



SCIENCE FAIR

Wow, what a fantastic Science Week it has been! A huge thank you to FoTS for funding Snakeman Stu visiting us on Wednesday. Everyone, including our teachers, thoroughly enjoyed their assemblies and workshops. Thank you Snakeman Stu - we hope to see you again soon.

Our Science Fair on Thursday afternoon was incredible. We had 39 projects which included 50 pupils. It was fantastic to have so many families involved, whether you supported your children with the project or came to visit the fair. A massive congratulations to all of you. The range of projects, knowledge and dedication blew us away!

Well done to you all. Miss Lumley (Science Coordinator)

BOOKINGS FOR HAWKS PARENTS' EVENING

Booking for Hawks' Class Parents' meetings on the School Cloud will close this Monday 17th March at 9.00am.

Please follow the instructions in last week's newsletter to make an online appointment to meet your child's teacher, via video-link, if you have not already done so.

Hawks

19th Mar – 9.10am – 12.00noon

21st Mar – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

School Inspection

We would like to express our huge thanks to all of our parents for your fabulous support during our recent school inspection. We would also like to say a huge thank you and well done to our pupils, whose behaviour and positive work ethic shone throughout the day. We were delighted that our inspectors noticed so many wonderful things about our lovely school. We will share with you the report, from the inspection, following its final publication.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

What an amazing morning for our netball team on Wednesday! The team have all been developing their netball skills by attending netball club every Monday since September. Olivia and Emily have been super coaches in our lessons, as they are also Oswestry Junior netball players.

The team played five other schools in their group games, they won four matches 1-0, 1-0, 5-0, 3-0 and narrowly lost one match 2-1. The team played brilliantly and worked so well together.

At the end of the games, it was announced that we had finished top of our group and were through to the final with our excellent results.

In the final we played Oswestry School, who had also won their group. The match was incredibly close and the teams were so evenly matched. At the end of the game we were held to a 0-0 draw and it was announced that we were joint winners of the tournament and both teams would go through to the next round of Shropshire Games!

Congratulations to Amber, Emily Roberts, Olivia, Chloe Hartshorn, Mabon, Charlie and Bryon. I am so proud of you, not only was your netball excellent, but also your behaviour, you were an absolute credit to the school, Mrs Drury.

FoTS NEWS

Friday 14th March is the deadline for reply slips for taking part in the Mother's Day Wrap so that we can ensure we have enough gifts for everyone wishing to participate.

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

Another exciting week for Robins. Snake Man Stu came with a fantastic collection of animals, snakes, spiders, lizards and a very fluffy chinchilla. The children were brilliant and learnt all about adaption. British Science week's theme this year is 'Adapt & Change'. In class, we took part in Deep Sea Yoga Discovery, while in squirrel school we made rockets and adapted these to see how far they could go. This week in maths, Year one have been counting in 10s, while reception have been counting beyond 20. In phonics year one have learnt ou (out) & oy (toy), while reception have learnt ar (star) and revisited taught sounds so far. In PSHE we learnt which products are safe and unsafe in our homes. We talked about medicines being kept away from children and how using soap kills germs.

Thank you to everyone who has donated compost and seeds. We can't wait to sow more seeds.

Things to remember: PE next half term will be ball skills. Normal PE kit for Monday and Wednesday please.

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 wonderful science week we have had. We have been very lucky this week to have a visit from a range of wonderful animals. We have had the wonderful science fair.

In phonics, the Year 1 children have been learning the phonemes ou and oy. In English, they practised using adjectives and were describing aliens. In maths, the Year

1 children started their new unit on numbers to 50. The Year 2 children were working on the 5 times table.

In religious education, the children have been learning about Palm Sunday. In design technology, the children designed their vehicles that they will be making. In history, the children learned about the Wright Brothers.

Things to remember:

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WRENS

We have continued to develop our writing skills through our English text 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman'. This week we wrote letters in the role of Nen's father. We all understand how he feels about humans destroying the oceans so we used prepositional phrases well to put across his point about the pollution that happens. In Music we have learnt the chords C and F on the ukulele. We have learnt several songs and even mastered singing rounds with Frere Jacques and London's Burning. Our challenge is always to try swapping the chords during songs, rather than sticking to one chord, and we have all mastered strumming to the pulse now.

PUFFINS

We have had such a busy week - packed full of fun activities and learning experiences.

On Tuesday, we had a brilliant history and writing workshop with Janet and Heather from the WOF (Wilfred Owen Festival) supporting local organisations in the field of the arts (funded by MHBF - Mary Hignett Bequest Fund).

Heather and Janet emailed the class with this lovely message after the workshop: *'Thank you for our lovely and engaging morning at Trefonen yesterday. Such a wonderful class wanting to learn, listen and ask and answer questions. Heather and I came away inspired!'*

We also had visitors for our school inspection, who spoke very highly about the pupils' excellent behaviour.

On Wednesday, we had another fabulous workshop and assembly with 'Snake Man Stu'. The pupils learned many facts about the creatures he brought in and they loved interacting with the creatures great and small!

On Thursday, it was the fantastic science fair and these are the thoughts of some of the pupils about it: 'It was amazing', 'It was spectacular' 'All the experiments were great to try out'.

We finished off the week with a non-uniform day to raise presents for all the mums. What a great week!

HAWKS

In Hawks our children have been focusing on using descriptive devices to create vivid imagery in their writing. They have also been working on other writing techniques to improve their writing with a wider variety of punctuation and creative phrases. Their work has been outstanding, and they have really enjoyed reading out their passages of writing to the class. We have also been looking at other areas of our writing that are not as strong and worked together to try and improve these.

In science, the children have been learning about the life process of reproduction in plants. In PE we have been working on our serving technique in tennis, and the children are becoming more confident with this. And in history we have been learning about the city of Benin during the era of the Benin Kingdom in present-day Nigeria. The children are really invested in this unit and are enjoying it.

Well done to all our children who set up a project for the science fair this week - the activities were great and the staff and children across the school had a lot of fun, learnt some new scientific ideas and had a fantastic time. We hope you did too!

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 16th – Family Service – 10.00am

March 23rd – Family Service – 10.00am

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

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 2024/2025

2025	
Monday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day, Parent Meeting Week for Hawks
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – Wear red/non uniform day £1
Monday 24 th March	Start of Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Week
Friday 28 th March	FoTS Mothers' Day Wrap pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Balance Bike training Yr3
Friday 4 th April	Balance Bike training Yr3
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church
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
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
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

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