



TICKETS FOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Tickets for the Christmas performances:

Key Stage 1, Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th December in the school Hall.

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.

Parent Questionnaires - Thank you

Thank you for all your contributions for the 'Parent Questionnaires', which you completed this week.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 6 hockey team who took part in the first hockey tournament at the Marches. They played together so well and really learnt how to encourage each other throughout the matches, which really helped their performance. The team played some great hockey winning three matches and losing four matches - but only by a narrow goal difference in three of these. We were very proud of them.

Our second hockey team's tournament was postponed due to snow last week and we are hoping to be able to take part on a new date before Christmas.

YEAR 3 DANCE COMPETITION

On Wednesday a group of Year 3 pupils took part in our very first dance competition. It was only the second year that the Marches had held the event and it was very exciting. The morning started with a dance display by some Marches pupils, who were excellent. Next, each school took their turn to perform for the Marches pupil judges. We had been given a set routine to learn, which we had been using as our afternoon movement breaks in the classroom during the term. We also had to add our own choreography to two sections of the dance. We added lots of children's ideas to build up our dance. Our team of pupils danced their socks off! They smiled all the way through and really went for it. Miss Taylor and I were so, so proud of them and just couldn't stop smiling ourselves. This year we didn't score highly on points, but it absolutely didn't matter- the most important thing was how much we enjoyed dancing. The children all said they had felt nervous, excited and they loved it! Wonderful!

STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Next week, we have Shropshire Museum officers coming in to Wrens Class to deliver a workshop on the Stone Age, as part of their history topic.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

FOTs News

Christmas Wrap went well this year and lots a gifts have been chosen and wrapped. We hope all the children enjoyed the pantomime this year. Thank you to everyone who paid £1 and wore a Christmas jumper.

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

We have loved our icy days this week. In squirrel school we went on a chilly walk, looking for frosty leaves, cones and twigs. It was a magical walk and we found lots of beautiful things. In geography we learnt about the explorer ' Christopher Columbus' and made our own kazoos in science. We tested different materials on our kazoos to see which worked the best. It was a noisy science afternoon 😊

In English we have continued our writing based on 'I am Henry Finch'. We wrote messages to Henry to help him calm down. In phonics reception have learnt w and x while Year one have learnt ie (tie) and i-e (bike).

Please can the children bring into school a spare pair of socks or tights please. Unfortunately, our wellies aren't very waterproof and we come back with soggy feet. Our Squirrel school sessions are on Thursdays and reading is every day.

Please can the narrators bring in their Christmas jumpers (on Monday) ready for the Christmas performances.

NIGHTINGALES

Nightingales have had a good week. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been learning the ie and i-e phonemes. The Year 2 children have continued looking at spelling rules. In English, the children have been using conjunctions (and, but, so,

because) in sentences. They did well at remembering their capital letters and full stops.

In maths, the Year 2 children continued to use objects to help them subtract a two digit number from a two digit number. The Year 1 children have been working on subtraction within ten.

We have had a couple of rehearsals to get our Christmas play ready for next week. In science, we have continued looking at the properties of materials. We looked at a range of materials and decided whether they were hard or soft, shiny or dull etc. 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 the pages you have read.

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WRENS

Things are definitely getting busy in the Wrens Class. We are fitting so much into our days and beginning to rehearse for our part in the Christmas production. Children who have a speaking part will bring home their lines to practise early next week. It would be brilliant if they could learn them off by heart and practise using their clear loud voices. The children all have a copy of the song words in their reading records so they can practise singing the Wrens songs too! Please keep scripts and song words in reading records so that we have them ready on our desks each day for when we need them.

In our computing lesson this week, we learnt how to use a movie maker app to create our own animation. We made some great mini moving pictures and learnt how important it was to keep our drawing and i-pads still when creating frames.

PUFFINS

In PE we have just completed our gymnastic unit and will start dance next week. We enjoyed using the climbing frame and A frames to develop our routines. We also enjoyed orienteering on Thursday, counting cones and competing in relay symbols races.

Our 'Robot Girl' book has got us all thinking about AI (artificial intelligence) and the future, which is very interesting. We are using ideas from the book to help us develop our use of idioms and speech.

We loved exploring and creating circuits, as part of our DT work on torches and vehicles. There was lots of buzzing and whirring in class and we even made our own strings of fairy lights!

We have also started our Christmas production (the songs are great!). All the children have a speaking part and will bring home their lines to practise, early next week. It would be brilliant if they could learn them off by heart and practise using their clear loud voices. The children all have a copy of the song words in their reading records so they can practise singing the Puffins songs too. Please keep scripts and song

words in reading records so that we have them ready on our desks each day for when we need them. The outfits for Puffins are very easy this year. Your child is either a narrator (smart outfit) or a 'villager/innkeeper' (plain trousers/leggings and a plain top/shirt). We will provide the rest of the 'villager/innkeeper' outfits.

HAWKS

In English the children have been publishing their sequel narratives. The quality of their writing has been fantastic and it has been great to see them applying their creativity - using similes, alliteration and personification to bring their stories to life. In RE, the children have been reflecting on a spirituality workshop they took part in recently, where they were thinking deeply and trying to make connections with themselves, those around them and the wider world. The children were so mature with this.

In History we have built on what we learnt recently in our workshop by continuing our learning around artefacts. Our focus in our latest lesson has been around Anglo-Saxon coins and the inferences we as historians can make about how kings and important people may have been perceived many centuries ago.

We are practising our lines for the Christmas play and the children have been enjoying getting into role for their part. Each child has a copy of the script and they are able to take these home to continue practising their lines. We cannot wait to show you our contribution to the play this year.

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: Work is being carried out from Tuesday 5th November to refurbish the Bell Cote and the Bell. This will include scaffolding erected at the front of the Church. This 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	
Wednesday 4 th Dec	KS1 Performance 1 2.30pm
Friday 6 th Dec	KS1 Performance 2 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th Dec	KS2 Performance 1 1.45pm
Friday 13 th Dec	KS2 Performance 2 1.45pm
Thursday 19 th Dec	Christmas Service at All Saints Church - 9.30am, Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
2025	
Monday 6 th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 7 th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Monday 17 th Feb – Friday 21 st Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
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	

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