



# Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Settling In.....

.....it is so wonderful to see how quickly everyone has settled into the new academic year and the routines that brings. All pupils have now attended their first pupil committee meeting being guided by their Year Six ministers. It is wonderful to read their action plans and the aspirations they have for the forthcoming year. In the coming weeks all classes will begin to visit Forest School, please ensure pupils have appropriate trousers along with school uniform t-shirt and jumpers on this day. Specific days will be communicated by the class teacher via Schoop. As we move away from social media and our use of X, we will continue to communicate via schoop whilst Mrs Maguire (Y3), Miss Light (Rec) and Mrs Sulway (Y5) will begin to trial our use of Seesaw to share class communications and achievements. In addition, clubs are beginning to be recommence, this week we have seen Y5/6 Football and Y1/Y2 and Y3 Tennis and we look forward to further information being shared for further clubs in the coming weeks including Multi Sport, Languages and Welsh Club. We thank you for your continued support and it has been a pleasure to welcome families into school to meet with us and discuss important information that in turn will support the pupils here in school.

## Usk Show Success!

We were very proud once again to showcase our pupils work at Usk Show last weekend. It was a privilege to see so many pieces of work representing Trellech. Many congratulations to those who were recognised and awarded a prize particularly Dosbarth Un who were awarded the Craft Cup for their mobile collage of 'Old MacDonalds Farm'!



## Harvest Festival

We are delighted to share that our Harvest Festival will take place at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.30am. Our service will be led by Y6 and

each class will perform their harvest hymn. We are collecting dried donations for Monmouth Foodbank To ensure we help by providing items of greatest need we encourage each class to bring:

Rec: Tinned meat/ tinned fish

Yr1: Tinned vegetables (potatoes, carrots, peas etc)  
Tinned tomatoes

Yr2: Tinned fruit/ Tinned soup

Yr3: Cooking sauces/ Coffee / Tea

Yr4: Milk (Long life)/ Fruit Juice (Long life)

Yr5: Rice/ Cereals/ Tinned rice pudding

Yr 6: Tinned custard/ Jam / Marmalade/ Instant  
mashed potato

We will also have a basket in the main entrance for donations throughout the year.

## River Festival

Last Sunday, Mrs Miles and Mollie attended the River Festival in Usk which was postponed from earlier in the year. Our current Year Five pupils learnt through some authentic opportunities a great deal about our rivers across the Areas of Learning and Experiences. They worked with Angela Jones (Founder of Save the River Usk), wrote to the Welsh Assembly as well as write poetry to name but a few opportunities. Mollie had the privilege of reading her poem at the festival on the weekend. We are very proud of Mollie and all the pupils who showed such passion when learning about our rivers.



## Volunteers Make a Difference at Trellech!

We're incredibly grateful for the time and support our volunteers give to enrich life at Trellech. Whether it's reading with pupils, helping in the garden, supporting forest school, or assisting us on our walk to church — your help is always appreciated. If you'd



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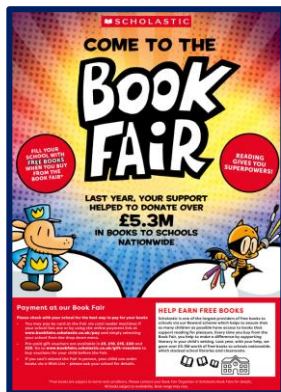
like to get involved, please contact the school office. We'll guide you through the necessary DBS and safeguarding checks to get you started.

## Shine Walk for Cancer Research

The Team here in Trellech are putting on their walking shoes to walk 10km on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept for a cause very close to their hearts: if you are able to support in some small way, here is the team link: [Team Trellech](#)

## Scholastic Book Fair

Save the Date.....During the week commencing 6th October we look forward to holding a Scholastic Book Fair, we hope you are able to support in some small way.



## Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

**Tues 23rd Sept:** See How they Learn Session 2 (Rec Parents)

**Tues 30th Sept:** See How they Learn Session 3 (Rec Parents)

**Weds 1st Oct:** Flu Spray Vaccination (Rec- Y6)

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** Harvest Festival at St Nicholas 9.30am

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** Rec Parents RWINc Workshop

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Scholastic Book Fair

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Sharing Session

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parent Consultations

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parents Consultations

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Oct:** See How they Learn Session 4(Rec Parents)

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Colorfoto Individual & Sibling Photographs

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Cluster Cross Country

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct:** End of Autumn Term 1

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** Autumn Term 2 Commences

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y2 Pedestrian Training Commences

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Acorns Nativity 9.30am

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Acorns Nativity 9.30am

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Family Craft Session: Rec- 2.15pm

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Carol Service at St Nicholas 9.30am

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Dinner

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Christmas Show at The Savoy, Monmouth

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** End Of Autumn Term

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Spring Term Commences

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** National Assessments (Y2- Y6)

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** End of Spring Term 1

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Spring Term 2 Commences

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Saplings Easter Performance

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Pupil Reports to Parents/ Carers

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar:** End of Spring Term

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Summer Term Commences

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Colorfoto Class Photos

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** End of Summer Term 1

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Summer Term Two Commences

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** FP Sports Day- 1.30pm

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Y3-Y6 Sports Day 1.30pm

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> June** Reserve FP Sports Day- 1.30pm

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Reserve Y3-Y6 Sports Day- 1.30pm

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Residential to Gilwern

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July:** End Of Academic Year



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## Class News

### Dosbarth Derbyn

Here we are at the end of the children's first fortnight of full days at school. I cannot express how proud I am of the children and how quickly they are adapting and settling into the routines of the school. There's been lots of 'firsts' over this fortnight. The children have experienced their first whole school assemblies as well as their first golden assembly today. They've settled into the routine of mixing with their peers in Year 1 and 2 during break and lunch as well as completing their first full week of the daily mile. We've also been focussing a lot on talking about our family and friends. We've talked about our homes, pets, likes and dislikes as well as our emotions. It has all tied in nicely to our topic learning of 'Ti a fi- You and me.' The children have looked at counting recognising and ordering numbers between 0-5 and 0-10 as well showing the number as an amount using cubes. Everyday we learn to follow new instructions but this week the children have been instructing each other. They have worked in pairs to instruct their partners about something draw. The children drew some fabulous pictures and demonstrated beautifully how able they are to listen to their peers. We've also been doing lots of singing this week about the colours of the rainbow in Welsh as well as beginning to learn our Harvest song ready for Harvest Festival. To support our Welsh, we used a colour wheel to find objects that matched the colour and verbally discussed what colours we had in Welsh when asked 'pa lliw? – what colour?' Da iawn – Well done everyone! You're doing so well! I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to welcoming both you and the children back on Monday. Take care, Miss Light



### Dosbarth Un

It has been such a busy couple of weeks in Dosbarth Un after our big win at Usk Show! The cheer from them all when I let them know about how well our beautiful mobile did was incredible and I am so proud of the effort that they put in!

In Literacy we have just finished off our work looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears, where we have looked at sequencing and creating a story map and acting or writing out the story in our own words. We have now just started learning the story of Tri Mochen Bach and ordering the sequence of this fairy tale. These are tying in beautifully with our class story of 'The Magic Faraway Tree' as we have met Goldilocks once again in this story and are now just meeting the funny old Saucepan Man! In Maths, we are once again revisiting our numbers to 20 and have been forming our numbers using natural materials in our outdoor area. The children have loved the challenge of this and being creative during our maths. In our topic 'My School, My World', the children have been looking closer into our school and who helps support them. In doing this, the children had the task to walk around our school and take photos of all of our staff and the people who help us. Then each of them had the task to draw a member of staff as accurately as possible! A very artsy but busy couple of weeks in Dosbarth Un – da iawn pawb!

### Dosbarth Dau

Shw mae! Another busy fortnight in year 2. We have been enjoying the story of the enormous turnip in our literacy lessons. The children have listened to the story, reenacted choosing the different roles, sequenced the story and begun to create time opener sentences in order to rewrite.

In numeracy we have continued work on making 2- and 3-digit numbers, partitioning them (splitting them up) and recognising the digit values. We have also been working hard on the x2 tables. Our expressive arts work and handwriting were completed in readiness for the Usk show and we were impressed with the entries. The children have been having fun revising Welsh sentence patterns and learning new language too.



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## **Dosbarth Tri**

Dosbarth Tri have had a busy and exciting start to the term! Over the past two weeks, the children have been working hard to settle into new routines and revisit our class charter, reminding ourselves of the values we share as a class community. In literacy, we've been writing instructions on how to be a "bucket filler"—encouraging kindness and positivity—and this week, we've enjoyed reading *Perfectly Norman*, a wonderful story that celebrates being yourself. In maths, we've been exploring partitioning and challenging ourselves to apply our skills in new ways. We've also been diving into our family trees as part of our topic work, asking big questions like "Where do we get our eye colour from?" while learning about genetics. In RVE, we have been learning about the importance of harvest to Christians and thinking about how we can share with others in our own lives. In DCF, the children have been developing their understanding of digital footprints and learning how to stay safe online. A fantastic start to the year—da iawn, Dosbarth Tri!

## **Dosbarth Pedwar**

What a busy two weeks it's been! The children have settled in brilliantly, and we've dived straight into our Literacy, with the enchanting text *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. This exciting adventure story, brimming with gentle humour and delightful surprises, has sparked plenty of creativity in our classroom. We've been exploring how different types of punctuation, font sizes, and overall presentation can influence how a reader responds to a text. This week, our discussions turned to diaries—why we use them and their historical significance. We took a fascinating look at the diary

of Samuel Pepys and identified the unique language and text features that make his entries stand out. It's wonderful to see the children making connections! In other news, our first trip to Forest School was a wet one, but it certainly didn't dampen our spirits! We explored the changing autumn landscape and marvelled, (I love that word) at the fungi popping up all around. In Science, we've been learning about different types of teeth and their functions, differentiating between herbivores and carnivores. In DCF, we have looked carefully at micro: bits-identifying some of the main functions; and this week we have experimented with creating some interactive projects. We're also keeping active with some HITT training to get our heart rates up and discussing the importance of exercise. We even enjoyed a session of whole-body meditation to learn how to relax and switch off; and we all need a bit of that! Here's to more adventures ahead!

Thank you for your support.

## **Dosbarth Pump**

Over the past two weeks, Year 5 have been extremely busy developing their routines and roles within the class. In literacy, we continued to explore the text *It's Only One!* where the children have written about the morals in the story using a newspaper format. They delved into the formal features of a newspaper and worked hard to present their work thoughtfully. In maths, we've tackled real-life word problems, honing our addition and subtraction skills to sift through important information and solve challenges successfully. As part of our assessment, the children completed GL Assessments, which we've affectionately named 'Have a Go jobs'. I'm proud to report that every child gave it their all, showcasing their reading, spelling, and maths capabilities. In Science and Technology, we've been focusing on safe searches and assessing the reliability of information online. Using Britannica Education within the HWB, we had a great time exploring the resources, videos, and links. The week ended on an exciting note, as we introduced our Science topic on the immune system and cell functions. The children illustrated germ transmission using crumpled paper, creating a memorable experience that truly enhanced their understanding.

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## Dosbarth Chewch

Congratulations to all Year 6 students on their new roles! It is wonderful to see our ministers, house captains, and ambassadors taking the lead in our first pupil committee meetings of the year. Their enthusiasm and leadership skills are commendable. It is lovely to start our swimming lessons, which will help us build on the skills developed last year. It's a fantastic opportunity for our children to enhance their confidence in the water. In literacy, we have recently completed our study of "Can I Build Another Me?" and embarked on writing Kenning poems about ourselves. This particular challenge was met with great creativity, and I am immensely proud of everyone's efforts. We have now begun reading "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio, a wonderful book that beautifully illustrates the value of embracing our uniqueness. The students have been analysing characters, exploring vocabulary that conveys emotion, and using evidence and inference to describe the school the main character attends. In numeracy, our focus has been on recapping place value from millions to thousandths, as well as mastering addition through the column method using word problems and reasoning skills. Our topic, "Who Do You Think You Are?", has sparked a wealth of interesting activities. We are exploring family history and geography by drawing family trees, crafting interview questions for family members, and mapping out where our families have lived and were born. These discussions have provided valuable insights into how our backgrounds shape our identities. In expressive arts, we are depicting ourselves as others see us compared to how we view ourselves. Our ICT lessons have involved creating Google Forms to collect identity-based questions and compiling a database of the results. In R.V.E., we are discussing how to create a sustainable harvest and understanding the differences between sustainable and unsustainable food sources. It has certainly been a busy few weeks as we look forward to our upcoming harvest service. Thank you for your continued support.

## Drone Images

We are very proud to share some images that were kindly taken by our special friend, Steve King using his drone! What a splendid setting we have for our special school. Diolch Mr King!





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## Trellech Primary School Open Morning

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
9.30am  
for parents & families of  
children due to start  
Reception in September 2026



Meet the Headteacher, Staff and Pupils for  
an informal introduction and tour of daily life at  
Trellech Primary School.



Please confirm attendance via email to: [tre.primary@monmouthshireschools.wales](mailto:tre.primary@monmouthshireschools.wales)

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## FOOD BANK FORTNIGHT

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1-15 OCTOBER 2025

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Bring donations to school for  
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## Monmouth Nearly New Sale

October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

1-3pm

Bridges Community Centre



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A sale of pre-loved everything for bumps, kids & teens.  
A chance to buy and sell for your growing family.

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