



Trellech Primary School Newsletter



Friday 20th March 2026

Curriculum Opportunities

Over the last two weeks our pupils have had a variety of opportunities to enable them to apply their learning in a variety of engaging ways. Pupils from Year Three up, attended Anti Racism Workshops led by Race Equality Wales. The pupils were a credit and the facilitator commented on the pleasure she had working with such enthusiastic pupils.

Pupils in Year Three and Year Five spent a session last week working with Jungle Mania to support their learning aligned to Science and Technology. They had the opportunity to get very close and learn about a range of creatures including tarantulas and geckos!

Year Four have begun a series of workshops with our friends from the Wye Valley. In their first session pupils shared their creative poetry linked to our setting and created Wye Valley creatures using natural materials.



Cluster Peer Review

Last week we welcomed colleagues from Osbaston along with our Local Authority School Improvement Partner to complete a Peer Review. The focus for the review was our recommendation from Estyn- [Provide worthwhile opportunities for pupils to apply their mathematical and digital skills with increasing sophistication in their work across the curriculum.](#) During the review colleagues had the opportunity to complete a learning walk, look at books and meet with pupils. We, as a team here in Trellech have focused on this priority and are very proud of the progress to date. The overall outcome noted: *Across the school, there is a clear trajectory of improvement in both mathematics and digital competence. Learners demonstrate increasing sophistication, independence, and confidence as they progress. Where practice is strongest, pupils engage in*

authentic, meaningful tasks that link mathematical understanding with real-world applications and purposeful use of technology.

We have areas to continue developing as part of our School Development Plan and the outcomes of this recent review.

Criw Cymraeg

Our Certificates for Welsh speaking during the last fortnight:

PS1: Cleo (Y1)

PS2: Seren (Y3)

PS3: Daisy (Y5)

Teacher of the week/ Athrawon yr wythnos: Mrs Sulway ac Mrs Peacock

We are proud to tell you about our hard work to promote Welsh and are awaiting verification of our Campus Cymraeg Arian Award in the Summer Term.

Our Phrase of the Week (Wythnos) is:

Oes Brawd da fi? Do you have a brother?

Oes/ Nag oes.... Yes/ No....

You too can learn Welsh at home! Here are some phrases:

Bore da – Good morning

Sut wyt ti? – How are you? (Should oi tea)

Dwi'n hapus – I'm happy (Dween hap iss)

Beth wyt ti esiau am frecwast? – What do you want for breakfast? Beth oi to eesha)

Clothing: Crys-t – T-shirt, ffrog – dress, jumper – siwmpwr (shumper), socks – sanau (san eye), trwsws – trousers, shoes – esgidiau (es skid ee eye)

School Gardens and Courtyard

As the spring sunshine begins to bless us with some finer days, we are grateful to our volunteers, who continue to support our pupils in developing our allotment, gardens and courtyard area. Utilisation of the South East Wales Energy Grant has had a huge impact on the development of the school environment. Emmett's winning design for the



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courtyard has taken shape and is now an area that can be really enjoyed!



Stay and Play

It is lovely to see the evening sunshine for our stay and play sessions. Don't forget to access the stay and play resources in the storage cupboard by the reading hut and return them after the end of the session. Please be reminded that unfortunately the field area is not part of the Stay and Play session due to children attending After School Club and the school facilities are unavailable at this time. Thank you for your support and we look forward to more pleasant evenings as we approach summer.

School Email Address

Please note the school email is: tre.primary@monmouthshireschools.wales

Emails to trellech.primary@monmouthshire.gov.uk will soon no longer be forwarded to new mail box.

Key Dates: 2025/ 2026

- Tues 24th Mar:** Saplings Easter Performance
- Weds 25th Mar:** Pupil Reports to Parents/ Carers
- Fri 27th Mar:** Y4/ Y5: Drumming Performance: 11am
- Fri 27th Mar:** Café Cynefin & Clean Green Shop: 2.30pm
- Fri 27th Mar:** End of Spring Term
- Mon 13th April:** Summer Term Commences
- Mon 27th- Weds 29th April:** Y5 Residential
- Thurs 30th April:** London Mini Marathon
- Fri 1st May:** Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils
- Mon 4th May:** May Bank Holiday
- Tues 12th May:** Parent Consultations

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- 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
- Tues 23rd June:** Oaks Summer Performance- 1.30pm
- Weds 24th June:** Oaks Summer Performance- 6pm
- Fri 26th June:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils
- Weds 1st July:** Move Up Day
- Mon 6th- Weds 8th July:** Y6 Residential to Gilwern
- Fri 17th July:** Leavers Assembly: 9.30am
- 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
- Academic Year 2026/ 2027**
- Tues 1st Sept:** Academic Year Commences
- Tues 1st Sept:** INSET Day- School Closed to Pupils
- Weds 2nd Sept:** Autumn Term Commences for Pupils
- Fri 23rd Oct:** End Autumn Term One
- Mon 2nd Nov:** Autumn Term Two Commences
- Fri 2nd Oct:** INSET Day School Closed to Pupils
- Fri 18th Dec:** End of Autumn Term
- Mon 4th Jan:** Spring Term Commences
- Fri 5th Feb:** End of Spring Term One
- Mon 15th Feb:** Spring Term Two Commences
- Fri 19th March:** End of Spring Term
- Mon 5th April:** Summer Term Commences
- Fri 28th May:** End of Summer Term One
- Mon 7th June:** Summer Term Two Commences
- Tues 20th July:** End of Academic Year



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Class News

Dosbarth Derbyn

It finally feels as if Spring is upon us with the lovely sunshine we have seen this week. Over the past fortnight the children have been busy looking after our class caterpillars and observing their lifecycle. We have been keeping tally marks of each day and writing observations of the changes when they occur. We are looking forward to them finally becoming butterflies. Some of our children were also able to create a short digital animation of the life cycle to show each stage on J2E. It was very impressive – well done pawb.

Last week we used our understanding of weighing to make Welsh cakes which supported us in building our knowledge of following and creating a simple code. Once we had made them, we then had to complete instructions including bossy verbs to help others make them too.

We have continued our learning about Monet making links to the Bog Baby based on the 'Water Lillies' piece and have been creating our own inspired pieces using water colours and oil pastels. We're looking forward to the end result.

For Welsh, we have been recapping different fruits and created pictograms to show the favourite fruits of our groups and whole class. Once we had finished, we analysed our data, looking at the most, least and how many.

The children were also fortunate enough to have a lovely warm and sunny visit to forest school where we used natural resources to create the different stages of a life cycle for a butterfly.

Whatever your plans are for the weekend, I hope you have a lovely one and enjoy the sunshine!

Dosbarth Un

Dosbarth Un have been super-duper busy with lots of work surrounding our topic. In Literacy, we have been looking into non-chronological reports and now is the time for the children to begin to write their own all about our friend, the Bog Baby. Though it has been challenging to not use our wonderful story writing skills, they have truly embraced their reporter hats and have been planning some beautiful factual

sentences and they even created their own sub-headings! I cannot wait to see how these reports turn out in our final week before Easter! In Mathemateg, we have been recapping subtraction and patterns surrounding numbers and counting in 10s. In Subtraction, the children were out in the beautiful sunshine drawing number lines to help with their subtraction. They truly adored the physicality of this activity and being able to count backwards using the number line. We have also started to look at the patterns in numbers and noticing what the pattern is. The children have truly embraced the concept and although it can be challenging at times, the resilience they have shown is truly wonderful. In Topic, we have deep dived into frogs and have travelled all the way to the Amazon Rainforest to look into the Blue Poison Dart Frog and then compared them to the Common Frog that we see here in the UK. It has been so lovely to see the children think comparatively and for them to be looking closer at the animals that potentially live in our back gardens (the common frog of course!). Spring has truly sprung in our classroom with us creating some beautiful Easter Crafts. We have also started our journey with threading with us just initially focusing on threading pasta shapes onto some string. The children are really embracing this which is so lovely to see! Thank you all for your support across this term!

Dosbarth Dau

Shw mae pawb! It has been lovely to have a glimpse of Spring; let's hope for more sunshine.

We have been enjoying lots of ICT sessions and have showcased our new found skills using Lego Spike, Digimaps and symmetry applications when we had a visit from the head teacher of Osbaston and our School Improvement Partner. The children have been quick to learn coding to operate Lego builds and have used their knowledge of compass points to locate places around Trellech and calculate distances travelled by fair trade foods using Digimaps.

We have written a report about farming and an inform text on how we celebrate Easter in the U.K. In numeracy we have been creating symmetrical patterns with shapes, blocks and online. We have



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also looked at data based on weather and interpreted it.

The children have taken a lot of pride when making their Mother's Day and Easter cards and have demonstrated their creative side.



Dosbarth Tri

We have had an exciting few weeks in Dosbarth Tri, filled with fabulous learning opportunities and hands-on experiences! We were thrilled to welcome Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow into our classroom—what an incredible experience! The children learned all about different animals, their habitats, adaptations and life cycles. Many of us even overcame our fears and bravely held snakes, millipedes, katydids and geckos. Da iawn pawb! Following this amazing visit, we used what we had learned to design our very own animal enclosures. In our maths books, we carefully measured shapes, lengths and perimeters to create thoughtful and safe habitat designs. The children showed fantastic creativity and mathematical thinking! We have continued reading *The Twits* and used the story to inspire our persuasive writing. Everyone wrote brilliant letters encouraging Mr Twit to stop keeping his monkeys in such a tiny cage. The children used strong arguments, emotive language and lots of determination to stand up for Muggle-Wump and his family! Preparations are well underway for our Easter assembly sharing event. The children have been practising their lines, songs and actions with enthusiasm. We can't wait to share this special performance with you. In maths, we have been learning all about grams and kilograms. This linked perfectly to our practical activity—baking Easter brownies! The children measured ingredients carefully and worked brilliantly as teams. We hope you all enjoyed tasting the delicious results at home!



Dosbarth Pedwar

Busy, Busy Busy! It has been a wonderfully full couple of weeks in Year 4, and we wouldn't have it any other way. We are delighted that *Think Creatively* are leading this year's Schools Outreach Project with the Wye Valley River Festival 2026, exploring the exciting theme "Rare Earth." Your child is currently taking part in this, in-school creative project. Together, we are imagining and designing new folklore stories and mythical characters inspired by the land around us and the unique places we call home. The children's ideas will help shape a large-scale puppet, built from natural materials from the Wye Valley. A professional puppeteer will bring the final creation to life, and it will be proudly paraded during the Wye Valley River Festival on:

 Saturday 2nd May 2026
 11:00am – 12:00pm

We are very excited to see Year 4's imagination become part of this wonderful community celebration! (Hope you can come, more info to follow).

Our Sweet Shop continues to thrive, and the children's imaginations never cease to amaze us. They have taken great pride in designing, organising, and role-playing within the shop, showing fantastic independence and teamwork. Fractions can be a challenge, but the children have really impressed us. By sharing sweets into equal amounts, they've been able to identify and explain quarters, thirds, three-quarters, and more. Making learning practical and learning through real life experiences. Our Spike Education project is well underway, and we are blown away by the children's design skills, debugging strategies, and budding entrepreneurship. These creations take time, so please be assured that every child will have their turn to complete a full project over the coming weeks. We hope you loved your Mother's Day artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe. The children explored different pastel techniques to create bold, beautiful floral pieces, and they were so proud of the results. We have started reading *No Monkeys, No Chocolate* by Melissa Stewart and Allen Young. The



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children were fascinated to learn how monkeys play a vital role in the survival of cocoa trees. Cocoa pods don't fall on their own, monkeys eat the pulp and spit out the beans—helping scatter them and grow new trees. Without this process... no chocolate! This led us to explore ecosystem interdependence, discovering the roles of midges (pollination), leaf-cutter ants, coffin flies, lizards, and more. The children will soon be identifying the language and text features of a report, ready to write an informative piece on one of these incredible creatures. (Who knew there was such a thing as a coffin fly?) Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!



Dosbarth Pump

We had a most fantastic start to the week with a visit from Jonathan Animal Roadshow. It was so wonderful to see the children interact with the animals by holding them and asking amazing questions. Such an incredible experience!

Over the past fortnight, the children have been busy developing a wide range of skills across the curriculum. In numeracy, they revisited their mental maths targets from last term and used Big Maths to continue their progress, before taking part in a range of activities designed to strengthen rapid recall of multiplication facts, including quick fire challenges, Dice Dash, card matching and reasoning problems. They also took part in investigations such as the paper plane distance challenge, where they created tables, measured distances and calculated the mean. Linking numeracy and science, pupils used an online shopping page to research and calculate the cost of materials needed for a scented garden box, applying digital, financial and scientific thinking to make sensible and cost-effective choices.

As part of British Science Week, the children have undertaken a range of activities, such as exploring how bees help flowers reproduce through pollination, taking part in a role-play where they acted as bees transferring “pollen” between flowers before writing about the process using key vocabulary. They have begun their new PE unit on hockey where they practised ball control, teamwork and using equipment safely. In Expressive Arts the children created graphic scores to represent sound, explored perspective and texture through clay models inspired by Thomas Jones, and reflected thoughtfully on their creative choices.

Thank you for your continued support.



Dosbarth Chewch

It seems we've only just come back, and it is nearly Easter! We have been super busy with all sorts of learning in Dosbarth 6, and I am excited to share some highlights with you. In literacy, the children have been working hard on a challenging project where they wrote and published a blog about the Galapagos Islands. This task required them to blend diary writing with a persuasive travel brochure style, showcasing their creativity and perseverance. Once completed, they used Google Sites to create an interactive web page, complete with different tabs and engaging visuals. The results have been incredible, looking very professional and reflecting their hard work! In maths, we have focused on skill-based lessons, particularly related to our bug hotel project. The children first learned about scale drawings, understanding their importance and how to create them. They drew enlarged versions of shapes and measured real rooms in a house. Using 3D modelling software, they designed their bug hotels, carefully deciding on a scale. This week, we delved into 3D shapes and nets, even creating



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prototypes of the bug hotels using hand-drawn nets—truly impressive work!

Science has also been buzzing, especially during British Science Week. The theme was “The Big Question,” and we tackled several intriguing queries, from how fast a helicopter flies to what makes the best boat design. We even put Darwin’s theory of evolution and adaptation to the test by recreating beaks for finches to see which types of food they could collect. It was fantastic to witness the culmination of their learning in this experiment. Additionally, Dosbarth 6 represented us brilliantly in the football and netball tournament this week, displaying excellent sportsmanship. We also participated in an eye-opening anti-racism workshop, which provided valuable lessons for everyone involved. In expressive arts, the children have been creating their own compositions on glockenspiels using the notes they previously learned. They explored various rhythms and melodies, allowing their creativity to shine through. Each child had the opportunity to compose a short piece, which they then performed for each other. Finally, we want to extend our best wishes to Miss Jones, our second-year teaching student, who has completed her last teaching practice with us for this year. It has been lovely having her in our class, and we wish her well as she continues her studies into her third year. Thank you for your continued support!

Join us for an
EASTER
Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday 10am - 2pm
The Pit Stop, Bowens Catering, Beacon Lodge Garage, Trellech, NP25 4PS

Find the eggs! Win chocolate prizes! £5 per child!

Find out more!
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The poster features a light blue sky with white clouds, a green grassy field with colorful Easter eggs, and a brown rabbit on the right. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large, colorful 'EASTER' title.

