



TO PASTURES NEW

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our part time Wrens and Puffins teacher Miss Lumley at Easter. She will be missed by both pupils and staff alike but Miss Lumley has found an exciting role, pursuing her passion and working as a school's Music teacher. We offer Miss Lumley all our best wishes to her, in her new role.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs McKinney, who will be replacing Miss Lumley in both of the classes.

We will also be losing Mrs Marsden, our lovely Teaching Assistant in Nightingales, class at Easter. The children have enjoyed being supported by Mrs Marsden in Nightingales and we are sure they will all miss her, as will the Trefonen staff. We wish Mrs Marsden all the best for her future endeavours.

CRICKET WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION

On Wednesday 10 Year 5/6 pupils travelled to Wem, to take part in a cricket event at Thomas Adams secondary school. Leaders from the school, along with Shropshire Cricket coaches led activities to practise fielding and batting skills. We also played lots of mini cricket matches against the other schools there. Our pupils were absolutely brilliant! They took part with enthusiasm and supported each other throughout the morning. What a super team! On the way back on the bus the children talked about how much they had enjoyed themselves and how they felt more confident playing cricket, which is fantastic. Well done Edward, Jack, Liv, Manny, Isla, Eli, Tristan, Sylvie, Josie and Tymur- you were all excellent.

SHROPSHIRE MUSEUMS WORKSHOP KS1

Robins and Nightingales had a lovely workshop in class on Charles Darwin with a visitor from Shropshire Museum. The children heard about Darwin's voyage; what he was studying in animals and why some were different from others. Pupils experimented in putting together different body parts to make up alternative animals and they experienced writing with a quill and ink. A really interesting morning!

STEAM REMINDER:

YEAR 5s have a STEAM event at the Marches on Tuesday 26th March. Please check bags for letters and return the slips.

Many thanks Mrs Phillips

MUSIC

For anyone interested in having music lessons in school, we currently have voice, piano, guitar and violin teachers coming in. Pupils are registered through Shropshire Music Service and payment is made through them. Once payment has been made, the teacher is notified to add them to their timetable. Please see the following link where you will find the cost and registration form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NaWo_uTyXC59HgFKaidsc9LxURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUSQIQCN0PWc_u

You can also find this information on the music section on our school website under curriculum – music.

<https://www.trefonenschool.co.uk/>

SCIENCE WEEK

Miss Lumley would like to pass on a **huge thank you** to everyone who got involved in Science week. All the photos and video clips are now on the website to view (Children - Science Week - Science Week 2025).

Thank you once again for your support.

FoTS SPRING NEWS

We have some lovely fundraising events coming up this term.

Friday 28th March: Mother's day Wrap. To take place in school time, kids will bring gifts home with them. Thank you for all the generous donations of gifts we have raised a brilliant £330 from this which will be used towards trips/workshops for each class

Friday 4th April: Family Easter Bingo 6.30pm. See poster e-mailed home for more info.

Thursday 10th April: Kids disco after school. See letter to follow in bookbags for more info.

Friday 23rd May: Non-Uniform day – donations for Father's Day Wrap.

Thursday 5th June: Father's Day Wrap.

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!

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 24th March to 4th 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.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week in maths, Reception have been subitising, looking at the numbers 5, 6 & 7, while Year 1 have been partitioning into tens and ones. In phonics year one have been consolidating their learning of phonics taught this term, while reception have learnt 'or' (fork) and 'ur' (fur). In English, we have been retelling the story 'I want my hat back'. We have had some wonderful writing.

We have been super busy in our garden this week. We now have a potting tub and a mini greenhouse. The children were brilliant at working together, following instructions to build the greenhouse while others have started to sow peas, flowers and carrots. Any donations of compost will be gratefully received. Next week we will be starting a competition to grow the tallest sunflower.

For History, we had an exciting visitor who taught us all about Charles Darwin. While in cooking we have started to make flapjacks.

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

Another busy week in Nightingales. The Year 1 children have been revising the phonemes they have learnt so far. The Year 2 children have been looking at words ending in 'y'. In English, the children have been planning and starting to write their story based on Toys In Space.

In maths, The Year 1 children have been partitioning tens and ones. The Year 2 children have finished their multiplication and division unit and have started the unit on length and height.

In PE, during our tennis sessions, we have been practising throwing and catching accurately. We had an amazing workshop on Charles Darwin. In DT, the children have started taping their boxes together to create their vehicles.

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WRENS

In our DT lessons we have been preparing for making our own purses/ wallets by practising different stitching. We tried running stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch. Sewing was a great activity to practise our resilience and fine motor skills as it was very fiddly!

Year Threes have been learning to read scales on weighing scales over the last week. We have been looking at how many intervals there are on the different scales to work out what they are going up in.

Our history topic this term is all about 'Cradles of Civilisations', we had already found out some information about Ancient Sumer (in modern day Iraq). This week we found out about other areas where civilisations grew up and the similarities they had with each other. We were amazed by the buildings constructed in those times also the incredible art work.

PUFFINS

This week we have been finding out more about the Indus Valley civilization (in modern day Pakistan), in history. We have looked at artefacts found at the sites and thought about what they show us about the people that lived there. We discovered that thousands of clay stamps were found, that had writing on and pictures of animals. After finding out about this, we had a go at making our own, which was a lot more difficult than we thought!

In DT we have practised our stitching, trying some different stitches that we could use to make our products in DT.

In English we have started a new book called 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tann. In class we made some of our own 'lost things' and Emilia, Florence, Sylvie, Ariella and Sam made one at home as well and brought them into school. They all look really interesting and we want to find out more about these mysterious 'lost things'.

HAWKS

In the recent book fair, we hosted in school we raised a great sum of £71.50. This will all be donated to our nominated charity: Read for Good. Thank you for all your efforts in encouraging the children in bringing in their books and money.

In DT the children have been researching designs for bags and have chosen a design to base their project on. The children are looking forward to practising stitching and beginning creating their bags with the materials that we have recycled from charity and from parent donations.

We would greatly appreciate any more donations of no longer needed bed sheets, duvets or clothes - thank you.

In English we have been planning a prequel based on a narrative we have been reading.

And in PE we have been continuing to develop our serving technique as well as defending in football.

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 23rd – Family Service – 10.00am

March 30th – Mothering Day Service at Llanyblodwel Church – 10.30am

April

April 6th – Holy Communion – 9.30am

April 13th – Family Service – 9.30am

April 20th – Family Service – 9.30am

April 27th – 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.

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 24th March | Start of Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Week |
| Wednesday 26th March | Year 5 STEAM event at the Marches |
| Friday 28th March | FoTS Mothers' Day Wrap pm |
| Tuesday 1st April | Puffins Class Xplore educational visit |
| Thursday 3rd April | Balance Bike training Yr3 |
| Friday 4th April | Balance Bike training Yr3 |
| Thursday 10th April | Easter Service at All Saints Church |
| Friday 11th Apr | End of Spring Term |
| Monday 14th Apr – Friday 25th Apr | Easter Holiday |
| Monday 28th Apr | Start of Summer Term |
| Monday 5th May | Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 8th May | Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am |
| Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May | Summer Half Term Holiday |
| Friday 18th Jul | End of Summer Term |
| Tuesday 22nd – Friday 29th Aug | Summer Holidays |
| Spring Term | |
| 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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