

Trefonen C.E. School Newsletter



23rd Oct 2026

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Wishing you all a relaxing half-term break.

Church Service

Thank you for supporting the pupils in the church service. They love to see familiar faces smiling back at them in the congregation. The pupils presented all their pieces really clearly and confidently, and sang beautifully.

Our wonderful FOTs transported a whole boot full of your generous donations for the Food Bank. The School Council were delighted to be part of this event and would like to thank you all so much for your kindness.

Parent Survey

We value your views and feedback. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our Autumn Term questionnaire. Your responses will help us celebrate what is working well and identify areas for improvement. Thank you for your time and support.



[Parent Survey - Autumn Term 2026 - Communication – Fill out form](#)

Dates for the Diary

Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th Oct	-	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd November	-	PD Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3 rd November	-	Start of term for pupils
Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th November	-	Poetry Recitals
Friday 6 th November (Gates open 6pm)	-	Trefonen Fire Festival community bonfire/fireworks

Postponed online Parent Meetings

Our online Parent Meetings have been temporarily postponed, due to the service disruption, affecting much of the internet and online services worldwide. As a precautionary measure, our provider has taken some services temporarily offline, while the global situation is monitored.

We anticipate that our new dates will be the weeks beginning the 16th and 23rd of November and will be in touch to confirm class dates.

Sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Morrisons and Kellogg's FREE Breakfast Club

Breakfast Clubs' are back to help kids and grown-ups enjoy a free Kellogg's breakfast during October Half Term at all Morrisons Cafés nationwide. The initiative aims to ease money worries during school holidays. Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the October half term holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.

Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana. The October holiday offer will be available from 12th October to 1st November across all Morrisons Cafes nationwide. The research also highlighted that alongside the financial strain, parents are also dealing with the repetitive demands of children at home during the holidays. Parents reported hearing the following phrases every day of the school holidays (between at least 1-5 times a day) – driving up the pressure to entertain, as well as keeping them fed.

After School Sports Clubs for Autumn second half term

Please find below information about after school clubs that will be on offer in the second half of the Autumn Term. All clubs will start week commencing 2nd November, with the exception of dance as the first Monday back is a PD day.

Mondays Year 1, 2 and 3 dance led by CEDC dance teacher 3.25pm-4.25pm £12.00 for 4 weeks 14 places

Tuesdays Year 3-6 multi-sports led by a 4All Foundation sports coach 3.25pm-4.25pm £15.00 for 5 weeks 14 places

Wednesdays Geography Explorers Club KS2 Mrs Drury 3.25pm-4.05 pm £9.00 for 6 weeks 14 places available

Thursdays Year 1-2 multi-sports led by a 4All Foundation sports coach 3.25pm-4.25pm £15.00 for 5 weeks 12 places

(For those children keen to continue with netball, don't worry we will play some lunchtime matches next half term and plan to run an after-school club again in the spring term. Cross country club will also return in the spring term.)

Geography Explorers club

We have been invited by Jenny Cooke, founder of Oddizzi (an award winning online Geography resources for schools) to pilot a new 'Explorers Club'. We use Oddizzi to enhance our geography curriculum across the school, including the brilliant 2041 Protect Antarctica project. We are so excited to be one of a very small number of schools in the UK to be piloting the new Key Stage Two club resources and can't wait to get started!

The aim of the club is to spark a sense of adventure, nurture geography skills and develop a lasting love of geography. Each week we will be introduced to a different location in the world and we will work together to discover more about it.

We would like to invite pupils from Key Stage Two to join the six week club after half term. I look forward to seeing you there! Mrs Drury.

Y6 Secondary School Application Deadline - 31st October 2026

The closing date for secondary applications is 31st October 2026 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name four preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is [Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council](#)

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk.

POETRY RECITALS – Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November The pupils are all asked to learn a poem, off by heart, to perform in front of their class, as part of their oracy curriculum. These are wonderful to listen to and the children really enjoy taking part. Please help your child/children to choose and learn a poem so that they can deliver it clearly, with expression. Your child/children will need to be ready to perform their poem by Thursday 5th November. Thank you.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY UPDATES

FOTS NEWS

Stomp to the Moelydd event fundraising update! We have received some sponsorship money from Tom in KS1 who has raised an amazing £100! Thank you to all who collected sponsorship money and well done Tom!

The Fri-YAY treat sales are continuing following some lovely feedback. Find the mini FoTS after school on Fridays in the school yard. Items are priced 50p or £1. This week you will also find the guessing games! £1 per guess.

Cash only please.

Disco returns should have been in today but we will accept late ones by Monday at the latest. Please contact a FOTS committee member if you have any issues.

Teas/coffees and biscuits will be serviced before the church service on Thursday. £1 per drink and donation for biscuits please. Cash only.

Dates for your diary...

Friday 16th and 23rd October - alongside our Fri-YAY treat sale (and in the village shop in between) FoTs Guessing Games. £1 per entry.

Thursday 22nd October - Autumn Disco in the village hall. Letters have gone out this week.

Friday 6th November - Bag2school collection. Bagged items to be left on village hall car park at morning drop off.

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.

October

Sunday 4th – Harvest Festival 11am (followed by Harvest lunch)

Sunday 11th – Morning Worship 10am

Sunday 18th – Holly Communion 11am

Sunday 25th – 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	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th Oct	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd November	PD Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Puffins and Hawks History Workshops
Thursday 5 th & Friday 6 th November	Poetry Recitals
Mon-Fri wb 16 th Nov	Maths Week England
WC Mon 16 th Nov	Parents Evening rescheduled
WC Mon 23 rd Nov	Parents Evening rescheduled
Tuesday 17 th Nov	School Photo day
Wednesday 2 nd Dec	FOTS Panto and Christmas Jumper Day – bring a gift
Tuesday 1 st Dec	Robins and Nightingales Christmas performance 2.30pm
Thursday 3 rd Dec	Robins and Nightingales Christmas performance 2.30pm
Thursday 10 th Dec	Wrens, Puffins and Hawks Christmas performance 2.30pm
Friday 11 th Dec	Wrens, Puffins and Hawks Christmas performance 2.30pm
Friday 11 th Dec	FOTs Christmas Fair
Thursday 17 th Dec	Christmas Church Service FOTs Christmas Wrap
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



BONFIRE

and Firework Night

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER



Firework display by the creators of the London New Year's Eve team

GATES OPEN AT 5PM | BONFIRE 7PM | FIREWORKS 7.30PM

Adults £7 | Kids £5 | Under 5s are FREE

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BONES



MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Explore the fascinating world of bones!
Investigate owl pellets to discover what
owls eat, find out what mammoth
bones can tell us, and compare them
with the bones of other animals.

Ages 4-11 years. Children must be
accompanied by an adult.

2 - 3.30PM

BOOK ONLINE

£5 PER CHILD



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