



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2025

Welcome back

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As the leaves continue to fall and the days grow shorter, we're excited to dive into the second half of our Autumn Term with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

This term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, creative projects, and festive fun.

Please keep an eye on our newsletters and school communications for updates on upcoming activities, key dates, and ways you can get involved.

Cluster Working

As part of our commitment to continuous professional development, our teaching staff recently took part in a Cluster STEM Professional Learning Inset Day. This collaborative training brought together educators from across our cluster to explore innovative approaches to teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The day was filled with hands-on activities, inspiring discussions, and practical strategies aimed at enriching STEM learning in the classroom. Staff returned with fresh ideas and resources to spark curiosity and creativity in our pupils, and we're excited to see these new approaches come to life in lessons this term.

Our dedicated support staff were actively engaged in professional learning this term, strengthening their skills and deepening their impact across the school. As part of our commitment to safeguarding and pupil wellbeing, staff took part in training led by the **Lucy Faithfull Foundation**, focusing on creating safer environments for children and understanding best practices in child protection. This important work reinforces our whole-school approach to safety and care.

In addition, support staff have been working collaboratively to enhance their role in Supporting Maths across the curriculum. Through shared planning, resource development, and targeted strategies, they are helping pupils build confidence and fluency in key mathematical concepts.

We're proud to be part of a learning community that values collaborative education!

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We would like to welcome Miss Arnold and Miss Jones to Trellech who join us from University of South Wales. They will be teaching in Dosbarth 5 ac Dosbarth 6 as part of their BA in Education.

Attendance

We're thrilled to share that our school has achieved an impressive attendance rate of 97.5%, surpassing our annual target of 96.5%! This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the commitment of our pupils, families, and staff.

Why Attendance Matters:

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, social development, and overall wellbeing. Every day in school counts – helping pupils build confidence, stay on track with their learning, and feel part of our school community.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support in making attendance a priority. Together, we're helping every child reach their full potential. Let's keep up the great work!

Schools Essential Grant

If you are the parent or guardian of a child in education from Reception to year 11, you may be eligible for a grant to help to pay for essential school items. You can use the grant to pay for:

- school uniforms, coats and footwear
- sports equipment and kit
- equipment for school activities, including musical lessons, outdoor learning and after school clubs
- classroom essentials, including pens, pencils and school bags
- equipment and materials for new subjects or courses

The official name of this grant is the School essentials grant. You may also know it as the Pupil Development grant, PDG Access or the Uniform grant

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/get-help-with-school-essentials>



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PTFA Halloween Disco

Our wonderful PTFA held a spooktacular disco prior to the half term break. Both Foundation Phase and Key Stage Two. All pupils had great evening with dancing, games and treats! Thankyou for supporting such events which enables all our children to come together outside of the school day. We look forward to the future forthcoming events.



The Clean Green Shop

A huge diolch to our amazing Eco Committee, led by Mrs Maunder, for organising a fantastic first Eco Shop event.

We were delighted to see so many pupils and families supporting this exciting initiative. The shop was a brilliant step towards promoting sustainability in our school community.

Thank you to everyone who brought along a **500ml bottle** to refill with our brilliant shampoos, conditioners, washing-up liquid, and washing detergent. Your support helps reduce plastic waste and encourages environmentally conscious choices. We're also grateful to those who donated spare bottles – every contribution makes a difference! We look forward to future Eco Shop events and continuing our journey towards a greener school.



Children in Need – Challenge 25 & Run Pudsey 🏃

On Friday 14th November, the Charity Committee are inviting all pupils and staff to take part in a fun and active day in support of BBC Children in Need!

Everyone is encouraged to wear sports kit or comfortable activewear as we take on Challenge 25 — a whole-school effort to run a combined total of 25 kilometres throughout the day!

As part of the national **Run Pudsey** initiative, each class will contribute to the distance, whether through running, jogging, or walking laps around the playground or field. It's a fantastic way to get moving, work together, and raise awareness for a great cause. Let's lace up, get active, and show our support for Children in Need — together we can make a difference!



The Trellech 50

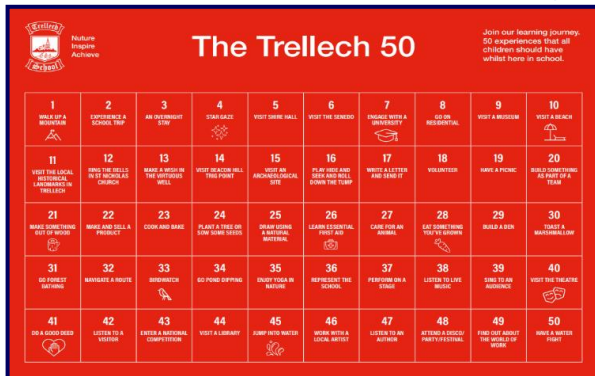
We continue to provide experiences for all our pupils through our opportunity developed our fifty experiences that all children should have whilst here in Trellech. This has become 'The Trellech 50' all classes have access to the T50 and will record it when they have completed one of the experiences. This can also be viewed on school website at www.trellechprimary.co.uk



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Thurs 11th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Fri 12th Dec: Saplings (Y2/ Y3) Christmas Singalong 2.30pm

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

Fri 27th Mar: End of Spring Term

Mon 13th April: Summer Term Commences

Mon 27th- 29th April: Y5 Residential to Cardiff

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

Fri 17th July: Leavers Assembly

Fri 17th July: Last Day of Summer to Pupils

Mon 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 20th July: End Of Academic Year

Let's Talk Neurodiversity

Monmouthshire County Council and Action for Children would like to provide more support to families within Monmouthshire that need specialist support with diagnosed or non-diagnosed neurodiversity.

The proposal is to provide holistic family support around parenting, looking at strategies to help families manage behaviour/challenges more effectively, supporting families to have better access and feel integrated in the community. Collaborating and linking families in with other services such as school etc. Thus, improving school attendance.

We would like people's feedback to give us a better understanding of the support and resources needed from the County Council and Action for Children to enhance the offer of support for families.

The survey will close at 5pm Friday, 28 November

<https://www.letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/lets-talk-neurodiversity>



Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

Fri 14th Nov: Children in Need

Thurs 27th Nov: Y5/ Y6 Parent Exhibition

Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 5th Dec: Daily Mile Santa Dash

Weds 10th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am



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Class News

Dosbarth Derbyn

Croeso yn ôl! Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term with some well-deserved rest in preparation for what's set to be a busy half term. Before half term we learnt about Diwali – what it is, what it means and how it is celebrated. The children enjoyed learning about diya lamps and making their own with clay. We are looking forward to decorating them this week ready to bring home. We also learnt about rangoli patterns where we were able to link them to our maths and create our own patterns using 2D shapes. The children also learnt a song and dance about Diwali. We hope you enjoyed hearing our song on Seesaw. It was a fantastic opportunity to experiment with instruments and play them to a rhythm / beat. This week we have continued working hard to learn the next set of sounds and have also been introduced to our blending boards which are supporting us to spell practically using our magnetic letters. The children also began to learn some of their nativity songs which we are really excited about and are looking forward to starting the practice for it next week with Year 1. For now, I hope you have a lovely weekend. I look forward to welcoming both you and the children back to school on Monday. Take care, Miss Light

our own Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps using torn paper and even explored the story of Rama and Sita through dance which the children loved! On our final day, as I'm sure you are aware each child made an Apple Crumble to fully test out our measuring skills. I have to say, the children and I had an absolute blast making them and it was a truly lovely way to spend the last day of half term. I do hope they tasted good! Now that we have come back we are getting back into the swing of things by writing our own acrostic poems all about fireworks. The children have really been digging deep to think of different ways that we can describe how they look and sound and being creative with our way of wording to get them to fit. It has really tested our spellings! In Maths, we have gone back to basics by rediscovering our adding and taking away using numbers to 20 in preparation for next week's maths. The children have been exploring the different resources we have around the classroom and finding out which one suits them best, which has been really eye opening. Finally, a big part of this week is beginning to learn our Nativity songs and my oh my have they really loved this! In two days, they have managed to learn one song so confidently, I can hear them sing it around the classroom on their own accord! Here's to this imaginative and creative learning continuing!

Dosbarth Dau

Croeso yn ôl! Welcome back! I hope that you have had an enjoyable half term. It is certainly getting colder. Before we broke up the pupils were busy writing descriptive paragraphs based on an autumnal scene. They did well to include lots of exciting adjectives to describe their senses as if they were actually experiencing the scene firsthand. This week we have been reenacting and sequencing the story 'Rainbow Fish'. We have started to write sentences with exciting adverb openers such as 'suddenly' and 'excitedly'. In numeracy we have been doubling two and three-digit numbers and looking at the properties of 2D shapes. In order to embed the skills learnt we have been using matchsticks to make and have been creating abstract art using 2D shapes only. These were great! Please see pictures below. In Welsh we have been learning how to say what we do not like and asking and answering what hair/eye colour we have.



Dosbarth Un

Croeso yn ôl! It is so lovely to be back in the classroom although we have seen a definite change in the weather with it being super chilly. Before half term, we had a lovely eventful last week where we celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali! We created



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Pa lliw ydy dy gwallt di? What colour hair do you have? Mae gwallt....da fi.Ihave...hair.

Pa lliw ydy dy llygaid di? What colour eyes do you have? Mae llygaid...da fi. I have ...eyes. We have been learning about the life of Victorian school children. It certainly opened eyes and made us aware of how lucky we really are.



Dosbarth Tri

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. The children were extremely busy during the last two weeks of last term. They designed amazing leaflets about Trellech, which Mrs Peacock kindly judged! They also wrote some wonderful acrostic poems about their names, which really showcased their different personalities and included alliteration, similes, and rhyme. In maths, the children applied their place value knowledge to column addition and subtraction, including carrying over too. We continued with our artwork by sketching self-portraits and applying watercolours. The class has now learnt two rights: **Article 28 – the right to an education** and **Article 15 – the right to make friends and join clubs**. The children discussed what education and going to school mean to them, shared which clubs they currently take part in, and even imagined what their dream club would be! During our PBuzz sessions, we have been learning songs by artists such as George Ezra and Queen. We also enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session, where we applied our measuring skills and worked together collaboratively.

Dosbarth Pedwar

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Year 4! Before half term, the children made Stone Age bread, and I must say, it was surprisingly tasty, using just flour and water! We had a great discussion about how bread would have been cooked in those times, exploring the progress from hunter-gatherers to simple farming methods. At Forest School, we individually found a comfortable sitting

spot. There's so much going on in nature around us—buzzing insects, fluffy clouds transforming shapes, spiders weaving webs, and ants tidying up. Do we really take the time to notice? A sit spot is the perfect way to enjoy nature's countless mysteries; together with being present and concentrating on your immediate environment.

In Literacy, we've explored powerful Remembrance Day poetry, using "*In Flanders Fields*" as inspiration to write our own thoughtful verses about peace, courage, and gratitude. The children have shown great empathy and creativity, producing moving pieces that reflect the importance of remembrance. In Maths, we've been investigating positive and negative numbers, learning how to read temperatures below zero (very handy for chilly Welsh mornings!) and practising weighing and measuring using grams and kilograms in practical activities. Our RVE lessons have focused on Harvest and farming in Wales, where pupils researched local produce and designed bright and informative infographics showing how food is grown, shared, and celebrated in our communities. In Commando Joe's, teamwork has been the key as the children worked together to build and protect their own Stone Age villages, planning how to collect food and keep their settlements safe — a fantastic mix of strategy, cooperation, and creativity! In Humanities, we've travelled back to 1605 to discover the story of The Gunpowder Plot, using debate to explore different viewpoints and understand why we still remember this historic event today.

Year 4 have truly shown enthusiasm, imagination, and teamwork across all areas of learning — da iawn pawb! ☀️





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Dosbarth Pump

Welcome back! This week, the children have been busy planning and writing their own exciting adventure stories for the BBC 500 Words Challenge, using their ICT skills to publish and then peer assessment of each other's work to give constructive feedback and suggestions for praise and improvement. In maths, the class have been investigating decimals and their positions within the place value system, challenging themselves to match decimals with fractions—a tricky but rewarding skill! To end the decimal topic the children have been using recipes to mix their own fascinating drinks, a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills in an engaging and real-life context. In RVE, the children reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day and creatively expressed their thoughts by building three symbolic poppies in Minecraft. They've also continued to develop their swimming skills and have been excellent role models whilst representing the school. As part of developing the Welsh language skills within the class, we have completed several tasks using our reading and oracy skills based on a class text, Diwali. Here, the children looked for familiar words and sentences and had lots of fun building new words and phrases.



Dosbarth Chewch

What a busy fortnight we've had, especially with half term right in the middle! In Literacy, we've had a fantastic time creating stories for the BBC 500 Words competition. It's been wonderful to see so many skills on display, from developing characters to drafting and editing. We're all keeping our fingers crossed as the stories have now been submitted! As we approach Remembrance Day, we've also begun writing persuasive speeches. The children are exploring the importance of remembering those who fought for our country and our freedom, which has sparked some thoughtful discussions. In Numeracy, we've wrapped up our work on percentages and have moved on to factors and prime numbers. The children are making great progress and are really enjoying the challenges that come with these concepts. Our Science and Technology lessons have been particularly engaging this week. We investigated what clickbait is and discussed how to identify it before clicking. Additionally, we used a green screen app to create informative videos about the functions of the major organs in the body. The work on genetics has been amazing, as we learned about chromosomes and how we all have 46, making each of us unique. This knowledge was put to the test when we created "Reebops," small animals made by selecting different combinations of chromosomes. Take a look at the amazing creations made from the same set of chromosomes, just picked in different orders. In Humanities, the children wrote about how the transport, facilities, and location of Trellech, The North, and Overmonnow affect their population. They had previously worked this out using census data before half term, demonstrating impressive analytical skills. Lastly, we were fortunate to take part in a sign language workshop this week, teaching us vital communication skills that will benefit our community. Thank you for your continued support.



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Monmouth & District
foodbank

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING:

- ★ TUBS OF SWEETS
- ★ CHRISTMAS PUDDING - 200G/400G
- ★ BOXES OF SWEET BISCUITS
- ★ BOXES OF CHOCOLATES

DONATIONS WELCOMED BETWEEN 28TH NOVEMBER AND 8TH DECEMBER PLEASE.

FROM EVERYONE AT THE FOODBANK, WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRISTMAS A LITTLE BRIGHTER FOR LOCAL FAMILIES.

Are you dog smart?

Understand your child
Supervision is key. Look out for unsafe child behaviours.

Understand your dog
What is the dog telling you? Dogs tell us how they feel through body language.

Report a concern
For noisy dogs, dog fouling or strays, contact your local authority. Call Gwent Police on 101 or message on Facebook or X for suspected banned breeds or dangerous dogs, organised dog fights and anti-social behaviour involving dogs. In an emergency call 999.

Be safe
Information on living safely with dogs is available from Dogs Trust by scanning the QR Code to the right.

Gwent Police LEAD Initiative, seeking to improve safety and responsible dog ownership.

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Scan for more information from Dog's Trust!





Admission to Primary School 2026

Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2026

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
MORFONDDŵL A'R FFRYDIAU

Primary School

Application Available
13th November 2025

Closing date for applications:
15th January 2026 at 4pm

Offer date:
16th April 2026

Ysgol Gynradd

Pecynnau ar gael:
13th Tachwedd 2025

Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
15th Ionawr 2026 am 4pm

Dyddiad cynnyg:
16th April 2026



Please note: If you are a Monmouthshire resident, you must apply for your school place through Monmouthshire County Council (excluding applications to voluntary aided/independent schools) even if your preference is for your child to attend a school outside of Monmouthshire. Nodyn: os ydych chi byw yn Sir Fynwy rhaid i chi wneud cais am le mewn ysgol trwy gongor Sir Fynwy (ac eiddo oedolau) ysgolion Annibynnol/Ysgolion Gwladfodol a gynorthwyf) hyd yn oed os ydych chi well gwyboda ffaith plentyn fynd i ysgol y tu allan i Sir Fynwy.

Ewch i - Visit: monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place



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