



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026



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 today attended their first pupil committee meeting being guided by their Year Six ministers. I look forward to reading their action plans and what they aspire to achieve in the year ahead. Year Six have already begun their swimming sessions at Monmouth Leisure Centre and Year Five have commenced their Premier League Stars Learning with County in the Community.

We appreciate your feedback from our survey and as a result are engaging with SeeSaw to improve the provision we currently have in place. We are aware that currently the 'roll over' has not taken place and therefore we have not been able to share the success in pupil achievements to date. Please be assured this is something we hope to be able to do in the coming week.

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

We were very proud once again to showcase our pupils work at Usk Show last weekend, which proved very popular and had many entries. It was a privilege to see so many pieces of work representing Trellech. Many congratulations to Isobel (Y1) who was awarded 2nd place for her fir cone sheep.

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 96.4% which is positive start to the academic year. Our end of year attendance for 2025/ 26 was 96.3%, thank you for supporting us enable you children make progress by attending school. 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 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.

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

Harvest Festival

We are delighted to share that our Harvest Festival will take place at St Nicholas Church on **Tuesday 29th September at 2pm**. 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.

Healthy Snacks

Please support our healthy school by providing a piece of fruit or veg in a reusable container for break. Please no nuts due to pupil allergies. Fruit Tuck runs each Friday during morning break, each item costs 30p.



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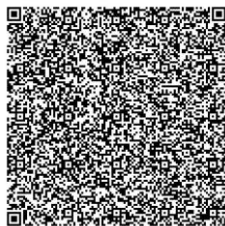
**It's time for
Coffee Morning
and you're
invited**



PTFA Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Come and meet fellow parents at our PTFA's first event of the year on Friday 25th September at 2pm in the school hall. A time to meet others with a cuppa and a piece of cake! Any donations will be collected for Macmillan using the following link or QR code:

<https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26049825>



Our Eco- Minsters will also be on hand to refill your containers at 'The Clean Green Shop'. Bring along your 500ml bottles to refill a selection of products for £3 (cash only).

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

Mon 28th Sept: Flu Spray Vaccination (Rec- Y6)

Tues 29th Sept: Harvest Festival St Nicholas 2pm

Weds 30th Sept: Y5 Trip- Abergavenny Museum

Thurs 1st Oct: Open Morning Rec Parents (Sept 27)

Fri 2nd Oct: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 5th Oct: Y6 Trip to Big Pit

Tues 6th Oct: Sharing Session

Weds 7th Oct: Parent Consultations

Thurs 8th Oct: Parents Consultations

Thurs 8th Oct: Colorfoto Individual & Sibling Photographs

Fri 9th Oct: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 23rd Oct: End Autumn Term One

Mon 2nd Nov: Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 13th Nov: Children in Need

Tues 8th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Weds 9th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Thurs 10th Dec: Whole School Pantomime Trip

Weds 16th Dec: Whole School Christmas Lunch

Fri 18th Dec: End of Autumn Term

Mon 4th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Mon 25th Jan- Fri 5th Feb: National Assessments (Y2- Y6)

Fri 5th Feb: End of Spring Term One

Mon 15th Feb: Spring Term Two Commences

Weds 17th March: Pupil Report to Parents/ Carers

Fri 19th March: End of Spring Term

Mon 5th April: Summer Term Commences

Thurs 29th April: Sharing Session

Fri 30th April: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 4th May: Parent Consultations

Weds 5th May: Parent Consultations

Thurs 20th May: Colorfoto Class/ Group Photos

Fri 28th May FP Sports Day- 9.30am

Fri 28th May KS2 Sports Day- 1.30pm

Fri 28th May: End of Summer Term One

Mon 7th June: Summer Term Two Commences

Fri 11th June: Reserve FP Sports Day- 9.30am

Fri 11th June: Reserve KS2 Sports Day- 1.30pm

Tues 22nd June: Oaks Summer Performance (pm)

Weds 23rd June: Oaks Summer Performance (6pm)

Mon 5th- Weds 7th July: Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Fri 16th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am



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Fri 16th July: Last Day of Summer Term for Pupils

Mon 19th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 20th July: End of Academic Year

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

Croeso! Welcome to Trellech! It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the children over the past three weeks. They have all had an amazing first full week of school and I'm sure they're all ready for some rest this weekend.

Since starting back, the children have been busy learning the classroom and school routines, creating their Usk show entries, making their self and family portraits along with creating their 'all about me' pages. It was great to watch the children draw their portraits and listen to who is in their family. Thank you for sending in your family pictures, it's lovely to see them next to the children's pictures and giving our classroom a 'piece of home.' The children have had their first P.E sessions where they have been working on basic skills through different movements and paces. They were all very excited to finally go into the school hall and use the big space. Their 'All about me'

pages look fantastic and have been a great start to their learning journals. The children spoke about their favourite foods, colours, toys and things they like to do! We have also been using the photos of our houses to design our topic pages for 'My House My Home.' The children have been doing their best to use the photos to help them copy and recreate them in their drawing. This has allowed us to talk about shapes, colours and amounts from looking at the doors, windows and chimneys.

In Maths over the past fortnight, we have been looking at ordering numbers up to five and 10, as well as recognising them and showing what they look like as an amount. If you get the chance, please try and practice counting to five and ten and using anything at home to make different amounts within these numbers for further support. I am so proud of the children and the start they have had so far, especially with building resilience and facing new challenges each day with them in their stride. I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds for us as a class. Whatever your plans for the weekend, I hope you have a lovely one and we look forward to welcoming both the children and you back on Monday. Take care, Mrs Calderwood.

Dosbarth Un

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children into Year 1. We have spent lots of time getting to know one another, settling into our new classroom and becoming familiar with our new routines and surroundings.

We have had a busy and exciting start to the term. In Maths, we have been refreshing our counting skills, ordering numbers and exploring numbers in a variety of ways. We have even been practising a counting song yn Gymraeg! The children have also been revisiting number bonds to 10 and using themselves to create groups that make 10.

In Literacy, we started the term by writing independently about our summer holidays. The children were eager to share their experiences, and we discovered that many of us had observed the recent solar eclipse in different ways. We then began our writing journey by retelling *The Three Little Pigs* through discussion, drawing and writing. The children worked hard to improve their storytelling by using time connectives to sequence events correctly. We are now planning our next piece of writing: describing our dream houses. As part of our topic, Street Detectives, we have begun exploring ourselves, our families and our homes. In Welsh, we have been learning to talk about our families and where we live. Da iawn pawb! The children have also been writing about their homes and families while learning that every family is unique and special.



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In Science, we have been learning about our five senses, the parts of the body responsible for each sense and how we use them in everyday life. The children enjoyed using iPads to label the senses on photographs of themselves.

We have also completed our artwork for the Usk Show. A huge diolch to everyone who brought in pinecones, conkers, acorns and leaves to help us with our creations. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great creativity in producing their individual pieces of artwork.

It has been a busy but wonderful start to the term, and I would like to thank all the children and families for making me feel so welcome. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Dosbarth Dau

Welcome back to a new school year in Dosbarth Dau! We have had a wonderful first two weeks back and are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new class. They are becoming increasingly familiar with our new routines and classroom layout and have approached every new challenge with enthusiasm and positivity. One of our first tasks this term was to create our Class Charter. The children worked together to discuss the values that are important to us and the expectations we have for ourselves and each other. This has linked beautifully to our class book, *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* Through the story, the children have explored ways in which we can "fill" someone's bucket through acts of kindness, encouragement and friendship, as well as discussing behaviours that can "dip" someone's bucket. They have used their understanding to write a set of instructions explaining how to be a good bucket filler. In Maths, we have been busy revising and recapping number bonds and the 2 times table through a range of practical activities, games and challenges. The children have enjoyed working collaboratively and challenging themselves to improve their fluency and confidence. We have also been very creative making our rosettes for the Usk Show. Using paper concertinas and a variety of different materials, the children designed and created their own unique rosettes. As part of the activity, we discussed different prize categories and came up with lots of exciting ideas, including Best Young Gardener, Best Cake Baker and other creative awards. As part of our Rights Respecting Schools work, we have been learning about the **Right to an Education** and discussing what this right means to us as individuals and as a class. The children have shared some thoughtful ideas about why education is important and how it helps us to learn, grow and achieve our dreams. We have also introduced our exciting new topic, **"There's No Place Like Rome!"** The children are already looking forward to finding out more

about the Romans and the impact they had on Britain. If you have any books, artefacts or resources related to this topic that you would be willing to lend to the class, we would be very grateful. Please ensure that any items brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's name.

The children are beginning to familiarise themselves again with Welsh vocabulary so we have been playing a variety of games to ensure the learning is fun.

Our outdoor PE sessions are introducing the skills needed for rugby. The boys and girls have been honing their throwing and catching skills using a football, progressing to holding and passing the rugby ball to a partner correctly.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead filled with exciting learning opportunities. **Mrs Maguire and Mr Green**

Dosbarth Tri

It has been an absolute pleasure to begin my new journey at Trellech Primary School as the Year 3 teacher. Over the past two weeks, the children have made me feel incredibly welcome, and it has been wonderful getting to know each of them. Their enthusiasm, kindness and positive attitudes have helped us settle quickly into our new classroom community.

In Literacy, we have got off to a fantastic start and have quickly adapted to the expectations of Year 3. The children have been using CUPS (Capital Letters, Understanding, Punctuation and Spelling) to edit and improve their work independently. I have been particularly impressed by the effort and care they have shown in their writing. We also produced some excellent entries for the Usk Show, including creative bookmarks and a poem, which showcased both imagination and pride in their work.

In Numeracy, the children have enthusiastically explored the wide range of resources available to support their learning. Alongside finding correct answers, we have been focusing on explaining our thinking and understanding why an answer is correct. Developing this mathematical reasoning helps children become confident and independent learners, and I have been delighted by the thoughtful discussions taking place in class.

Beyond the classroom, we have been busy establishing new routines and settling into school life. We have made the most of Trellech's beautiful surroundings and enjoyed practical STEM activities that encouraged teamwork, curiosity and problem-solving. The children have also



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been active in PE, both indoors and outdoors, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our PE routine by ensuring children arrive at school in their PE kits on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Looking ahead, we are all excited to begin our new topic, "Our Capital, Our Wales". This promises to be an engaging and inspiring journey of discovery as we learn more about Cardiff, Welsh culture and our national identity. I look forward to sharing more of our learning and achievements with you in the coming weeks.

Hopefully your child will have received their Google Classroom log in for them to access at home. Any problems do get in touch.



Dosbarth Pedwar

What a lovely start to a new and exciting term. Hopefully, we will get some autumnal sunshine before the nights draw in. We hope you have had a lovely break from school routines, and your family has had a chance to recharge their batteries. We have completed some activities to get to know the children and settle them into Year 4. The children were introduced to Zentangle Art, which concentrates on design and repetitive patterns. Zentangle or Zendoodle are very good for concentration, reducing stress and promoting calmness. The children really enjoyed this activity and have created some intricate designs which have brightened up our class together with some thoughtful conversations from the children and adults alike. Our topic this term is- Fearless Vikings and so the text we are going to use for our Literacy is- How to Train a Dragon. The children have been working hard to uplevel their sentences to create vivid descriptions of dragons. They have explored the use of powerful verbs, interesting adjectives and prepositional phrases to make their writing more engaging and imaginative. We were incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm and creativity throughout these activities. In PE, the children completed an energetic HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) session before cooling down with a range of yoga stretches. To finish the lesson, they enjoyed a whole-body meditation, helping them to relax, reflect and promote their wellbeing.

Just a reminder, spelling will be on google classroom together with some homework.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.



Dosbarth Pump

A very warm welcome back to Year 5 children and families as we begin a new academic year. I have been delighted with the fantastic start the children have made. They have settled into Year 5 extremely well and have approached new routines, challenges and experiences with huge smiles, confidence and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see so many positive attitudes towards learning from the very first day.

Over the first two weeks, our learning has been inspired by the beautiful book *The Year I Dreamed to Fly*. Through this story, the children explored themes of imagination, mindfulness and self-belief. They carefully planned and wrote their own imaginative pieces, creatively describing their personal "happy place" and the destinations they would most like to fly to. Their writing showcased some wonderful ideas, vivid descriptions and thoughtful reflections.

In Maths, we have focused on place value and developing a deep understanding of the value of digits within numbers. The children have explored a range of practical and pictorial methods, including "exploding" numbers and using jottings to support their understanding when exchanging values. For example, they investigated how 10 lots of 100 equals 1,000 and used this knowledge to strengthen their understanding of larger numbers and place value concepts.

The story also provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their interests, talents and the things that make them unique. It has been lovely to learn more about each child and to celebrate the individuality they bring to our classroom.

In PE, the children have begun their County in the Community sessions. These lessons focus on teamwork, collaboration, healthy living and football skills, while providing plenty of opportunities for fun, active and engaging games. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part and have demonstrated excellent cooperation and sportsmanship.

To launch our exciting new topic, From Valleys to Victory based on World War II, the children became spies for the



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morning! Armed with secret identity badges, they completed a mission around the school to locate clues and answer questions. Working together, they used their problem-solving skills and cracked Morse code messages to uncover key facts about World War II. It was a fantastic way to introduce the topic, and the children showed excellent teamwork, perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the challenge.

I am incredibly proud of how positively the children have started Year 5 and look forward to an exciting year of learning, discovery and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support

Dosbarth Chwech

Congratulations to all Year 6 students on their new roles! It is wonderful to see our ministers, house captains, and ambassadors beginning to settle into their roles. 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. Over the past few weeks, Year 6 has been immersed in *The Barnabus Project* by the Fan Brothers. Through analyzing character motivations, the children debated whether Barnabus was truly a "failed project" and explored how perceived character flaws can actually be key strengths. To elevate their writing, they have been learning how to use expanded noun phrases to create rich, vivid descriptions. Putting these skills into practice, each pupil designed their own unique hybrid pet and wrote a detailed descriptive piece showcasing its features and personality. 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. Year 6 has launched into an exciting new topic, *Pits and Ponies*, where we are exploring the social and economic impact of coal mining in Wales. In Humanities, the children analysed maps of Wales to pinpoint major coal mines and identify their nearest towns. In Science, we investigated the human skeleton and the three essential functions of our bones: support, protection, and movement. Our RVE lessons saw us tracking food imports from around the globe while considering the environmental impact of air miles. Finally, in Health and Well-being, each pupil wrote a letter to their future self outlining their goals for Year 6, which we sealed to open during our very last week of the school year. It has certainly been a busy few weeks as we look forward to our upcoming harvest service. Thank you for your continued support.





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MONMOUTH MUSIC CENTRE
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17:00 - 19:00

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