



CHILDREN IN NEED – SPOTTY DAY

There were lots of spots and colourful clothes worn today for Children in Need. Any funds paid in to the Children in Need ParentPay payment item goes direct to Children in Need. Thank you for all your efforts.

MATHS WEEK

The children have had a fantastic week solving puzzles, problems and escape rooms. Lots are keen to continue with their maths adventures at home, all accessible through [Maths Week England](#)

ANTI- BULLYING WEEK

The pupils have taken part in assemblies, lessons and workshops for anti-bullying week. Their responses and thoughts have been really thoughtful and respectful.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair went very well this week, with over £300 worth of books being bought. We hope you found the online process easy to follow and that the children enjoy reading their new books. Owing to the number of orders taken, the school has been able to order a few free books to add to the school library.

CHRISTMAS WRAP – MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER

We have had lots of contributions for the Christmas Wrap and they have all now been collected by FoTS ready for Wrap day.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

A super exciting week for Robins. We have started to practice our Christmas Nativity play. If your child has a speaking part, please help them learn their lines. They will have a script in their book bags with their lines highlighted.

Year 1 have been learning the ee family in phonics. Ea as in heat and e-e as in theme. Reception have been reviewing sounds taught so far, s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll and ss. Plus the following tricky words, to, the, no, go, I, into and her. In maths year 1 have been learning to subtract within 10 and reception have been focusing on the composition of 3, 4 and 5.

In Science Robins have been busy exploring light, dark and shadows. We had lots of fun finding dark places to test out different torches and we took them to squirrel school, testing them out in our den. We then read 'Owl babies', sitting in our cosy den on a bed of leaves. We imagined we were like the owl babies, hiding in a tree waiting for mummy to bring us food 😊.

We have had lots of fun working on the Maths Week England activities.

Our first cooking session was such fun but challenging. We soon found out the importance of reading recipes carefully and how mistakes can happen when you have the wrong key ingredient. We learnt mistakes are good as we can learn from them. Our second attempt was more successful! Our hedgehog bread was delicious. Please remember, reading every day and comments made in their reading records. Wellies please and gloves, hats and scarfs on Thursdays as the weather is beginning to get colder.

NIGHTINGALES

We have had a great week in Nightingales. It has flown by. In phonics, the Year 1 children has been looking at the phonemes ea and e-e. The Year Two children have been looking at words beginning with wr-. In English, we continued to work on the book 'The Dragon Machine'. The children have been writing sentences about the story.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been working on addition and the Year Two children have been working on addition and subtraction.

In the afternoons we have started rehearsing for the Christmas play. We have also been learning about Neil Armstrong. The children were fascinated by his story and watching clips of him on the moon. The children completed an online workshop based on anti-bullying. In music, they were playing the glockenspiels along to a song that they have been learning.

The children have really enjoyed the daily puzzles, as part of their Maths Week England challenges, generating some excellent discussion and problem solving.

I am sorry but I am going to have to change the day for my gymnastics. We will now be doing gymnastics on Mondays. All children will need to bring in a pair of shorts to change into for this lesson. These can be put in their book bags and please have their name in.

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

In Maths week in Wren Class we thought about what we enjoy about Maths. We created a maths week graffiti piece on our class white board. We all added our favourite thing about maths. We took part in a maths week challenge from Maths Week England and are also in the middle of solving an escape room online puzzle. We are trying to save some children who are trapped at the bottom of the sea in a submarine by working through all sorts of different maths puzzles as a class! We have the first two codes for the exit code so far and will continue next week.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week we took part in an online workshop where we thought about the different types of bullying and how they make people feel. We thought about who is responsible for stopping bullying and how important it is to talk to someone if someone is repeatedly upsetting you. The class were mature when thinking about what might cause a bully to be unkind- the children were so empathetic, with suggestions such as the bully being lonely, trying to impress others, being bullied themselves or maybe not feeling happy with themselves and they thought that the bully may need help as well sometimes. We of course talked about the fact that the bully having problems doesn't excuse being unkind to someone else. As you can tell we had some very deep discussions! On Thursday, during English, we created poems for Anti-Bullying Week by following Nik on Jigsaw. We wrote one line at a time and our poems are very impressive. Please look out for them on our class webpage.

PUFFINS

The Puffins pupils have really enjoyed the maths challenges this week, as part of Maths Week England. They have been watching videos and taking part in activities involving art and maths; solving Yohaku puzzles and having a go at the class' Rubik's cube!

As part of anti-bullying week the pupils have taken part in: whole school and class assemblies; JIGSAW PSHE lessons (on anti-bullying), an online workshop and discussion on cyber bullying. The pupils' contributions have been excellent. This week we finished our football unit, in PE, with a mini round-robin tournament. The pupils all played three action packed, 6-aside football matches. There were some great passes, lucky goals and the teamwork was exceptional. We were all very excited to start our new topic on orienteering, beginning with a star event on the playing field. As well as orienteering we will continue with Gymnastics and dance. Please can the pupils keep bringing their shorts in for gymnastics or dance.

HAWKS

As part of Maths Week England the pupils have enjoyed escaping from "escape rooms" whilst solving problems and puzzles. While, for anti-bullying week the pupils have been involved in discussing and raising awareness for bullying. They have also discussed and developed strategies that will those that may experience bullying.

In English, the pupils have been writing narrative poems using similes and alliteration effectively.

In gymnastics, they have created sequences with leaps, balancing and jumping.

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

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| 2024 | |
| Thursday 21 st Nov | Anglo-Saxon workshops: Puffins and Hawks Classes |
| Friday 22 nd Nov | Creative Prayer and Spirituality Day Workshops with Jane Webber |
| 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 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 |

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