



Trellech Primary School

Welcome to the New Academic Year...

...as the summer break has given us all some valuable time with family and friends September has graced itself and we welcome many new and familiar faces to Trellech as we start the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome Wilfred, Hamish, Daisy, Daniela, Emily, Gethin, Astrid, Finn, Aurora, Cleo, Alfie, Otilie, Freddie, Noah, Christopher, Jackson, Elsie, Mariella, Demelza, Ivor, Taliesin and Clementine to Reception along with Pearl (Y4), Ada (Y4), and Violet (Y6) to Trellech and see you settle so well this week. We are looking forward to the academic year watching the children continue to flourish in all areas of school and celebrating this with you, and the whole school community throughout the year.

We also welcome Miss Tucker to Trellech who has joined us and will be teaching Year Six. We also welcome Mrs Sulway and Mrs Taylor to Trellech as they work with our learners in Y2 and Y3.

Congratulations!

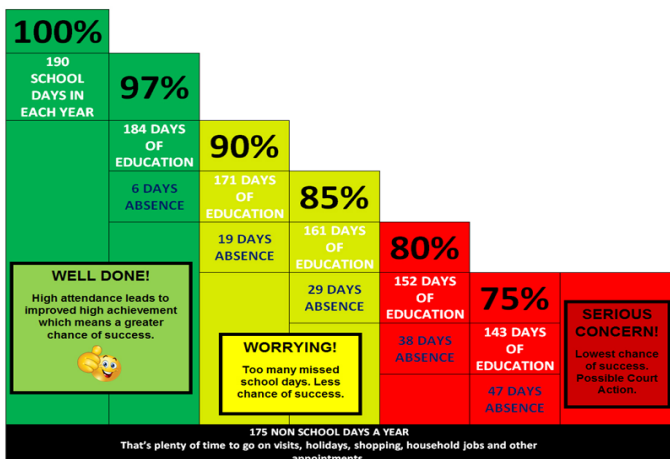
To Busybodies, who received their report following a joint CIW Estyn Inspection in the Summer Term. This report clearly exemplifies the commitment given to our youngest members of the community, being awarded **Excellent** in each of the six areas of Well Being, Learning, Care and Development, Teaching and Assessment, environment and Leadership & Management. In addition to this wonderful achievement, the inspectors were impressed with the passion and love of books that is created at Busybodies they have been asked to produce a case study about 'Fostering a Love of reading in a rural setting', which will be published on the ESTYN website. I am sure you will join us in sending our huge congratulations to the whole team and community at Busybodies.

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart and very much part of the school community, thank you for your support with this. We ask that if your child is wearing PE Kit to school on their allocated day that they wear PE shorts/ joggers with their PE t-shirt and matching colour sweater or their school jumper. Likewise on Forest School /Outdoor Learning sessions, pupils wear trousers suitable for this with their school t-shirt/jumper. This will ensure we remain part of the school community and remove pressure to have additional clothing. We continue to work with our wonderful PTFA to rehome uniform, if you are looking for items please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/XyL64eEcGKduNXtk6> To help reunite children with their belongings please ensure all items are labelled. A reminder that jewellery should not be worn to school with the exception of studded earrings, but we ask that these are removed for PE and swimming sessions or covered with tape.

Attendance

Lots of people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time out can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work. If there are gaps in their knowledge, they may suffer when school carries out their regular monitoring and assessment checks to ensure our children are reaching their potential. There could be other problems too. Children who miss school may miss out on key social aspects of school, which can affect self-confidence and self-esteem and even their ability to make and maintain friendships. The rewards for good attendance are clear. The graphs below illustrate the relationship between attendance and achievement at school in Wales. Pupils are more likely to enjoy school, achieve better results and have increased life chances when their attendance is good. There are times when absence is unavoidable due to illness and on these occasions we ask that you inform the school via email (trellechprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk) or the dedicated line on the school phone (01600 860395). In the need for additional leave it is necessary to complete a 'Planned Absence Form' that can be obtained from the school office. These absences will only be authorised if the pupils attendance is above the school target (90%), not during the National Test Period (See Date Spring Term) or the pupil has not already had up to 10 days planned absence.



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Fri 13th Sept: PTFA Coffee Afternoon 2.30-4pm

Fri 27th Sept: **INSET Day** (School Closed to Pupils)

Mon 7th Oct: Sharing Session

Weds 9th Oct & Thurs 10th Oct: Parent Consultations-3.45pm onwards

Thurs 24th Oct: PTFA Disco for Pupils

Fri 25th Oct: **Cluster INSET Day** (School Closed to Pupils)

Fri 25th Oct: End of Half Term

Mon 4th Nov: Autumn Term 2 Commences

Weds 11th Dec: Acorns Nativity am (Rec & Y1)

Thurs 12th Dec: Acorns Nativity pm (Rec & Y1)

Fri 13th Dec: PTFA Christmas Fayre

Weds 18th Dec: School Christmas Dinner

Fri 20th Dec: Whole School visit to The Savoy Theatre, Monmouth

Fri 20th Dec: End of Autumn Term

Mon 6th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Mon 10th– Weds 12th Feb: Y5 Residential Urdd, Cardiff

Mon 10th– Fri 21st Feb: National Test Window (Y2– Y6)

Fri 21st Feb: End of Spring 1 Half Term

Mon 3rd Mar: Spring 2 Commences

Weds 9th April: Pupil Report Published

Fri 11th April: End of Spring Term

Mon 28th April: Summer Term Commences

Weds 30th April– Fri 2nd May: Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Mon 12th May: Sharing Session

Tues 13th & Weds 14th May: Parent Consultations

Fri 23rd May: End of Summer 1 Half Term

Mon 2nd June: Summer Term 2 Commences

Weds 4th June: FP Sports Day 1.30pm (Reserve Date 11.6.25)

Thurs 5th June: KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm (Reserve Date 12.6.25)

Fri 27th June: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Mon 21st July: **INSET Day** School Closed to Pupils

Mon 21st July: End of Academic Year.

One Further INSET Dates TBC for 2024/ 2025

Accessing the School Site

We are very appreciative of your support in Trellech but are very mindful that vehicular access can sometimes be a challenge, particularly currently as we have building works taking place. We ask for your support in enabling the start and end of the school be as 'smooth' as possible. Staff will be on the front gates from 8.50am where children are able to access the school directly (no pupils should be dropped off prior to this, unless they are booked into breakfast club). Children who are travelling home by car, bicycle or walking should be collected from their relevant door at 3.25pm and bus children are registered and walked to their buses at 3.30pm. In order to ensure the safety of all users of the school site we ask that the bus bay (the drive area nearest the school pavement) is kept clear at all times for the safety of children travelling to and from school by bus.

Nursery Build

I am sure you are as impressed as we are in the progress of the building works and a roof being constructed currently. We are looking forward to seeing the building being completed in Spring 2025.

PTFA Events

Our wonderful PTFA work tirelessly to provide opportunities for our whole school community to come together socially whilst also raising much appreciated additional funds that enables additional experiences and resources for our pupils. Such events involve a great deal of planning and 'manpower' to arrange and execute. If you feel you would like to support and socialise with a wonderful part of our school community do have a look at the website for further information with regard the work they do. Please join them for a Coffee afternoon on Friday 13th September at 2.30pm in the school hall.

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Chepstow Show

We are very proud to share our success from Chepstow Show that took place over the summer break. Congratulations to our pupils that gained individual success; Megan, Owen, Poppy O, Henry and Dylan in Y2, Olwen in Y3, Lowenna and Marlow in Y5 and Nelly, Charlie, Ben W and Rose C (Y6– 2023/ 24) , as well as the current Y2 & Y1 pupils who collectively came 1st and 2nd for their 'Playground' collage. It was a privilege to see the collective work of all our pupils from Trellech on display as such an event.

We were very honoured to be presented the Ruth Sweeting Cup for the third year in succession for the most number of points in the Junior Section as well as be presented the Itton Shield for the most number of points in the Infant Section. Well done to all our pupils and thank you to our staff for enabling them to produce such wonderful pieces. We now look forward to seeing some of our pupils work at the forthcoming Usk Show (14th September).

Volunteers

We are fortunate here in Trellech to have many committed volunteers who help in a variety of ways; but we are always looking for more! If you can spare an hour or so to help garden, hear readers, attend trips please contact the school office for further information.

Goodbye...

...and good luck to Mrs Assirati our school cook. Mrs Assirati has been leading our team in the kitchen for the last fourteen years but due to a promotion within the Catering team will be leaving us here in Trellech. We wish her all the very best wishes in her new role. We welcome Miss Hall as our new cook. Miss Hall has worked here in Trellech over the last year alongside Mrs Assirati, Mrs Light and Mrs Kedward and congratulate her on her successful promotion.

GDPR

It is important to ensure all communications that take place as part of the school community align to GDPR. As staff we updated our training this week and would like to ensure all communications that take place **about individuals including pupils and staff** as part of the school community align . Thankyou for continued co-operation.

Stay and Play

Following on from last year's success we look forward to continuing to welcome families to utilise the KS2 area at the end of the school day each Wednesday. The positive responses and being able to observe extended families and pupils of all ages socialising together a this time is a privilege to see.



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PIC-COLLAGE

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Trellech Teas at Trellech Church

Friday 2.30-4.30 pm

Dates for your diary

6th & 20th September 2024

4th & 18th October 2024

8th & 22nd November 2024

December dates to follow