



ANGLO SAXON WORKSHOP

This week, we have had Shropshire Museum officers in to school to deliver workshops to both Puffins and Hawks classes on the Anglo Saxons.

TICKETS FOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Tickets for the Christmas performances, Key Stage 1 in the school Hall and Key Stage 2 in the Church are being issued on a 2 per family 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 will be issued.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

*For those parents who are yet to order online, you have **until Monday 25th November 2024** to take advantage of free delivery back to school.*

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

FOTs News

Thank you for all your support so far during this busy half term. Christmas card and gift orders should be arriving in the next week.

A couple of reminders for you:

Monday 25th November- Christmas wrap taking place, look out for gifts coming home, thank you for your donations for this.

Friday 29th November- all the children will be watching this year's pantomime in the village hall, during school hours, funded by Fots. We are asking for donations of £1 for your child to wear a Christmas jumper to school.

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 we have been looking at the snow and thinking about what we need to wear keep us warm and dry.

On Tuesday morning we went on to the field and made snowmen.

We have also been practising our Christmas play and learning the songs to sing.

NIGHTINGALES

Nightingales have been working hard this week when they have not been playing in the snow. We have finished writing about our story 'The Dragon Machine'. We have also been looking at different tenses. In phonics, Year 1 children have been looking at the phonemes ie, ey and y.

In maths, both year groups have been continuing to work on addition and subtraction at different levels. They have been using objects to support their learning and have become more independent when using these.

We have been working with Robins to put together our Christmas play. All children have been working hard to learn their words and the words of the songs. We have continued learning about Neil Armstrong.

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

During Science we have been looking at rocks. To begin the topic we looked at different sweets and sorted them by their properties. We then used rock samples to apply this knowledge. The properties we observed progressed from our KS1 knowledge of materials. We have observed the following properties: hard, soft, friable (crumble), lustre (shine), cleavage (break), streak and crystals. The rock samples we sorted included granite, basalt, limestone, marble, chalk, sandstone and slate.

Thank you to everyone that has brought in soil samples. Once the ground has defrosted, any more will be appreciated as the pupils do enjoy seeing their own samples sort into the different layers.

On Thursday, in English, we continued working on improving sentences using adjectives. We've learnt the importance of choosing ones that match nouns and how effective they can be on creating an image for the reader. For example, 'The girl sat on the chair and stared at the painting.' became...

The excited girl sat on the gleaming chair and stared at the joyful painting.

The unhappy girl sat on the unusual chair and stared at the gloomy painting.

The calm girl sat on the comfortable chair and stared at the huge painting.

We also looked at the use of determiners and prepositions to develop noun phrases into sentences.

PUFFINS

We have had a really interesting week, with lots of snow and two wonderful workshops!

This week, we have read through the script of our Christmas play 'Superstar' and started singing and learning the songs.

On Thursday, Ali from Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery delivered a fantastic workshop on the Anglo-Saxons. She was very impressed with how much we already knew and what we had been doing in class about them. We loved making clay pots, a map of old Oswestry, sketching artefacts and creating medallions, inspired by the skillful Anglo-Saxons.

Then on Friday, as part of our Creative Prayer and Spirituality Day, Jane Webber set up beautiful prayer reflection areas in the hall, which we moved around respectfully. It was a lovely calm and serene experience. Earlier in the day, we experienced the 'awe and wonder' of our snowy environment and nature, whilst contemplating some BIG questions like " What makes you feel connected to others?".

HAWKS

It has been an unusual week in Hawks with the disruption of the mid-week snow but we have nonetheless had some highlights. We were lucky to play host to an Anglo-Saxon workshop where the children were learning about ancient artefacts and what they tell us about how people may have lived. During the workshop they designed their own pots from clay and created medallions, as well as exploring the origins of names of towns and villages throughout Shropshire. You can find some lovely photos of the workshop on the school website in the Hawks Class page.

We have also been practising the songs and some of the lines of the Christmas play, with children's lines to go home so the children can rehearse them at home as well as in school.

It is great to see so many of the children completing their maths homework and reading lots at home. We would be grateful if you continue to support your child with these as they have are clearly having a positive impact on their learning at school.

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.

November

November 24th – Morning Worship 10.30am

Services now generally start at 10am but there will be exceptions.

December

December 1st - Toy Service and Holy Communion – 10.00am

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	
Monday 25 th Nov	Christmas Wrap
Friday 29 th Nov	Christmas Pantomime – whole school
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 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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