



POETRY RECITALS REMINDER - Thursday 27th and Friday 28th Feb

The pupils are all asked to learn a poem, off by heart, to perform in front of their class, as part of their oracy curriculum. These are wonderful to listen to and the children really enjoy taking part. Please help your child/children to **choose and learn a poem** so that they can deliver it clearly, with expression. Your child/children will need to be ready to perform their chosen poem by Thursday 27th February. Thank you

ROTA KIDS BOOK FAIR – Thursday 6th March

Are you able to donate some old books after half-term?
Books in good condition that can be passed on to a new home?
If you have any such books please can you donate them to school by Tuesday 4th March so that our Rotakids can include them in the Book Sale, with all proceeds going to charity.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day, **all pupils are invited to dress up as a character** from any book.

The World Book Day website has some fantastic free ebooks and many other wonderful resources, including ideas on sharing stories with your child.

SCIENCE WEEK 10th – 14th March 2025

Don't forget, applications to enter the fair must be handed in by Friday 28th February please, to allow time for risk assessments and planning of the event to be finalised.

Get those Science thinking caps on to create an incredible project to present during our **Science Fair on Thursday 13th March** (set up from 1:30pm, fair open 2-3:10pm). All the information about our Science Fair is on the School website under – Children- Science Week.

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!

MORE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We can now confirm the details of two extra after school clubs and we hope to add to this over the term.

Mondays Y5/6 Netball Club 3.25pm-4.05pm

It is back on for three weeks (Mondays 3.25pm- 4.05pm) after half term.

If any Year 5/6 children would like to join for the last three weeks the cost will be £4.50 and it will open on ParentPay before the end of half term. Current members should not sign up/ pay again, they are already enrolled and paid for.

Wednesdays Years 3/4/5/6 Cross-country and Running Club 3.25pm-4.05pm

With 6 sessions before the Easter holidays, led by Mrs Phillips

26th February, 5th March, 12th March, 26th March, 2nd April and 9th April (not 19th March) cost £9.00

Thursdays Year 6 Maths Club 3.25pm-4.15pm Led by Miss Dunleavy

With 4 sessions before the Easter holidays (not on the 6th/20th/31st March) and 2 sessions after the Easter holidays on Thursday 1st and 8th May.

6 sessions in total, costing £10.00.

Please pay via ParentPay as usual, any issues please contact the school office on 01691 652960 or email: parentcontact@trefonen.shropshire.sch.uk

FoTS NEWS

Friday 28th February Quiz night. We are holding a quiz night at Trefonen Village Hall, teams of up to 4 people please. Cost is £5 per person to include snacks on the table. Tickets available from Trefonen Shop, a member of the FoTS team at pick up or send in cash in an envelope with your name and your child's name and tickets will be sorted. We hope to see lots of you there for what promises to be a fun night. There will be a cash bar with alcoholic and soft drinks on sale.

Friday 14th March Non-Uniform Day. Please bring a gift donation for the Mother's day wrap (or if unable to please send in cash towards one).

Friday 28th March. Mother's day wrap. Letters to follow after half-term.

FENCING WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION

On Thursday a small group of Year Three and four children travelled to Moreton Hall to take part in a fencing workshop. The first part of the session was to learn what fencing is, how to score and how to block. After a very quick practise with the coach, the children put on all the fencing equipment, including masks and were wired up to the electric scoring system to compete! It was fantastic to see children who had started very nervously getting more and more confident and even going on to beat their opponents and win matches! The children were amazing. We all agreed that it had been a fantastic opportunity to be brave and try something totally new. (Photos to follow on the website- on our PE pages)

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

In class this week Robins wrote instructions to find Bear while year one wrote their own adventure stories. In maths, Year one, have been looking at missing number and revisiting taught sounds in phonics.

Reception had a busy week learning about the number seven. Cooking was very healthy this week, making their own fruit salads. At squirrel school Robins made homes for their quiet critters while in computing we learnt about online safety.

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)

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

NIGHTINGALES

A lovely week in Nightingales this week. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been reviewing the ie, i-e, o-e, ow and u-e phonemes. The Year 2 children have been continuing with their comprehension questions. In English, the children have been writing a letter based on the book 'The Day The Crayons Quit'.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been working on addition and subtraction. The Year 2 children have been working on their new unit, multiplication and division.

In music, we have been practicing our notes (B, A and G) on the recorders. We have been using Chrome Music Lab to create our own digital music. In art, they have been using watercolours to create a picture of a flower.

The children really enjoyed their online workshop on internet safety as it was internet safety day this week.

Please can the children bring in a cardboard box after half term. It will need to be no bigger than a cereal box. We will be making vehicles out of them. Thank you. PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays we complete our gymnastics sessions. We would like the children bring a pair of shorts in their book bags to change into for these sessions.

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

WRENS

This week in English we have been writing newspaper articles to report the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which destroyed Pompeii. We practised using speech punctuation to report quotes from the small number of survivors or witnesses of the event.

In geography we have been learning about the world's different climates and how these climates are changing. We found out about some of the human causes of climate change and the effects that it is having on our planet.

Our Year Three maths this week has been about measure. It would be great if children could practise measuring in mm, cm and m at home with rulers and tape measures. We have been measuring perimeters and adding and subtracting measurements. We sometimes found that we have to convert cm and mm into just mm or m and cm into just cm to make the calculations easier.

On Tuesday's Safer Internet Day we looked into what a 'scam' can look like online and how scammers try to 'phish' for our personal information. We found out that we need to be very careful with pop-ups, messages we weren't expecting or offers that seem too good to be true!

It has been a very busy half term, with lots of amazing hard work from the children. Have a well-deserved rest over half term Wrens!

PUFFINS

On Tuesday the Year 5s were very lucky to watch Grease, at The Marches. The acting, singing, props, costumes and dancing were fantastic and we had a brilliant time with lots of audience participation, especially the hand-jiving! Thank you to The Marches - the students were amazing!

Also on Tuesday, it was Safer Internet Day with the theme 'Too Good to be True', all about online scams and phishing. The Puffins took part in a BBC interactive lesson and learned about ways to spot a scam and what to do. The pupils participated brilliantly with the activities and always talk passionately about their experiences. We have been learning about lines of latitude and longitude in geography. We have done some wonderful research using atlases and online sources.

In PE we have been building on our rallying in tennis and had some mini-matches and even doubles. There were some great serves, demonstrations and participation. Our wonderful collages in art have been completed and we hope to put the work on our website for you to look at.

Have a lovely, well-deserved break!

HAWKS

This week in Hawks the children have been finishing off their formal letters to a farmer, writing a letter of complaint or support for his decision to build a wind farm and its implications for the environment. The children are now quite the experts in letter writing having already written one earlier in the year. They have been a pleasure to read.

In PE the children have refined their dance routines having watched videos back of their performances and thinking of ways to improve in relation to indicators of a good performance, e.g. good timing and posture. These were exceptional and the children all tried so hard to improve on their performances - I am so proud of them. For Safer Internet Day the children created posters after we discussed and explored ways in which we can be safe online, whilst being wary and vigilant of cyber threats, e.g. scams and phishing.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

During the half-term break the Year 6 children will have some spelling, punctuation and grammar work set for them on spag.com, for which they have their login details. This is optional, however I have encouraged the children to practise these when they have the opportunity during their holiday to prepare for SATs.

Have a fantastic holiday and see you all soon.

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.

February

February 16th – Family Service – 9.30am

February 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>

OSWESTRY WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

17th – 22nd February – Arts, Exhibitions, Tours, Workshops, Theatre

Facebook - @LoveOswestryCC

<https://www.visitoswestry.co.uk/love-oswestry-oswestry-valentine-event/>

There are a lot of free half term events happening in Oswestry as part of the Love Oswestry Festival. These include puppet workshops, drumming sessions, felt workshops and lots of family activities all leading up to the Lantern Festival on the Saturday.

HALF TERM FUN AT OSWESTRY LIBRARY

All day every day (except Sunday) – Play with Lego, Connect 4 and water painting.

Saturday 15th Feb – Learn to Knit 10am – 12noon and Board Gaming 10am – 1pm

Monday 17th Feb – Craft Time – 10am – 12 noon, Club Cwtsh 1pm – 2pm and Rhyme time 2pm – 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th Feb – Bilingual Story and Rhyme Time 10pm-10.30pm and Creative writing for teens 8-12yrs 1pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 19th Feb – Story Time 10.30pm – 11am, Cartooning with Stephen Gallagher 10am – 2pm and Creative writing for teens 13-18yrs 1pm – 3.30pm

Thursday 20th Feb - Coffee and Chat – Stay and Play 9.30am – 12noon and Collage and drawing art workshop with Jamila 1.30 – 3.30pm

Friday 21st Feb – Junior Word Games 10am – 11am and Story Time with Flossy the Dog 2pm – 2.30pm

Saturday 22nd Feb - Children's Chess 10am – 11am, Learn to knit 10am – 12noon, Dungeons and Dragons 9.30am – 12.30pm and Tall Tales 12noon – 1pm

OSWESTRY LEISURE CENTRE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Dates: Monday 17th - Friday 21th February, 8am - 5:30pm

Arts & Crafts, Swimming (for those aged 8+), Sports, Team Games, Roller Disco, Nature Trail and much more! A supervised fun packed day making new friends, learning new skills and keeping active!

Ages: 5-12 years. Price: £27.50 per day. Please bring a packed lunch

For more information or to book, visit reception or contact us today on 0330 109 9570

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 Feb – Friday 21 st Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
Monday 24 th February	Parent Meeting Week (2)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day dress as a character, Rota-Kids book sale
Friday 7 th March	Puffins Class Diary of a Disciple Workshop
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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