



BOOKINGS FOR PARENT MEETINGS

Bookings have now closed for all classes except Hawks for Parents' meetings on the School Cloud.

Hawks class' bookings will go live on 3rd March at 9.00am and will close on 17th March at 9.00am.

The information is also available on the school website under Parents - Newsletters <https://trefonen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

POETRY RECITALS - Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February

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 poem by Thursday 27th February. Thank you

GREASE at The Marches!

Year 5 and 6 are watching the Grease production at The Marches on **Tuesday 11th February**. Please can the children come into school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in their bag (or PE bag) to change into at lunch time. Thank you

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 to keep up with your **Activity Passports** to bring in and show to your class!

OUR VALUES CURRICULUM

We hope that you will support this month's 'value': **FRIENDSHIP**

We will be thinking about Loyalty, Faithfulness, Empathy, Kindness, Helpfulness, Caring, Appreciation, Sharing.

Thought for the month:

'I cannot even imagine where I would be today were it not for the handful of friends who have given me a heart full of joy. Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun' – Charles R Swindoll

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.

ROTA KIDS BOOK FAIR

On Thursday 6th March, the Rota Kids will be hosting this year's book fair in school. We would be really grateful if you could donate some old books after half-term, in good condition, that can be passed on to a new home. Your child should bring these to school on the first week back when we return. Any money raised will go to Read of Good Hospital Programme, which gives books to children's hospitals.

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.

FoTS NEWS

Tuesday 11th February 7pm, at the Barley Mow is the next FoTS meeting, we hope to see many of you there.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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

Week beginning 3rd February:

Tuesdays Y3/4 Multi skills and games 3.25pm-4.25pm Led by a Marches Academy Trust Coach - 7 weeks - £21 13 spaces.

Thursdays Y1/2 Multi-skills and games 3.25pm-4.25pm Led by a Marches Academy Trust Coach - 7 weeks - £21 13 spaces (no club on 13th March due to Science Fair).

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.

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

INTERNET SAFETY DAY - Tuesday 11th Feb

This year the theme is 'Too good to be true'. **Protecting yourself and others from scams online.**

Look at the parent/teachers forum for information on how to support your child and help to keep them safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/education-resources>

DODGEBALL RESULTS

A team of Year 4 children took part in a dodgeball competition on Wednesday. They were absolutely brilliant! They ducked, dodged and made some excellent catches and deflections. Dodgeball is so fast and can get quite competitive! They played against 12 schools and had 11 matches during the afternoon, which must have been exhausting! The team won some matches, only had one match where they were all out (against the overall winners on the day) and gave it their all. We didn't finish in a top position this time, however it was noticeable how honest our team were when playing, if they knew they were out they came out and made no fuss at all. They were such good sports. This was even commented on by another teacher, who said it was wonderful to see such fair players. The team were a credit to the school. Well done Lydia, Florence, Nancy, Finn, Percy, Owen and Dylan.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Last night was our last athletics meeting after three weeks. We came 2nd in the first week, heard that we were 2nd after week two, so went into week three with everything to play for. The team were amazing. They competed in javelin, vertical jump and speed bounce and an 'obstacle' relay which included hurdles, hoops and speed bounce. They gave it their all. At the end of the evening we were delighted to hear that we had held our position and finished 2nd out of 11 schools and received silver medals. We couldn't be prouder! The team have been an absolute pleasure to be with each week, have given up most break and lunchtimes at the beginning of each week to practise and have been so enthusiastic. Thank you to the parents who have been helping by rushing their children down to the Marches after school and collecting each week. A huge congratulations to Mabon, Harley, Freddie, Doughal, Chloe H, Emily R, Maggie and Mair.

YEAR 5 PLAYMAKERS

On Monday, twenty-two Year 5s took part in the Playmakers Programme at school. They had such a busy day and will all receive a well-deserved certificate of completion.

They learned that to become a Playmaker they would need to use a whole host of leadership skills such as: how to communicate well with others, organise people and equipment and work as part of a team. To help them to remember the different things you need to plan and lead a session they learned the acronym PACE:

Participants, Area, Communication and Equipment.

The Year 5s played with Robins and Nightingales children at playtime and set up activities for Wrens Class in the afternoon. The pupils enjoyed helping the little children, taking part in sports with their friends and trying out the fun activities. As well as fun, they faced really important challenges too (like leaders do) such as: getting children to listen, getting children's attention and accepting feedback from other children.

They were enthusiastic and brilliant learners, feeling they improved at: demonstrating, being responsible, working as a team, making friends and building confidence.

Now, we are really looking forward to our Year 5s using their training to develop some fun activities for other pupils to take part in.

Well done Year 5s - excellent participation!

BASKETBALL COMPETITION AT THE MARCHES

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who competed in the basketball competition. We won 3 out of our 6 games and finished second in our group. The children improved with every game. Their teamwork and resilience shone throughout and it was a pleasure to take them - they are a credit to the school.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week, we had several children bringing in their achievements from home. This has been a lovely experience for our children, to proudly show off their achievements. We love hearing about their lives outside of school. This can be as simple as sharing their activity books to bringing in swimming certificates, jumping rosettes or verbally sharing their news. In science, Robins looked at different habitats. While in RE we learnt about the festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated. Robins created their own mendhi patterns, made happy Diwali cards and made diya lamps.

In maths, Year one have continued to add within 20. While reception have been focusing on comparing numbers. In English we have been writing letters to Tom Percival, the author of 'The Sea-Saw'. Our cooking this week was linked to our class story, making sandwiches for a simple picnic on the beach just like Sofia did with Bear in the story. In phonics reception learnt igh (night), oa (boat), oo (spoon) & oo (book), while year 1 reviewed sounds taught so far. In Geography, Robins have started to create a map of their local area.

Things to remember:

PE kits (shorts or leggings for gymnastics on Mondays & normal PE kit for Wednesday with trainers or pumps)

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.

NIGHTINGALES

Another great week in Nightingales. The Year 1 children have been undergoing their phonics assessments this week. This is just to check on last term's learning. The Year 2 children have been completing a comprehension about the Great Fire of London. In English, the children have continued to type up their diary entries in Word.

In maths, the Year 2 children have been finding different ways of making £1. They have also been finding change. The Year 1 children have been revising the topics covered so far.

In music, the children learned a new note. We can now play G on the recorder. In computing, the children have been creating music using Chrome Music Lab. In science, the children have been looking at what it is like in January and February. PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays we complete our gymnastics sessions. Please can the children bring a pair of shorts in their book bags to change into for these sessions.

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.

WRENS

In our art this week we designed and made collagraph plates to print with. We had experimented with different materials and how they print in previous lessons. We have been looking closely at photographs of garden birds and have enjoyed drawing and using water colours to paint them before choosing one to turn into a print.

In gymnastics we enjoyed using the large equipment to explore balances and our gymnastics shapes. We created routines to perform to the class. We will continue with this next week so remember to keep PE shorts in school!

It was lovely to see some of the children's Activity Passports this week, we all enjoyed seeing which activities they had been doing so far. We would love to see more next week.

PUFFINS

On Monday, the Year 4s made their own ukuleles in music/science out of recycling, whilst the Year 5s worked on their Playmakers programme, please find more information on Playmakers in the newsletter. Thank you to those of you who were able to come into class for the Book Look, the pupils are very proud of their wonderful work.

We have danced our way through Children's Mental Health week, starting with a dance lesson in the hall on Tuesday. We were energised and calmed by a selection of active blasts and yoga poses, perfect for developing children's self-confidence and helping them to build a growth mindset.

In English we were very excited to write letters, to be sent to a school in the Netherlands, where we hope that pupils will write back to us and become our new Penpals. We are always working hard on our targets in English of handwriting, spelling and punctuation.

Next week is full of drama! The Year 5s looking forward to watching the production 'Grease' at The Marches on Tuesday 11th, while the Year 4s will be watching The Tempest, at school.

Important notice Year 5 Puffins:

For the Grease performance at The Marches next Tuesday the children will need to come into school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in their bag (or PE bag) to change into at lunch time. Thank you.

HAWKS

It is great to be back at school and see the children really engage and happy. They have been polishing and finishing off their publishing this week, which is based on The Suffragettes. The children created a balanced argument in favour of and against whether they should have used violence to achieve their aims. In PE we have revisited basketball, and the children have applied the skills they have learnt this term to competitive matches. In geography we have been discussing and exploring the different ways in which climate change is affecting the planet - the impact it is having on the environment and actions we can take to help.

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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.

February

February 9th – Family Service – 9.30am

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>

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

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 10th February	Parent Meeting Week (1)
Tuesday 11th February	Internet Safety Day Year 5 and 6 Grease production at The Marches
Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
Monday 24th February	Parent Meeting Week (2)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day dress as a character, Rota-Kids book sale
Friday 7th March	Puffins Class Diary of a Disciple Workshop
Monday 10th March	Start of National Science Week ‘Change and Adapt’
Tuesday 11th March	Puffins Class Wilfred Owen Workshop
Thursday 13th March	Science Fair
Friday 14th March	Non uniform Day for Mothers’ Day Wrap donations
Monday 17th March	St Patrick’s Day
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – Wear red/non uniform day £1
Monday 24th March	Start of Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Week

Friday 28th March	FoTS Mothers' Day Wrap pm
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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