



SCIENCE WEEK 10th-14th March 2025 - 2pm - 3.10pm

British Science Week starts on Monday. At Trefonen CE Primary School we will be celebrating by having a parent workshop about the immune system, Snakeman Stu and hosting our annual Science Fair.

We have over 30 exciting entries to enjoy on Thursday 13th March.

Projects will need to set up from 1:30pm-2:00pm (please arrive between those times to help your child if needed) then the fair will open to visitors. You are very welcome to join us!

All classes will view the fair during the afternoon and visitors must sign in at the shelter (some of our Year 6's will help you).

The Science Fair will finish around 3:10pm then helping hands to tidy will be appreciated, as always. We are very much looking forward to seeing you next week, Miss Lumley (Science Coordinator)

BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS' EVENING

Booking for Hawks' Class Parents' meetings on the School Cloud went live on 3rd March at 9.00am and will close on 17th March at 9.00am.

Please follow the instructions below to make an online appointment to meet your child's teacher, via video-link. Appointment times are at ten minute intervals.

<https://trefonen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Use your address bar to locate this site, do not use the Google browser. Complete your details on the login page where you will also need to complete your child's details. Click on 'login' when this has been completed.

Click on the date/s you wish to book with your child's teacher. Continue to book appointments. We recommend using the manual option.

Click in any of the green cells to make your appointment. Blue cells signify where an appointment has already been made. Grey cells are unavailable.

Confirmation of your appointment will be shown on the screen and you will have the option to print.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and click 'delete'. You can now choose an alternate time.

Your booking will appear on the 'My Bookings' page. An email confirmation will have been sent to you from the information you entered when you logged in initially. You can also print the confirmation off by pressing 'print' so you will have the date to remind you.

After completing, please remember to sign out.

Many thanks Trefonen Team

Hawks

19th Mar – 9.10am – 12.00noon

21st Mar – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children had a brilliant time on World Book Day.

Children had a wonderful time on World Book Day. Their costumes were fantastic, they watched a live lesson on the BBC, they had the opportunity to buy books from the second hand book fair and they took part in a special assembly led by our Library Leaders.

The book fair went very well yesterday, there were lots of lovely books to choose from. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Soper from Rotary for attending and helping our Librarians to manage the Fair. We hope everyone went away with a new favourite read! We will let you know how much money was raised for the 'Read for Good' charity which provides books for sick children in hospital. Huge thanks for all of your support in making this a great day.

MARCH'S VALUE – 'HOPE'

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. 'Living Hope' offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world. You can find the 'Living Hope Lent Reflections' at the following link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/living-hope-lent-reflections>

YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Last Thursday a team of Year 5/6 boys represented the school in a local small and medium sized schools' football festival at Oswestry School. Our team were in a group with three other schools and we all played each other. In the first game we narrowly lost 1-0, our second match was a 0-0 draw with superb play from our team. In our final match Luis scored a hat trick and we won 3-1. Our team played brilliantly, superb defending, goal keeping, passing and so many shots at goal. The top team from our group were the only team to progress to the next round and unfortunately we hadn't gained enough points to win our group. The boys would have loved another game! Well done boys, it was a lovely afternoon watching you play- you are a great group of footballers.

Mrs Drury

YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL – MATCH REPORT

On Wednesday a team of Year 5 and 6 girls played at the Marches in a Football competition. Chloe, Abi, Mia, Grace, Penelope, Emma, Mair and Liv. They played four games of 5-a-side in two pools, which were fast paced and exciting. There were some fantastic tackles, great goals and brilliant defensive play. We played Oswestry School twice, drew the first match and won the second. We played Welshampton, in a close match, but they won 1-0. We played a great game against Ellesmere who won 3-0. It was a pleasure to take the girls who all enjoyed the opportunity. They supported each other well; were proud of the way they played and worked brilliantly as a team.

Well done girls 😊

CLUBS – REMINDER

There will not be a Ks1 sports club after school on Thursday 13th March due to the Science Fayre. Also, Monday 10th March will be the last netball club session.

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!

FoTS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz, there was a lovely atmosphere. Unfortunately, we had lower numbers than hoped and therefore raised only £113.

Funding: Last term we provided new starters with bookbags, funded the whole school panto and provided the Christmas crackers for the Christmas dinner and snacks and drinks for the Christmas party and KS1 film afternoon. We are hoping to part fund trips for all classes before the end of the year as well as part funding the leavers hoodies and leavers activities. To do so we need your support at our upcoming events.

Fundraising: Friday 14th March pupils are asked to bring in a gift to be used in the wrap and in exchange can wear their own clothes for the day. This is also the deadline for reply slips for taking part in the wrap so that we can ensure we have enough gifts for everyone wishing to participate.

Easter bingo and kids spring disco taking place later this term. More details to follow.

SPRING TERM PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE OUTCOMES

Many thanks to all our parents and carers who responded to our Spring Term Questionnaire, your responses are so useful in helping us to shape our school.

There were fewer responses in the Spring Term (16) than the Autumn (54) Term.

Don't worry if you missed this one, there will be a Parent Questionnaire every term in the week before the last week of each half term, and we look forward to your next responses in our Summer Term Questionnaire.

Going forward we are currently investigating questionnaire 'apps' that we hope will make it easier for parents and carers to respond to our termly questionnaires.

The responses to our Spring Term Questionnaire:

16 responses received. 1 Response = 6.25%

	Question	Yes	Sometimes	No	I don't know
1	Does your child seem happy to go to school?	62.5%	31.25%	6.25%	
2	Do you feel your child has good relationships with their classmates and feels supported by their peers?	62.5%	37.5%		
3	Are there activities or experiences that your child enjoys and looks forward to	68.75%	12.5%	6.25%	12.5%
4	Do you think the school encourages your child to do their best?	62.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%
5	Does your child feel proud of their achievements at school, no matter how big or small?	62.5%	25.0%	12.5%	
6	When your child faces difficulties at school, do they feel motivated to try again and not give up?	25%	43.75%	6.25%	25.0%
7	Do you feel that your child receives the support they need when they find school work difficult?	43.75%	18.75%	12.5%	25.0%
8	Does your child feel comfortable asking teachers for help when they don't understand something?	31.25%	31.25%	6.25%	31.25%
9	Do you think your child's schoolwork is appropriately challenging for them?	62.5%	6.25%	12.5%	18.75%
10	Do you think your child is making progress?	68.75%	18.75%	6.25%	6.25%
11	Do you think that our school keeps you informed of your child's progress?	43.75%	31.25%	25.0%	
12	Do you think that your child has the right amount of homework?	68.75%	12.5%	12.5%	6.25%

From your responses to our Spring term Questionnaire, in the next term our school staff will be working on improving:

- Our support for pupils to encourage and support them in asking for help when they experience difficulties and don't understand things in their lessons, including supporting them to try again and not give up.

- Staff will be working on improving ‘Adaptive Provision’ within their lessons to help all pupils to access their lessons, spot pupils who are struggling as early as possible and intervene to help them to access the lesson and get them back on track.
- Our communication with you to let you know what we are doing to support your child when they find things difficult and how we let you know about the progress they are making.

Proportion	Description
97-100%	Vast/overwhelming majority or almost all
80-96%	Very large majority, most
65-79%	Large majority
51-64%	Majority
35-49%	Minority
20-34%	Small minority
4-19%	Very small minority, few
0-3%	Almost none/very few

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

Fantastic World Book Day costumes this Thursday 😊 We had a great day talking about our costumes and attending a special assembly about world book day. This week in maths, Year one, have started a new unit, looking at numbers to 50. While reception have been sorting objects by colour, object and shape. We have updated our outdoor maths area which has been exciting this week, playing giant snakes and ladders, making our own hopscotch and using natural objects to measure. In English we acted out the parts of rabbit and bear from the story ‘I want my hat back’ and created speech bubbles. We have been busy outside weeding and getting our garden area ready for planting. We have started off tomato and courgette seeds indoors. We found our first ladybird, which was very exciting and lots of worms while digging.

To support all the plants we want to grow we would love any donations of compost and plants.

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.

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

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NIGHTINGALES

What a busy week in Nightingales! In phonics, the Year 1 children have been learning the phonemes ir, er and ear. The children in Year 2 have been looking at words ending in 'al'. In English, we have been looking at writing party invitations linked to our book, Toys in Space.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been completing missing number problems and word problems. The Year 2 children have been learning about doubles, halves, odds and evens and the ten times table.

On Shrove Tuesday, the children went in groups to make pancakes. They tasted delicious. On World Book Day, the children's costumes were amazing. We looked at a range of books and discussed our favourite authors. In history, we were looking at who Edith Cavell was.

Don't forget our readathon has started now we are in March. Read lots of books and collect some sponsorship if you can.

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 it in the reading record, stating what page you have read to.

Things to remember:

Please can the children bring in small boxes, no larger than a cereal box. This is for our DT lessons. Don't forget our Readathon starts this weekend. Read lots of books and collect some sponsorship if you can.

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WRENS

In English we have started reading a new story 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman.' We have been 'Reading Detectives', gathering evidence about the characters and talking about different emotions felt so far in the story. We also thought about how the story reminds us of other stories that we have read, like The Little Mermaid.

In our new topic in Design and Technology we are going to design and make our own purse/ wallet. We looked closely at lots of different purses and wallets to see what they were made of, how they were constructed and fastened and if they had any other special features.

If anyone has any spare fabric at home, that would be suitable for our project would love to collect any donations over the next few weeks.

PUFFINS

On Shrove Tuesday, to mark the start of Lent, we had delicious pancakes with honey or lemon, whilst learning about why this is important and what it signifies. Lemon and sugar was the most popular topping of the day - Yum! 😊

On Thursday, the pupils looked brilliant and enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by taking part in the BBC live lesson. They enjoyed creating their 'perfect reading experience'. These included lots of soft cushions, pets and peacefulness.

The Poetry Recitals last Friday were brilliant! Thank you for helping your child to prepare a poem. The pupils delivered them well, making us smile, think and laugh too! This Friday, we have our special guest and Christian Youth worker, Jane Webber, who delivered a workshop called Diary of a Disciple. The pupils listened well and took part in a few activities and found out more about the life of Luke.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has sent in material for our textiles project this term in DT. It's brilliant and we can't wait to start designing and sewing!

Cross-country club reminder - It's still a bit wet and muddy outside so please remember that pupils do not need to wear their PE Kits for Cross-country. Something comfortable to run in and old trainers with good grips that you don't mind getting dirty would be perfect. Thank you.

HAWKS

The children in Hawks have been enjoying lots of different activities in and out of school recently. Last Friday we went on a litter pick with Mr Soper on Trefonen playing field. Mr Soper is a volunteer from the Rotary Club who supports our school Rotakids. The children worked in groups to try and retrieve as much litter as possible. Altogether, we collected a whopping 29.3 kilograms! It was great to see them helping in the community and building their teamwork, leadership and citizenship skills. They did a fantastic job. We have some lovely photos of the activity on the Hawks class page that you can look at.

We also recently celebrated World Book Day with lots of fun interactive activities, and many of the children have enjoyed choosing one of our many new books we have added to our class library. Our brilliant Year 6 librarians did a superb job hosting the Rotakids school book fair and whole school assembly, with children from all of the classes enjoying visiting the fair and purchasing a book or two for themselves or a friend/sibling. The money raised will be counted and donated to our nominated charity: Read for Good - who strive to provide books for all children in hospitals across the U.K. We look forward to telling you the total amount raised next week. Lastly, well done to all the children on their great poetry recitals. There were some great ones! Amber and Manny went up in achievement assembly to showcase theirs from Hawks. Well done to them and everyone else.

NOTICE

In Design and Technology we are designing and will create a shoe bag / utility bag this half-term. We would love to welcome any parent volunteers who ideally have experience in sewing/stitching to support our children in making their bags. Please let us know if you are interested and we will look to accommodate you in school on Friday 14th and/or Friday 21st March in the afternoon. We would greatly appreciate if you could donate some materials for us to make our bags too. We also would love it if your child could bring in a shoe bag / utility bag in the coming days so that we as a class can explore their designs in class prior to making our own.

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 9th – Family Service – 9.30am

March 16th – Family Service – 9.30am

March 23rd – 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.

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 10 th March	Start of National Science Week 'Change and Adapt'
Tuesday 11 th March	Puffins Class Wilfred Owen Workshop
Thursday 13 th March	Science Fair
Friday 14 th March	Non uniform Day for Mothers' Day Wrap donations
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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