Trefonen C.E. School Newsletter

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Class Induction Meetings for Parents

Thank you to all the parents who have already visited their child's class and met their teacher. The final induction meeting is **Hawks - Wednesday 16th September 3.30pm.** We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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/

Year 6 Students

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

"The School's Governing Board has a Vacancy for a Parent Governor and will be seeking nominations next week. A letter and nomination form will be sent out via Parent contact to all parents/careers on the 15th September (paper copies can be requested from the Admin Team). Nomination forms to be returned by noon on Tuesday 6th October either electronically or by handing a paper form to the Admin Team. All nominations to be marked confidential for the attention of the Clerk. If more than one nomination is received an election will be held the following week which all parent/careers are entitle to vote and details will follow if required.

The Governing Board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The role is largely a Strategic one, not an Operational one in the running of the day to day matters of the school. The Governing Board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. Further details will be found in the letter being sent out.

The Governors look forward to receiving nominations for this role from Parents/careers from all Class years.

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.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY UPDATES

"We have made the decision to move the upcoming FoTS meeting to the following week due to it clashing with the Marches School open evening.
We will now meet on Thursday 24th September at 7pm, Barley Mow Trefonen - everyone is welcome!

Next Friday (18th September) is our first cake sale of the year! We really need your help with these so donations of cakes are great fully received! They can be homemade or shop bought and need to be dropped off at school on the Friday morning please.

Dates for your diaries:
Friday 18th September- cake sale after school in the school yard. £1 per cake!

Thursday 24th September- new date for FoTS meeting. 7pm at the Barley Mow, Trefonen. Please join us, meet some new (or old!) faces. No pressure, just parents talking all things FoTS!
Saturday 3rd October - Stomp to the Moelydd! A family walk to the Moelydd followed by breakfast baps and a cuppa in the village hall afterwards! 9:30 start. Booking forms coming out next week.
Thursday 22nd October - Autumn disco! Trefonen village hall, after school. More details to come. "

Roleplay Theatre Workshop autumn (Flyer attached)

Theatre Workshop's next production? We are looking for new members aged 8 and above to join our youth theatre and be part of our winter pantomime.
Roleplay drama sessions are on Wednesday evenings 5.30-6.30pm at Llanymynech Village Hall They are £5.50 per session or 10 sessions for £50.
A free trial lesson can be booked by contacting
Helen.roleplay@gmail.com or telephoning 07722 846344
Sessions begin on Wednesday 16th September.

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

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FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION
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

ROLEPLAY THEATRE Workshop

LLANYMYNECH'S YOUTH THEATRE

CHILDREN AGED 8 -16

WEDNESDAYS 5.30PM - 6.30PM

LLANYMYNECH VILLAGE HALL

£5.50 PER SESSION OR 10 FOR £50

JOIN US AND BE PART OF OUR ★ fabulous ★ WINTER PANTOMIME:

Sleeping Beauty and the village that slept for a 1000 years

MUSIC ★ DANCING ★ COMEDY ★ FUN

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