

Trefonen C.E. School Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK

It has been lovely to see all our pupils returning after the summer holidays and it is great to welcome our new intake.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 9th September Nasal Flu vaccination 2026 – we have NHS Nurses in next Wednesday to carry out nasal flu vaccinations. Hopefully you should have received or will receive an email asking for your consent.

Class Induction Meetings for Parents

Please come along to your new child's class to meet their teacher, it will be lovely to meet you all.

Robins - Monday 7th September 3.30pm

Nightingales - Tuesday 8th September 3.30pm

Wrens - Monday 7th September 4.00pm

Puffins - Tuesday 8th September 4pm

Hawks - Wednesday 16th September 3.30pm

Free School Meal – Are you Eligible?

From September 2026 the Department for Education is introducing new benefit criteria which will mean that all children from households in receipt of universal credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

There will be two categories of benefits-based free school meals, known as 'Targeted FSM' and 'Expanded FSM'.

For full information, please check if you may think your eligible and not already receiving FSM www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meal/

After School Sports Clubs for Autumn first half term

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Please find information about the sports clubs that we have on offer. All clubs begin next week. To sign your child up for a club please use the links on ParentPay. Please note we are unable to give refunds if the club is running and your child misses the session.

Children should be collected from the carpark gate after all sessions.

Monday -Year 1 and 2 Dance Led by an instructor from Chloe Elizabeth School of Dance 3.25-4.25pm
12 place available £21.00 7 weeks.

Tuesday - Year 3/4/5 multi-sports- led by a For All Foundation Coach (through The Marches Academy) 3.25pm-4.25pm 14 places available £21.00 7 weeks

Wednesday - Year 5 and 6 Netball (Boys and Girls) led by Mrs Drury 3.25pm- 4.05pm £9.00 for 6 sessions. (No club on 7th October due to Cross country race)

Wednesday - Year 3-6 Cross country club led by Mrs Phillips 3.25pm-4.05pm 20 places available £9.00 for 6 sessions

(Cross country races on Thursday 1st October and Wednesday 7th October after school at the Marches School)

Thursday- Year 1 and 2 Multi-sports club- led by a For All Foundation Coach (through the Marches Academy) 3.25pm-4.25pm 12 places available £21.00 for 7 sessions.

Please note that for many years we have been subsidising the cost of clubs using our Sports Premium funding. This funding is now changing and we are unsure if we will be able to use it in this way in the Spring term. We will therefore need to meet all costs for the clubs run by external coaches for the club to continue.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer 2027

Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027. The online application process opens on 1st September 2026 and closes on 31 October 2026. A letter will be sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please [Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council](#) which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions Website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Secondary Education in Shropshire booklet on the same website.

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on-time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

You can name up to four schools on your application – we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

New Caterer

We are very pleased to announce that we are working with a new catering provider; ABM. All current catering staff, including Chef Richard, will continue in their roles at Woodside with the new provider.

ABM have a wealth of experience in delivering exciting, healthy and nutritious meals across many education settings, we are excited to be working with them to develop our menus and the dining experience at Woodside. Please take a few minutes to read the welcome message attached from ABM, new autumn menus can be found here: [Woodside Primary School - School Dinners](#)

IMPORTANT - ACTION: If your child requires a special diet, please complete the Special Diet Request Form: [Special Dietary Request Form](#)

This form is essential for ABM to understand and cater to your child's specific needs.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY UPDATES

FOTS news

Hello to all our new parents! We are your child's school PTA and we fundraise to provide enrichment and experiences for the children at Trefonen school.

Your committee for this school year is:

Chair - Charlotte

Vice chair - Jess

Secretary - Jade

Treasurer - Jenna.

You can find out more on our Facebook page - FOTS (friends of Trefonen school) or by coming to our next meeting on Thursday 17th September, 7pm at the Barley Mow in Trefonen.

Dates for your diary....

17/9/26 - FoTS meeting, 7pm Barley Mow

18/9/26 - cake sale after school on the yard.

3/10/26 - Stomp to the Moelydd - letters coming home soon

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.

September

Sunday 6th – Holly Communion 11am

Sunday 13th – Morning Worship 10am

Sunday 20th – Morning Worship 10am

Sunday 27th – Morning Worship 10am

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.

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.

Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2026/2027

2026	
Autumn Term	
Tuesday 1 st Sept	PD Day
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Monday 7 th Sept	Robins Class Induction Meeting 3.30pm
Monday 7 th Sept	Wrens Class Induction Meeting 4.00pm
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Nightingales Class Induction Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Puffins Class Induction Meeting 4.00pm
Wednesday 9 th Sept	Flu vaccination 2026
Wednesday 16 th Sept	Hawks Class Induction Meeting 3.30pm
	Photographs
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd November	PD Day
Tuesday 17 th November	School Photo day
Wednesday 2 nd Dec	FOTS Panto
Friday 18 th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 21 st Dec – Friday 1 st Jan 27	Christmas Holiday
2027	
Spring Term	
Monday 4 th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 5 th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Monday 15 th Feb – Friday 19 th Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
Thursday 25 th March	End of Spring Term
Friday 26 th March-Friday 9 th April	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	
Monday 12 th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 19 th July – August 31 st	Summer Holiday (including 3 PD Days)
Monday 19 th July	PD Day
Tuesday 20 th July	PD Day
Wednesday 21 st July	PD Day

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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/>

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

Marches School invite all Parents and children to Open Evening on **Thursday 17th September**, between **4:30pm and 7:30pm** to find out what they can offer you. Meet the teachers, explore the facilities, take part in challenges and ask our students questions about the school.

Come and discover The Shore, unique, nurturing transition space designed to help Year 7 students build confidence, friendships and a strong foundation for success in secondary school.

Can't make the Open Evening?

No problem, you can still experience what life is like at our school by booking a tour on school website: [Book A Tour - Marches School, Shropshire](#)
