



WELCOME BACK and Happy New Year!

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Our School Value for January is happiness. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our Happy Centred School programme. You can find more information about this from the following link including a parent guide to support your child. <https://happycentredschoools.co.uk/school-resources/resources-for-students>

In class, we will be thinking about Positivity, Mindfulness, Cheerfulness, Enjoyment, Achievement, Wonder, Discovery, 'Action for Happiness'.

"Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you." –Mary Lou Retton

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is: black shoes, grey trousers, shorts or skirt, maroon sweatshirts/cardigans and white polo tops. Please label each item of uniform as it will save time and money, as lost property can be quickly reunited with their owner.

Coats are to be worn at break times along with hats and gloves in this cold weather, if available.

For PE lessons pupils should wear: a white t-shirt, black shorts/plain black tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a black zipped top. This can be hooded but must be zipped.

Our school uniform also includes no jewellery or earrings except small studs and shoulder length hair to be tied back with no large or embellished hair ties.

Parents are reminded that in accordance with government guidelines, the school logo on uniform is optional, but no other logos please.

HOMEWORK

Reading - The most important 'Homework' is reading with your child. This includes all children from Reception to Year 6. This involves listening to them, helping them with words, discussing what they have read and reading to them. General 'book chat'! Every child has a Reading Record, which they bring to school and take home daily for you to record their reading in. In Years 4, 5 and 6 the children can make entries themselves, however we still expect parents to read with them and make entries in the records too.

Maths - Maths ranges from learning times tables to Maths.co.uk. Please refer to our homework policy so that you are familiar with the expectations for your child [homework-policy-2024-pdf.pdf](#)

School Challenges - There are many choices for the School Challenges this year: art, community, RE or science and further details of these is available on our website for your child [homework-policy-2024-pdf.pdf](#)

Activity Passports - please choose three more activities this term to complete with your child. It was wonderful seeing the pupils share their activities in class.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Mondays

Netball Y5/6 Boys and girls. 6 sessions from Monday 13th January until Monday 10th March. Mrs Drury 3.30pm-4.05pm £10.00 20 spaces
(NO SESSIONS ON 3RD AND 10TH FEBRUARY DUE TO PARENT MEETINGS.)

We were hoping to be able to confirm Dodgeball and Multi-skills sessions but we will notify you as soon as we hear.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week, Robins have been settling back into a brand New Year. In maths, Year one started a new topic, working with numbers to 20. While reception have been focusing on the number 5 and how 5 can be made in different ways. We have a new book 'The Sea-Saw' as part of our English. During Guided Reading we made predictions based on the front cover and shared our ideas with our partner. In Art our topic is based on the work of flowers by Georgia O' Keeffe. This week we looked at her work and how it made us feel. We used magnifying glasses, looking carefully at flowers.

In Squirrel School, we enjoyed a frosty walk, linking to our science topic 'Polar Places'. We found icy leaves, frozen ponds and icicles. We started to look at places in our world being even colder than England and the animals that live there. We then turned our Book Nook into an igloo and made a small world polar region with seals, penguins and polar bears. We made snowy paintings and collage penguins. All very exciting!

Things to remember:

PE will be back to Mondays and Wednesdays.

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 to write it in your reading record, stating up to what page you have read.

NIGHTINGALES

Happy New Year to you all. It is lovely to be back and the children have worked so well this week. In English, we have been reading our new book, Ocean Meets Sky. The children then wrote a description about the main character, Finn.

In maths the year 1 children have started a new unit and have been learning about the numbers to 20. The Year 2 children have started looking at identifying lines of symmetry.

During our religious education sessions, we were talking about who is special to us and why are they special? In computing we were looking at digital music and listened to Mars and Venus from Gustav Holst.

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 to write it in your reading record, stating up to what page you read. PE is Monday (gymnastics – please bring gym shorts in the school bag) and Friday (come wearing PE kit).

WRENS

Happy New Year. We hope you had a good Christmas break.

This week we have started some new topics. In French we have started learning the French words for animals. In our English we have had a look at the first few pages of a new book. We haven't seen the cover or the title yet, but have been reading detectives - making inferences from clues in the text and the pictures. We have deduced that the book is set in in Roman Times in the city of Pompeii. The people in the city seem very content and love their nearby mountain- which they call the 'Gentle Mountain', or 'The Protector'. Some of us are a bit suspicious of this mountain, as we think we have heard of it before and know more about it. We look forward to discovering more. In our writing we have been working hard to use well-chosen noun phrases to describe the city.

In PE we are working on gymnastics on a Wednesday and this week we did some rhythmic gymnastics using balls, hoops and scarves. We also had a go at twirling the long ribbons to make patterns whilst we balanced and moved. We will develop our work into routines to perform in our next lesson.

For gymnastics the children need to be wearing shorts. Please could the children bring in a pair of black plain shorts to keep in their tray to change into for our lesson. Many thanks.

PUFFINS

Happy new year to all the Puffins pupils and their families!

It was lovely to see all the pupils back at school, refreshed, ready to learn and wrapped up well in hats, coats and gloves!

The pupils have returned full of enthusiasm and interest in their new topics. They have enjoyed developing their dodgeball skills and badminton in PE. PE is on

Tuesday and Thursday, please ensure your child has a white t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers.

In geography, we have been using maps and atlases to locate and learn about earthquakes in the UK and all over the world.

We have started our fantastic new book in English - William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' - by listening to and creating atmospheric soundscapes.

HAWKS

A reminder that Mrs McKinney is teaching Hawks Class to cover paternity leave for Mr Wilson this term.

What a fantastic start to the new term Hawks Class have had. The children have returned eager to learn and share their ideas, and have shown real maturity.

This week has seen enthusiastic participation in dodgeball sessions, where the children have demonstrated real skill.

Our new English book is 'Suffragette - The Battle For Democracy'. The children created a set of rules, which favoured the boys, whilst the girls created a banner with a headline that summed up why these rules were completely unfair. They have read information about the inequality of historic laws, have asked exceptional questions about why life was this way and created a new set of rules that benefit all children equally. They have also written a formal letter to Prime Minister William Gladstone demanding reform, which are very persuasive.

In Music, children have started learning the Ukulele with gusto and it has been really enjoyable. Well done Hawks Class, a super start to the term!

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.

January

January 5th – Family Service – 9.30am

January 12th – Family Service – 9.30am

January 19th – Family Service – 9.30am

January 26th – 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.

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

We are here for you with 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, to help take the stress out of things like finding:

- 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 6 th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 7 th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Friday 17 th Jan	Oral Health Workshop – Robins, Height/Weight for Yr 6
Monday 3 rd February	Parent ‘Book Look’ Event 2.45-3.15/3.30-4.30
Monday 10 th February	Parent Meeting Week (1)
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
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, Rota-Kids book Sales
Monday 10 th March	Start of National Science Week
Thursday 13 th March	Science Fair
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
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
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st Oct	Autumn Half Term
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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