



## **BALANCE BIKE TRAINING YEAR 3**

Don't forget that on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Year 3s will have Balance Bike training. If you wish your child to bring in their bike, the bike can be left in the hall over night. Otherwise complete the form for a bike to be provided.

This is run as part of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week, aiming to get more people out cycling and walking.

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## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking to build a list of parent / carer volunteers who are willing and able to help to support classes during Educational visits. The role of Educational Visit Volunteers is generally to take responsibility for a small group of pupils under the direction of the teacher who is leading the visit.

This is a specific support role. It is not about just joining the class visit with your own child. If the visit includes your child we would aim to ensure that your child is included within your assigned group of children.

If you would be interested in supporting our school as an Educational Visits Volunteer, please let us know. We would need to ask you to complete a safeguarding check and we would help you to do this.

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## **YEAR 5 STEAM EVENT**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Year 5s went to The Marches to take part in the STEAM Event. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. The Year 5 pupils had a brilliant morning taking part in all of the activities and touring the school. They had a wonderful time exploring and reading books in the library. For science, they gazed up at the solar system (and beyond) in the planetarium, whilst learning about stars, space and planets. In art, they carefully created wonderful flowers from pipe cleaners and paper cups. In Design technology, they used the coping saws and clamps to create unique designs out of wood. The pupils had a great morning and we would all like to thank The Marches school for this super opportunity.

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## **THANK YOU**

A parent donated a CD player to the school so now at lunchtime, the children have been listening to the music as well as singing and dancing. They have enjoyed the experience and it has helped to create a really positive atmosphere.

Thank you.

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## **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** (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.

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**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.

**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

**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

Booking will be via ParentPay from April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **KEY STAGE 2 ELITE GYMNASTICS COMPETITION**

On Thursday five of our Key Stage Two pupils took part in the elite category of a gymnastics competition held at Border Counties Gym. They all took part in vault, performing two vaults each and floor, where they all presented a set routine. The team - Olivia, Nancy, Emily, Ariella and Emilia were absolutely excellent, demonstrating such skill and control in all aspects of the competition.

After all the schools had competed, we sat for the presentations and were absolutely delighted to hear that our team had finished in first place! We also heard that Emilia, was the 3<sup>rd</sup> top scoring girl overall, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> and Olivia 1<sup>st</sup>- from all the girls who had competed in the events. Incredible work girls, you really were fantastic! Well done for all your hard work practising for the event and thank you to the parents who have been supporting you.

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## **MOTHER’S DAY WRAP**

Thank you to all those who brought in gifts and money for Mother’s Day Wrap. Also thank you to those members of FoTS who gave their time to come in to organise and supervise the activity for each class in the school hall. It was much appreciated by staff and we are sure it will be appreciated by the mums too!

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## **FoTS SPRING NEWS**

We have some lovely fundraising events coming up this term.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Bingo - For all of the Family! Refreshments from 6pm, Eyes Down at 6:30pm. Raffle on the night too! Please bring Cash!

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Last day for Disco Replies, Please send in Slips & £5 (Snack & Drink included!) to school.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Cake Sale after school in Playground (School Hall of Raining!) - £1 per Cake - Donations of fakes & Bakes Appreciated!

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** - School Disco  
KS1 ( Reception, Year 1 & 2) 3:45-4:15pm  
KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 4:30-5:15pm

We hope Puffins enjoy their trip to Xplore part funded by FoTS and that the year 6 children like their leavers hoodies that FoTS paid towards.

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## **TERMLY CHALLENGES**

We would like to encourage all children and their families to take part in one home activity or holiday project a term.

Your child can bring them into school at any time to share and celebrate them in class. There are different challenges each term, this term includes either an arts, a science, community or literary challenge:

### **Values Challenge: Arts Focus**

Create an artistic representation of one of our school values to share with your class.

### **Science Challenge:**

Plan and try out an investigation to enter the Spring Term Science Fair.

### **Community Challenge:**

Can you suggest a way to improve our local community?

Design a poster with your brilliant ideas to bring to school and share with our school community.

### **Why do Animals Matter?**

Please reflect and think with care about humanity's relationship with the other animals who share the earth with us.

Write a poem dedicated to an animal in your life and perform it in the Poetry Recitals at school.

Which one inspires you?

Don't forget your **Activity Passports**, bring them in after half term to show to your class!

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## **SUSTRANS BIG WALK AND WHEEL**

Trefonen School is taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April. It is free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

Try to walk, cycle or scoot to school as many days as possible during the event or meet up with someone to walk in together. Bikes and Scooters will be able to be kept on the playground during the day.

This event is a great way to improve physical and mental health.

There is a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school on:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/> or [www.bigwalkandwhell.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwhell.org.uk)

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## **CLASS NEWS**

### **ROBINS**

This week in maths, Reception have been looking at composition, looking at the numbers 5, 6 & 7, while Year 1 have started measure, looking at length & height. In phonics year one has been consolidating their learning of phonics taught this term, while reception have learnt 'ow' (owl) & 'oi' (boy). In English, we had a parcel sent all the way from America! Robins were very excited to find a new book called 'Little Red' inside by Lynn Roberts.

Our squirrel school session has been all about wild plants, naming them and making careful observations using magnifying glasses to draw pencil sketches. This has linked to our science, naming different parts of a plant. Today we also looked at different seeds and bulbs. Our tomatoes are now growing on our windowsill.

Our topic secret cooking this week has been lots of fun, learning to measure, mix, mash, drizzle and sprinkle 😊 while in History we have learnt all about Mary Anning. 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**

Nightingales children have worked hard this week. The Year 1 children have been revising the phonemes they have learnt so far. The Year 2 children have been learning about singular and plural words. In English, they have continued writing their stories.

In maths, the Year 1 children have finished their unit Numbers to 50. The Year 2 children have been ordering lengths and heights.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about healthy eating. In history, the children looked at the life of Mary Anning and why she is remembered.

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### **WRENS**

On Thursdays we have been learning more about poetry by reading and presenting poems by Michael Rosen. Last week we worked in groups to perform one of his poems. We thought about how to make a good performance by using expression (face, voice, body), speaking clearly and looking at/past the audience. This week we have begun planning our own poems through cleverly using homophones. This is inspired by the poems 'Imagine' and 'Bird Song'.

During Friday PE lessons we have been in the hall developing our Badminton skills. We were surprised by the height of the net but we have got used to this now. We are gradually getting closer to having mini rallies.

### **PUFFINS**

In class this week, we have started our gymnastic unit in PE. We have been looking carefully at gymnastic shapes and creating our own gymnastic balances, with a partner. We are looking forward to adding more equipment to develop our routines. In English, we have continued with our new book - The Lost Thing, writing diary entries and persuasive letters.

On Wednesday, the Year 5 pupils enjoyed taking part in the STEAM activities at The Marches; while on Thursday two Puffins' pupils performed brilliantly at a gymnastic competition.

Thursday and Friday were really busy, fun and rewarding with us creating templates, pinning and sewing our textiles products. A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Bowie who came in to help us with the designs – they're brilliant!

**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.

**Xplore educational visit, Tuesday 1st April** - please check your child's bag for their Xplore letter and complete the permission slip. Payment for the trip is through parentpay. Thank you

### **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**

In class this week the children have been writing their prequel narratives, utilising the writing techniques we have been learning recently. The children are really immersed in their stories and they are really coming along well, with some excellent flair and creativity shining through in their writing. Well done to them!

In PE we have been enjoying the lovely weather, putting our skills into practice and playing competitive matches in both tennis and football. Whilst in Design and Technology the children have begun practising their stitching techniques and started to craft their bag designs. Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine.

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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.

### **March**

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Mothering Day Service at Llanyblodwel Church – 10.30am

### **April**

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion – 9.30am

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Family Service – 9.30am

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Service – 9.30am

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Family Service – 9.30am

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.

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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 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](mailto:info@4all.foundation) to book.  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 9am – 3pm  
At Aico, Maesbury Road, Oswestry, SY10 8NR

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### **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.

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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>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Puffins Class Xplore educational visit</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Balance Bike training Yr3</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Balance Bike training Yr3</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Service at All Saints Church</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>End of Spring Term</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Cross country race Marches</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Cross country race Marches</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Summer Half Term Holiday</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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