



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 3rd October 2025

Harvest Festival

On Thursday, it was a delight to see so many families join us for our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church. As the first event in our school calendar, it is always wonderful to come together. Thankyou to Dosbarth Chewch for leading our service and all the classes for their beautiful singing. A huge well done must go to Dosbarth Derbyn who performed for the very first time to a huge audience in a magnificent building- we are sure you will all agree they did themselves proud. A special thankyou to you all from our Charity Committee for the generous donations which will be gratefully received by Monmouth Foodbank.

Charity Work.....

.....last week we were able to present our donation to St David's Foundation and FAST UK from our Summer Term Ramble. We were delighted to receive gratitude from both charities. Mrs Washbrook wishes to share her thanks for your support for this important charity. We are honoured to share a post that was posted by FAST UK having received the monies.

In addition to the ramble, last Friday staff took part in the 10km Cardiff Shine Walk raising money for Cancer Research. The walk took them across Cardiff late into the night. A huge appreciation to those who supported the team, we are pleased to share together we raised £495- thankyou to all who supported us.

Following from this achievement we wish Mrs Maguire, Miss Light, Miss Ward and Miss Smith our very best of luck as they participate in The Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday.



Attendance

Attendance is a national priority and being in school every day and on time is vital to your child's success. Please can we remind you that 8.50am is when the children are welcomed into school as we begin learning at 9.00am. If your child is unwell, please ensure you have contacted the school and left a voice message stating why your child is not going to be in school. Our school target is 96.5% and we are pleased to share that our current attendance is 97.5% which is positive start to the academic year. We ask for medical appointments that are during the school day for a copy of the appointment to be shared in order for the correct code to be applied to the register. Holidays during term time are not permitted and your child's absence will be coded as unauthorised. Attendance is monitored fortnightly



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and for individuals where attendance is below 90%, a letter will be sent home informing you of your child's attendance percentage. You will be asked to attend a meeting at school and it may also result in a referral to the Education Welfare Officer.

School Essentials inc. Free School Meals

In Wales, many parents are not claiming the School Essentials Grant that their children are entitled to. We are writing to remind you to check eligibility and of the additional support that might be available to you. School meals promote healthy eating, increase the variety of food your child might eat, and can improve behaviour and social skills. If you receive certain benefits, or your circumstances have changed, check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals and the School Essentials Grant through [Free School Meals & School Essentials Grant - Monmouthshire](#). The form is short and only takes a few minutes to complete. If your child already gets Free School Meals, there could be up to £200 available for School Essentials. This helps with the costs of School Essentials like uniforms and equipment to make sure they are ready for the school day.

Scholastic Book Fair

Next week, we look forward to holding our Scholastic Book Fair. Books purchased will also support the school in purchasing new books for the school. Books will be available to purchase at the end of the school day and at parent consultations on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October. Books can be purchased and paid in cash, card and vouchers. [Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Also don't forget to be in with a chance of winning a £5 gift voucher to spend at the fair by submitting a picture of your favourite place to read! Winning images will be framed and installed in the newly refurbished library.



Parent Governor Ballot

Please be reminded that nominations for those of you who would like to become a Parent Governor as part of our Governing Body should be submitted by Monday 6th October.

Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

Mon 6th Oct: Sharing Session

Tues 7th- Thurs 9th Oct: Scholastic Book Fair

Tues 7th Oct: Parent Consultations

Tues 7th Oct: See How they Learn Session 4(Rec Parents)

Weds 8th Oct: Parents Consultations

Thurs 9th Oct: Colorfoto Individual & Sibling Photographs (younger siblings welcome from 8.20am)

Fri 10th Oct: Cluster Cross Country

Thurs 23rd Oct: PTFA Halloween Disco

Fri 24th Oct: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 24th Oct: End of Autumn Term 1

Mon 3rd Nov: Autumn Term 2 Commences

Thurs 6th Nov: Y2 Pedestrian Training Commences

Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Weds 10th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Thurs 11th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Mon 15th Dec: Family Craft Session: Rec- 2.15pm

Tues 16th Dec: Carol Service at St Nicholas 9.30am

Weds 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner

Fri 19th Dec: Whole School Christmas Show at The Savoy, Monmouth

Fri 19th Dec: End Of Autumn Term

Mon 5th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Fri 23rd Jan: Y3/ Y4 Urdd Jambori @Pontytpool LC

Mon 2nd- Fri 13th Feb: National Assessments (Y2- Y6)

Fri 13th Feb: End of Spring Term 1

Mon 23rd Feb: Spring Term 2 Commences

Tues 24th Mar: Saplings Easter Performance

Weds 25th Mar: Pupil Reports to Parents/ Carers



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Fri 27th Mar: End of Spring Term

Mon 13th April: Summer Term Commences

Fri 1st May: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Thurs 21st May: Colorfoto Class Photos

Fri 22nd May: End of Summer Term 1

Mon 1st June: Summer Term Two Commences

Weds 3rd June: FP Sports Day- 1.30pm

Thurs 4th June: Y3-Y6 Sports Day 1.30pm

Weds 10th June Reserve FP Sports Day- 1.30pm

Thurs 11th June: Reserve Y3-Y6 Sports Day- 1.30pm

Fri 26th June: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 6th– Weds 8th July: Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Mon 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 20th July: End Of Academic Year

Class News

Dosbarth Derbyn

It's been yet another busy fortnight for Dosbarth Derbyn. This fortnight we have been focussing heavily on looking at our number formation of numbers between 0-10. We have been doing lots of singing and working hard to learn all the different rhymes. We now know that 0-9 has a rhyme and anything above 10 we need to combine the rhymes. We have also been looking at our emotions and building an understanding of the different ones we can feel as well as when we feel them. This has linked well to our Welsh where we have been learning a song all about emotions in Welsh to support our learning further next week. We've also been enjoying learning about Harvest in terms of what it is and why / how it can be celebrated. I'm sure you'll agree the children did a fantastic performance yesterday at the church during our Harvest service. I was incredibly proud of them for their first one here with us at Trellech. Our digital skills have also been put to the test where we have been learning how to take photos of each-other along with using digital paint to create our houses. Last week we also used our digital skills to record ourselves reciting colours in Welsh based off different items that we found in

the class. To continue our topic, we have also been looking at similarities and differences between ourselves and our classmates where we discussed what things we had the same and what things made us different from one another. We are building our understanding that we are all different in certain ways and that is okay because that's what makes us unique. If you were able to join the Read Write Inc parent session yesterday, I would like to say thank you again for attending. For now, I hope you have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to welcoming both you and children back to school on Monday. Take care – Miss Light.

Dosbarth Un

Dosbarth 1 have really settled in now and we are fully getting stuck into this new term with lots of exciting activities taking place. In Literacy, we have really delved deep into the story of 'The Three Little Pigs/Tri Mochen Bach' by looking at how we can describe both the characters and the setting. Some of the sentences the children have created have been so beautifully descriptive.

The children have really grasped the concept of estimating in Maths with us using a variety of mediums – the children's favourites being jellybeans! Da iawn pawb for the brilliant work. Following on the brilliant result of the Women's Rugby World Cup, we have been learning the basics of Rugby in our outdoor PE sessions with the children really giving it a go at how to throw and catch the rugby ball. Maybe we have some future players in our midst? Da iawn pawb!

Dosbarth Dau

Shw mae! Sut wyt ti? Dosbarth dau have been busy with learning skills for their next piece of writing in literacy. They have been writing question sentences and using adjectives for the story: Owl Babies. Once again we have been practising the use of time openers, sequencing the story and reenacting it in groups. Pupils used enhanced learning to create sentences.

In numeracy we have enjoyed the outdoors drawing number lines and frog hopping along these to solve addition and subtraction problems. We have also been rounding to the nearest 10 using a little rhyme: if 4 and below (in the units column) down we go, so



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we round down. Five and above up with the dove! So we round to the next multiple of 10.

We have been asking and answering the question: Ble rwyd ti'n byw? Where do you live? In our Welsh lessons as well as asking Ga i...? May I have...? In P.E we have continued with rugby skills; learning to avoid other players with cones and in Canterbury squares, where pupils run diagonally to their partner and give the ball avoiding another pair running in the opposite diagonal. Tricky but the children got it and did well. In our indoor PE session the children made the most of the wall bars. Some were nervous at first but I was so proud of them as everyone conquered their fears and found lots of ways to get from one side to the other.

Thank you to Mrs Cornish and Mrs Weeks, the children have been planting daffodil bulbs in readiness for the spring.

initial name canvas art, each one unique and full of personality.



Dosbarth Pedwar

This week in Year 4, our learning has taken us on a journey through time and across subjects! In literacy, pupils stepped into the shoes of a Stone Age child, writing vivid diary entries inspired by *Stone Age Boy* and crafting atmospheric cave descriptions using powerful adjectives and sensory language. In maths, we've linked our topic work with real-life money skills—children took part in a Stone Age-themed activities, where they practised adding totals, calculating change, and creating simple budgets while “buying and selling” Stone Age items like flint tools. In PE, we've been developing our football skills through small-sided games, focusing on teamwork, passing, and spatial awareness, this helps to build confidence and co-ordination. Our humanities lessons introduced us to the fascinating world of archaeology, where we investigated how artefacts, including cave paintings help us understand life in the past. Meanwhile, in RVE, we explored the meaning of harvest and reflected on the importance of gratitude and community. What a fantastic time we had at Forest School this week! The children were absolutely buzzing with excitement at Forest School as we ventured out to pick the last of the blackberries. Their enthusiasm was infectious! The next day, the adventure begins creating a scrumptious blackberry and apple crumble, served with a lovely dollop of custard. This



Dosbarth Tri

Dosbarth Tri have had a fantastic few weeks filled with creativity and learning! In literacy, we have been exploring more wonderful stories by author Tom Percival, including *Perfectly Norman* and *Ruby's Worry*. Inspired by these books, the children have written thoughtful character descriptions, created story mountains, and even designed their own comic strips to retell parts of the stories. In mathematics, we've been working with numbers up to 100 and beyond, confidently using the 'crocodile mouth' symbols to compare them. We even applied this knowledge when measuring and comparing our own heights! As part of our learning about children's rights, we've been focusing on Article 28 – the right to an education. The children have explored what school looks like around the world and reflected on what they love most about their own school day. Their thoughtful discussions have shown great empathy and appreciation. Our creativity hasn't stopped there – the class also designed beautiful



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was a delightful way to celebrate the harvest and the changing season. The smiles on the children's faces as they enjoyed their creation was priceless! Here's to more adventures ahead! It's been a week full of discovery, creativity, and collaboration! Thank you for your continued support.

so proud of them, they sang with such confidence and joy. Year 5 have also started their forest school adventures. Last week was their very first session, and it was wonderful to see how well they supported each other as a team when challenges came up. In maths, we've been brushing up on our time skills by reading real-life timetables. The children looked at bus and pool schedules from Trellech to Monmouth and worked out which bus to catch and how long journeys would take, all in preparation for going swimming soon.



Dosbarth Pump

It's been very busy in Year 5, and the children have been working so hard across all areas of the curriculum. In science, we've been busy exploring the immune system and investigating how germs spread. The children carried out some fascinating experiments and then wrote wonderful explanation piece to share their findings – we were really impressed by their scientific thinking! In literacy, we've continued reading *Framed* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. The children have loved diving into the story and even used their maths skills to plan the journey to Manod, the setting of the book. It's been a great way to bring different subjects together! As part of our whole school topic, the children have been working so hard on writing their own autobiographies. This is such a tricky piece of writing to complete due to finding the information/memories and ensuring they include the key features. When writing their autobiographies the class went silent, due to concentration and they all gave 100% effort in their writing. I was immensely proud of all the class for this and look forward to parents reading their hard work next week. The children have been learning the Harvest song and performed beautifully in St Nicholas Church. I was

Dosbarth Chewch

What an exciting fortnight it has been in Year 6, brimming with learning and creativity on our current topic, "Who Do You Think You Are?". In Literacy, we have delved deeper into the characters from "Wonder" and crafted a school prospectus for Beecher Prep. The children have used persuasive language, ensuring a positive tone throughout their writing. Our literacy has taken a more scientific turn as we began researching and writing non-chronological reports on Treacher Collins syndrome, the condition experienced by the main character in "Wonder". This has sparked meaningful conversations about identity and understanding amongst the pupils. In Numeracy, our focus has been on pictorial methods of subtraction to reinforce the concept of exchanging. The highlight of our week was undoubtedly the lively game of "Refund Rush", where children used receipts to find totals and then practised subtraction to determine refunds. It was such a hit that they are eager to play



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it again! We also tackled multiplication using the grid method, applying it to calculate the average population in areas surrounding Trellech. Expressive Arts has seen us creating drawings that explore our personal and private identities, drawing the two faces we show and subsequently don't show to the world. Additionally, we have begun studying the work of Alberto Giacometti. In Humanities, students took the time to write reflective letters to themselves about their identities, showcasing thoughtful insights. We've also created pieces of drama, considering how our actions impact others in terms of health and well-being. The live Spanish lessons are continuing well, with the children particularly enjoying the songs that allow them to practice. Fantastic attitude from the children in swimming these last two weeks, with this week's session involving clothing to simulate real life-saving situations. To top off a busy week, we held a wonderful harvest service in the church, where our Year 6 pupils led the service with respect and confidence. Well done, Year 6, for all your hard work and enthusiasm!



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Trellech Primary School Open Morning

Tuesday 14th 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.



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