



BISHOPS' VISITS - MONDAY 7th APRIL

We are really looking forward to Monday 7th April, when Michael Bishop of Lichfield and Sarah Area Bishop of Shrewsbury will visit the school between 11.30am and 1.15pm. This is part of their Lent Pilgrimage around the Diocese prior to Easter. They are walking between the church at Llanyblodwel and the Parish church in Oswestry stopping for Lunch at the school and meeting the Children and staff.

EASTER SERVICE

We are looking forward to sharing our Easter Service with you at All Saints Church at 9.30am on Thursday 10th April.

Cross-country Club and races at The Marches

The final Cross-country club is on Wednesday 9th April - thank you to all the brilliant cross-country runners who have been taking part every week. They have been amazing at choosing and organising warm-ups and running activities.

RACES: There are two race days, in the Summer term, at The Marches – Thursday 1st May and Thursday 15th May

All of the pupils who attend Cross-country club will soon receive a race letter and it would be lovely to see them representing Trefonen. Please complete the slip and return it before the Easter holidays, as the first race is in the first week back. Further details are on the letters and parents/carers are able to spectate in a designated area, on the playing field. Please arrange transport for your child to/from the venue. Please keep in mind there is no parking available on the Marches school site. Races start at 4pm. Thank you, Mrs Phillips

PRODUCT SAFETY NOTICE - Year 5 and Year 6 MOTORISED VEHICLES

Parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 will have received a **Product Safety Notice** message from us, regarding concerns relating to the batteries used in the **motorised vehicles**, which children may have brought home after making them in the Summer term 2024 or Autumn term 2024. If you still have the vehicle, please return it to school so that we can replace the alkaline batteries with chloride batteries, as suggested. Thank you, Mrs Phillips

KS1 GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Last week, a group of children from Nightingales class took part in the KS1 Gymnastics Festival at the Marches. They all performed the routines very well and gained lots of golds and silvers. They were very excited when they came third overall. Well done!

NORTH SHROPSHIRE NETBALL FINALS

On Monday, our netball team, who were joint winners of the Oswestry area netball tournament, travelled to Ellesmere College to compete in the North Shropshire finals. All the teams there had won their area tournaments. The teams were split into two groups of four and the top team from each were to play in the final. Our team played superbly! In their first match they won 3-0, the second match was so close until a few minutes before the end, where the other team scored three quick goals and we lost 5-2. The score really didn't reflect how well we had played. In our final match we won 5-1, playing absolutely brilliantly. We didn't make it to the final this time, as the team that beat us had also won their other matches. In the prize giving at the end, two of our team members were awarded School Games values medals- Mabon for 'Self-belief' and Olivia for 'Passion'. The children were spotted during the morning by umpires. We were very proud of our performance. Well done team- Amber, Charlie, Byron, Chloe, Emily, Olivia and Mabon.

OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

This month's 'School Value' is: **TRUST**

In class we will be thinking about: Belief, Faith, Hope, Dependence, Expectation, Confidence, Reliance, Honesty, Forgiveness.

Thought of the month:

'Without Faith, Hope and Trust, there is no promise for the future, and without a promising future, life has no direction, no meaning and no justification. Adlin Sinclair

SPORTS CLUBS IN SUMMER TERM

After Easter we are pleased to provide the following sports clubs:

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 will be via ParentPay from April 1st.

FoTS SPRING NEWS

Please support our upcoming events all to raise money to support trips and treats for our children throughout the year.

4th April - Tonight is our Easter Bingo - For all of the Family! Refreshments from 6pm, Eyes Down at 6:30pm. Raffle on the night too! Please bring Cash!

4th April - Last day for Disco Replies Please send in Slips & £5 (Snack & Drink included!) to school.

7th April - Cake Sale after school in Playground (School Hall of Raining!) - £1 per Cake - Donations of cakes & Bakes Appreciated!

10th April - School Disco

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) 3:45-4:15pm

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 4:30-5:15pm

7th June - Family bike ride at Lake Vyrnwy 9.30am. More info to follow.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week in maths, reception have been reviewing the composition of the numbers 6 to 9, using the structure of 5 and a bit, while Year 1 have continuing to learn about measure. In phonics year one have been learning eer (deer), ere (here), are (share) & ear (bear), while reception learnt air (hair), ure (pure) & er (ladder). In English, we have been understanding and using new vocabulary within the story for example; yarn, keg and ferocious. In writing we have been creating 'warnings' to give Little Red, to keep him safe.

In PE we have learnt to control a ball, keep score and play team games. This week in PSHE we have been looking at road safety and the people who help us stay safe. We learnt the road safety code and how this can help us.

Over the next week or so you should receive an email from me requesting you to join our 'Dojo' group. This is a safe and simple communication app for teachers, parents, and students. I have also been on a two day outdoor learning course with the Shropshire Wildlife Trust. I can't wait to share what I have learnt with the children. It's all very exciting 😊

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

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

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NIGHTINGALES

A busy week this week in Nightingales. The Year 1 children have been learning the phonemes ear and air. The Year 2 children have started looking at suffixes. In English, they have been finishing off their stories.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been continuing to work on their measures unit. The year 2 children have been measuring in kilograms and millilitres.

In music, the children have been playing their recorders along with bits of music. In history, the children learned about Amelia Earhart. In science, they looked at what a food chain is and how they work.

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WRENS

This week we have been busy working on our DT project, where we are designing and making a purse/ wallet. We made templates (patterns) of our purses and had a practise at pinning them to a piece of jay cloth. We then learn how to cut it out carefully and then practised our sewing on the cloth before starting our real piece. Next, we chose a piece of coloured felt for our purse and repeated the process. The children worked so carefully, learning lots of new, quite fiddly skills and they did so well. Mrs Edwards worked with us on Tuesday morning and commented on how beautifully behaved and polite the children were as she was supporting them. Well done Wrens, your purse/ wallets are coming on so well. We will add some photos to the Wrens class page, when we have finished to show them off!

Reminders- please remember to keep reading at home and make a note in reading records.

As next week is our last week before the Easter holidays, we would love to see how children are getting on with their Activity Passports and Termly Homework activities. Children can bring Passports and photos or posters that they have made and we can share them in class.

PUFFINS

We had a really exciting time at Xplore, in Wrexham, on Tuesday. We interacted with the many installations; took part in a fun Magic Materials workshop; enjoyed lunch with our friends and even had time to visit the Science shop too. Here's what we thought and learnt...

"It was really fun and I learned lots about electricity and wind power."

"I liked the hamster wheel and creating energy on it."

"We found out about the viscosity of fluids."

"Magic tricks were explained through science."

Our DT projects have been completed this week and we have been very pleased to be able to take them home. We worked really hard on our stitching, choice of fabrics, decorative work and colour combinations. DT is such a brilliant subject, which is full of challenges and great to develop our resilience too. Another HUGE thank you to Mrs Bowie who has been patiently assisting pupils with their zips and also to all the parents who kindly donated the fabulous fabrics, that made our products possible 😊 Please keep looking out for the brilliant photos, which will be up on the website soon of our educational visit and DT products.

Reminders: PE - Please can all pupils wear shorts and a white t-shirt on PE days, for the next two weeks (for our gymnastic lessons). They can bring in tracksuit bottoms to pop over the top if it gets cold but must wear shorts to access the climbing equipment in the hall.

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

This week at school the children have been finished publishing their narratives. We have shared our favourite sections of our narratives with the class and the children have really enjoyed showcasing some of their amazing writing. Next, and for our final writing piece this term, we look forward to writing a persuasive blurb based on our story in English.

In D&T we are beginning to design our bags, and the children are now applying their stitching practice to bring their designs to life. We look forward to working hard on these in the last week to make them look amazing like the designs we have planned. In RE we have been learning about the significance of the Communion and Eucharist and how the bread and wine symbolise the body and blood of Jesus and the sacrifice he made to relieve us of our sins.

We have also been out enjoying the sun and finishing our tennis and football units in PE with some key skills games and competitive matches.

It has been great to see some children from Hawks Class making the effort to be more active on their journeys to school as part of the Big Walk and Wheel event we have promoted in school - keep it up!

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 6th – Holy Communion – 9.30am

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

HOLIDAY CLUB

Moreton Hall is running a Holiday Club over Easter, ages 5 – 13.

Refreshments and a hot lunch included. Go to:

https://moretonhall.org/event_item/holiday-club/

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 AICO EASTER KIDS CLUB

Fun, creative and educational activities for years 3 – 6.

FREE Easter holiday club based at Aico in Oswestry. The 4 All Foundation are the charity arm of The Marches Academy Trust and will be running the programme. Spaces are limited! They can email info@4all.foundation to book.

Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and 25th April, 9am – 3pm

At Aico, Maesbury Road, Oswestry, SY10 8NR

ANY SINGERS FOR A TREFONEN HILLWALK CHOIR?

After the fantastic performance the Trefonen school singers gave at Christmas for the Church, we've been asked if we can get another group of singers together to perform as part of the Trefonen Hillwalk Weekend (23-26 May). This will include singing at the church the morning of 25th May. If your child(ren) would like to take part please contact Fiona Ellis 07759 556541.

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

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| 2025 | |
| Monday 7 th April | FoTS Cake Sale after school |
| Thursday 10 th April | Easter Service at All Saints Church, FoTS Disco |
| Friday 11 th Apr | End of Spring Term |
| 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 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 | |

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| 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 |
| 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 |

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