake man during Science Week, part funded the y6 leavers hoodies, part funded the Puffins class trip to Xplore and coming up we are funding the y6 leavers bowling trip, the new starters book bags and part funding trips for the other classes.

7th June - Family bike ride at Lake Vyrnwy 9.30am. £5 per child, letters to follow the Easter holiday.

- **Fathers' Day Wrap**
 - **Summer Fayre**
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CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week in maths, Reception have been comparing numbers that are far apart, near and next to each other, while Year 1 have been comparing the mass of objects. In English we have been using adjectives to describe characters and settings. In phonics both year groups have been reviewing all taught sounds so far.

It's been a lovely, sunny week for Robins. They have been busy outside planting tomatoes, making mountains and volcanoes in the wild area and setting up a washing area for their baby clothes. This has been linked to their topic on keeping healthy and hygiene.

Robins have been super busy this week making lots of Easter crafts and they loved performing their Easter song in church. Thank you to everyone who has joined our dojo page 😊

Have a great Easter break, Mrs Geran.

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 final week of the term. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been practising their segmenting and blending. The Year 2 children have been continuing to work on suffixes. In English, they have been writing about the Easter story.

In maths the Year 1 children have been continuing their work on measures. The Year 2 children have been looking at temperature and reading thermometers.

In PE the children have started athletics and throwing with increasing accuracy. In science, the children have been looking at the signs of Spring and seasonal changes. The children have had great fun with a range of Easter craft.

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Have a great Easter holiday!

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WRENS

Over the past few weeks, on Thursdays, Wren Class have enjoyed learning about the poetry of Michael Rosen. We have learnt about the use of homophones and homonyms to create images for the reader/audience. Last week we wrote our own versions of 'Imagine' and this week we presented them with illustrations to create a class poetry collection. Please remind us to show you next time you visit our class - we are very proud of our work.

To complete our Science topic of 'Living Things', we researched animals that are vital to the survival of all living things on Earth. Using what we found out, we designed posters using PicCollage. We inserted text, images, backgrounds and animations. Next term PE will continue as Wednesdays and Fridays. Water bottles, Reading Records and reading books are needed every day.

Thank you for all of the support you continue to give our class in hearing them read, to learn their times tables/number facts and to be ready for their busy days of learning.

We wish you a wonderful Easter break,
Mrs Drury, Miss Lumley, Mrs Morris and Miss Taylor

PUFFINS

This week we have taken part in a really interesting debate about the merits of life in Anglo-Saxon Britain compared to life in the Indus valley (civilization). The debating teams had compelling arguments and raised interesting counter arguments, trying to persuade the undecided pupils. They used facts and reasoning very efficiently. Well done Puffins!

We enjoyed reading prayers, showing our Easter decorations, singing Easter songs and sharing readings, in church on Thursday. Thank you for joining us and making it extra special.

We have now completed our gymnastic routines in PE and enjoyed using the climbing equipment, A-frames and benches - in the hall. We are now looking forward to athletics, cricket and rounders - in the Summer term.

The pupils have been amazing all term and worked really hard - enjoy the Easter break from all of us in the Puffins Class.

Changes to Puffins Class End of Day Pick-up

To help ease concerns about congestion and safety in the car park after school, **after the Easter holidays** we would like to trial 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 children have been busy completing their bag designs in class with lots of different patterns and design ideas. They are looking brilliant! Well done to all of the children for showing great perseverance and resilience. When faced with challenges their attitudes have been exemplary, and it is no surprise their bags look as good as they do. They will be able to take these home and share them with you at a later date, which I am sure they are all looking forward to doing.

We have also been outside on the field enjoying the sun and learning how to play rounders this week.

The children have worked incredibly hard this term and deserve a well-earned break. Mr Wilson and Mrs Jenkins wish you all an amazing Easter holiday and we will see you all in two weeks.

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.

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.

April 13th – Palm Sunday Service – 10.00am

April 18th – Good Friday Service of Reflection – 3.00pm

April 19th – Family Easter Celebration with children's activities and BBQ – 3.00pm – 4.30pm

April 20th – Holy Communion Service – 11.00am

April 27th – 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.

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 14 th Apr – Friday 25 th Apr	Easter Holiday
Monday 28 th Apr	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 1 st May	Cross country race Marches
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am
Thursday 9 th May	School Environment day
Thursday 15 th May	Cross country race Marches
Friday 23 rd May	FoTS Non-uniform for Father's Day Wrap/ Creation Celebration tbc
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
Tuesday 10 th June	Yr6 Marches Extra Transition Day (2), Crucial Crew am tbc
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)
Thursday 3 rd July	Sports Day KS2 am, KS1 pm
Monday 7 th July	Swimming (1) tbc
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

