



TICKETS FOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Tickets for the Christmas performances:

Key Stage 2, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December in the Church.

Tickets are issued on a 2 per child basis.

The School and Church halls have a fire safety capacity so once seating has been booked to capacity for a performance, no more tickets can be issued.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner this year is on **Thursday 19th December**

book as normal on ParentPay.

Main:

Roast Turkey, served with a Chipolata Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Brussel Sprouts and a Rich Gravy.

Vegetarian:

Quorn Roast, served with a Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Brussel Sprouts and a Rich Vegetarian Gravy

Dessert:

Festive Biscuit



ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is not well enough to attend school, can we ask that you please inform the school by 9.30am each day that they are absent. You can either call the school office on 01691 652960 or email parentcontact@trefonen.shropshire.sch.uk

Please can you inform us of the reason for your child's absence, not just that they are feeling 'unwell'.

If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, please inform us as soon as possible and provide proof of the appointment – screen shot or copy of the letter. This is so that we can record the absence correctly.

Many thanks for your support with this matter.

PANTOMIME – THANK YOU FOTS

Thank you FOTS for arranging and sponsoring last week's fantastic travelling pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had such an amazing time and loved their ice creams too.

'LITTLE ANGEL GETS HER WINGS' – KS1 CLASS NATIVITY

The wonderful performances this week, by the Robins and the Nightingales, have been joyful! Their singing, acting and narration of the nativity story has been beautiful to behold. They have looked very sweet in their costumes and jolly Christmas jumpers.

Thank you to all the parents who have been helping their child learn their lines and parts in the play. You were a fabulous audience, supporting all the children and helping them to enjoy this special event.

OUR VALUES CURRICULUM

We hope that you will support December's value of the month: **PEACE**

In class pupils will be thinking about: **Calmness, Quiet, Stillness, Reflection, Gentleness, Tranquillity, Serenity, Harmony, Consideration, Listening, Good Will, Reconciliation and Forgiveness**

Thought for the month:

'Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding'
- Albert Einstein

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all those who sent money in for the children to purchase poppies and bands. Together you have helped to raise £254 for the Royal British Legion. Well done and thank you.

FOTs News

Friday 13th December- Christmas fayre taking place 3.45-5.30 in the village hall. There will be lots of stalls including crafts, toys, mulled wine, coffees and baked goods and activities aimed at children such as lucky dip, tombola, face painting, and decorating Christmas biscuits. This event will be cash only please. If you have any toys or books your child has outgrown or any items suitable for the lucky dip or tombola please send them in to school during the first week of December.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week has been fabulous and I'd like to say how proud we all are of Robins and Nightingales. They were brilliant in our Nativity. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and the songs.

In phonics reception have learnt y and z/zz while year 1's have been busy reviewing sounds taught so far. In maths year 1 have started a new unit on shape, looking at 2 and 3D shapes. Reception have been working on counting.

We were artists in Squirrel School, creating our own pieces of art using natural objects just like the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

While in DT year 1's have been looking at different joining techniques. Reception have been using stencils and stampers to create their own Christmas cards.

Class reminders:

Please bring reading books in everyday with comments left in their reading records.

NIGHTINGALES

These weeks are going by so fast! Nightingales have had a very busy week, especially with our Christmas performances. The children have worked so hard to learn their words and the songs. They were all amazing and I am very proud of them.

In phonics, the Year 1 children have been recapping the phonemes they have learnt so far this unit. The Year 2 children have been learning what a contraction is (e.g. I'm, can't etc.) In English, we have started looking at the Nativity story. We have sequenced the story and started writing it.

In maths, the Year 2 children have been working on finding the difference between two numbers and looking at fewer and more. The Year 1 children have been looking at subtraction on a number line.

Our afternoons have been filled with fun, performing our fabulous play 'Little Angel gets her Wings'.

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.

WRENS

This week, Wrens Class had an exciting Stone Age Workshop. Here are our thoughts:

We used firebows - they are made of string and wood. You have to move them from side to side to make fire. (Rory)

We made a bracelet out of string and dried grass. It was called twine. (Maecy)

We did painting with our fingers. We didn't use paint though. We used sand, soils and charcoal mixed with water. (Seren)

We talked about mammoths. They are the same as elephants but they have smaller ears and bigger tusks. Mammoths used their big tusks for pushing away snow. Their

hair was longer and thicker. They are taller than the roof of our classroom. They became extinct because the climate became too warm for them. (Marni, Maecy, Seren and Daniel)

Stone Age people ate deer, berries and nuts. (Betsi and Katie)

PUFFINS

This week, we have finished our fantastic sci-fi book 'Robot Girl' in English, which was so exciting. Now we are looking forward to writing our own stories, set in the year 7504AD!

We have been busy practising our Christmas play and loved watching the Robins and Nightingales performance on Tuesday - we thought their singing and acting was amazing. We are really looking forward to seeing you all next week for our performances.

In DT, the Year 4s have been exploring torch designs, whilst the Year 5s have been exploring motorized vehicle designs. Both year groups have created design criteria and plans. Everyone is looking forward to making them over the next two weeks.

In PE, we have been developing our orienteering skills with a Netball Numbers challenge, while in dance we have been creating motifs inspired by the Anglo-Saxons.

Thank you for all the *amazing Activity Passports and Reading Bingo Challenges*. It has been excellent for the pupils' self-confidence and oracy skills, as they have been sharing their favourite activities/challenges in class. We are looking forward to all the new challenges in the Spring term.

HAWKS

In Hawks this week the children have been busy rehearsing their parts in our Christmas nativity. They have learnt their lines really well and are looking forward to performing later next week!

In class we have been looking at the features and devices used in a good formal letter.

In PSHE we have discussed power and how this can be a struggle sometimes between each other, in a group or between groups.

In PE we have been practising our dribbling and passing in basketball, before getting into some team-based games.

Notice: Please remember that we will be looking at the children's activity passports next week and how they have interacted with them this 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.

December

December 8th - Morning Worship – 10.00am

December 15th – Morning Worship - 9.30am

December 21st - Saturday Christmas Carol Service – 4.00pm

December 22nd - No service

December 24th - Christmas Eve, No Service at Trefonen but 11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion at Llanyblodwel Church

December 25th - Christmas Day Family Service All Welcome - 10am

Note: The scaffolding for the work being carried out, will remain in place till approximately 15th December. There will be workman on the scaffolding at times, which could mean access through the Church Grounds being restricted at times.

Please ensure that everyone especially children keep well clear at all times. There will be ladders on the scaffolding but these will be secured and the area light during the hours of darkness.

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.

SINGERS FOR A FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

Trefonen Church would like to include a carol sung by local children in the Trefonen Church Family Carol Service on 21st December 4pm. If your child/children would be interested in taking part singing a carol with other children in the service, 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

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

2024	
Thursday 12th Dec	KS2 Performance (1), 1.45pm
Friday 13th Dec	KS2 Performance (2), 1.45pm
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Movie Event
Wednesday 18th December	KS2 Christmas party
Thursday 19th Dec	Christmas Service at All Saints Church - 9.30am, Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th Dec	Carols round the tree and Christingle 2pm, End of Autumn Term
Monday 23rd Dec – Friday 3rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
2025	
Monday 6th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 7th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
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
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
Monday 27th – Friday 31st Oct	Autumn Half Term
Friday 19th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd Dec – Friday 2nd Jan 26	Christmas Holiday
2026	

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