







Love each other and know we are loved

Newsletter – 09.01.26

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
 <p>Good (1)</p>  <p>Use both hands for 'Very Good'</p>	Good
 <p>Good (2)</p>  <p>Small downward movement of arm</p>	

Attendance

Please see the attendance percentage data for the school and each class this week.

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
93.6%	93.3%	94.4%

Key Dates

Spring Term – HT1		
6 th – 13 th January	Big Schools Birdwatch	Whole school
9 th January	Curriculum overviews – Sent to parents	Whole school
9 th – 15 th February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole school
10 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole school
11 th February	Parent drop-in – Mental Health Week – 9-9.30am	Whole school

18 th February – 2 nd April	Lent	Whole school
Half Term Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026		

Parent Notices

Welcome message from Miss Elvins

Happy Snow Day! I never thought I would be writing my first School Newsletter to you from home! I hope you are all managing to keep safe and warm in this unprecedented weather. I believe many of you are without power, and phones lines, but I have hopes this will be restored to you soon.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to school after the holidays. I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas, filled with lots of joy and memory making. It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into the daily routine of school life, whilst catching up and sharing their news with friends. A very positive start to the Spring Term. We start the new year with a few staff changes. Two main changes are that of my own role to Executive Headteacher, and in welcoming our new Executive Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Hannah Clay. Hannah and I will work across both Condover CE and St Edward's CE Primary Schools and are committed to providing excellent experiences for our children and families.

Alongside her Senior Leadership roles, Mrs Clay will be teaching Stream Class, Condover on a Monday. She will cover PPA on a Wednesday at St Edward's, covering both classes. Mrs Clay will retain oversight of Early Years, including Nursery, as well as becoming both schools Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We plan to be out and about as much as possible at both schools, including the gate in the morning and afternoon. Please do not hesitate to catch us at the gate for a short chat.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a warm and safe weekend, and welcoming you back to school on Monday with tales of snowmen and sledging!

With warm regards

Miss Rebecca Elvins.

Executive Headteacher of Condover and St Edward's CE Primary schools.

Shredded paper

As part of our Eco commitment, school would like to offer shredded paper out to families who may like this for their pets, chickens, guinea pigs etc. If this would help you, please speak to Helen in the school office.

Thank you

Playground items

Our staff team are keen to develop the children's playground play, both at break time and lunchtime. We are looking for reels, crates and planks which the children can use for both physical and imaginative play. If you think you could support school with donating these items, please speak to Helen in the school office.

Many thanks for your support.

Reception places

The application deadline is still open for Reception places - but only just! For those parents whose child/ren are due to start Reception in September 2026, please ensure you have completed the school application through the Shropshire Council Website by 15 January 2026.

Applications received after 15 January 2026, without exceptional reasons, are considered

late and will not be processed until all on-time applications have been allocated. This may reduce the chance of getting a place at your preferred school.
National offer day: Parents will be informed of their child's allocated school place on 16th April 2026.

Young Voices

Our Young Voices trip was cancelled this week due to bad weather warnings. We appreciate this will have been disappointing for those who were attending. Young Voices have reassured us that the event will still go ahead. Once we have a date rescheduled, we will let parents know.

Shrewsbury Town ASC

Shrewsbury Town will continue to come in every Wednesday for after school sports club. The club will run until 4.15pm and the focus this term is **gymnastics**. If you would like your child to join, please email the office and we will add them to the list.

Class Overviews

Spring Term overviews are now available on the school website.
School website - Learning - Class Pages

Job Opportunities

There are 2 job opportunities live on the My New Term website for a level 3 TA and a Nursery Leader. Please share with anyone you think might be interested.

Nursery Leader at Condover Nursery.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145275/EDV-2025-CCPS-97043>

Level 3 Teaching Assistant at St Edwards Primary School.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145300/EDV-2025-SECPS-87805>

Weekly Snapshot

Dragonfly

In our English lessons this week, we have been creating spine poems about animals. Together we have written a spine poem about a bedraggled owl. We have been using adjectives to describe the owl's body parts e.g. 'it's beady eyes searching for prey'. Reception have been developing their subitising skills (recognising without counting) of numbers within 6. Year 1 and 2 have been using related facts to help solve calculations e.g. if $4 + 5 = 9$ then $24 + 5 = 29$. In science, Reception have been learning about different animal habitats: woodland, polar, ocean and desert. They have been matching up what animals live in these varying habitats. Year 1 and 2 have been grouping animals into the following: birds, fish, reptiles, mammals and amphibians. In our PE lesson, Dragonfly class have been practising different ball skills that can be applied to different games. In RE, Year 1 and 2 have continued exploring some of the stories taught in the Quran and what this can teach Muslims about how to treat the world. Reception shared some special stories, and they will begin to explore important stories from Christianity, Islam and Judaism throughout this half-term.

Osprey

Osprey Class have begun the week by looking at Spine poetry and creating their own poems about Snowy Highland Cows! In Maths we have been looking at Fractions and Complements to 100. Together, we read the book Remixed by Arree Chung and talked

about different types of families and how our families can change over time. We also began looking at our Spirituality 'Big Questions.' Year 5 and 6 explored light and shade in photographs and, after composing their own arrangement for a photo, began to sketch it and reproduce it as a piece of Art. Year 3 and 4 thought about colours and all the different colours/shades there were in the world. We had a go at drawing the same scene in colour and then in black and white paying careful attention to the degrees of shading.

Book Swap

At St Edward's, there will be a Book Swap available every day in the foyer of the school. You are welcome to bring a book and swap it for a book from the box. It's free for everyone to use, including parents. There will be a box for children's books and a box for adult books.

Tin Tuesday

Every Tuesday, you are invited to bring a tin or a box of food so we can donate it to the food bank. There will be a box by the gate for you to place your donations in. Any item, any size is welcome and there is no expectation for you to buy items specifically.

Friends of St Edwards

Last year we were pleased to run a **successful Halloween Disco**, and Easyfundraising continues to provide ongoing support for the school. Unfortunately, due to limited volunteer capacity, we were unable to run Christmas events.

However, thanks to fundraising, the Friends of St Edward's were able to support the school with:

- New books for pupils
- Tables
- A contribution towards the school panto
- Leavers' hoodies and Reception welcome bags

At present, the Friends of St Edward's has a very small team. We are incredibly grateful to the parents who have recently offered their support. Any help — even just for a single event — makes a huge difference.

Looking ahead, we may need to focus on **smaller, low-key events**, but we are keen to continue as the enrichment we provide for the children is so valuable.

If you would like to get involved or help at an event, please speak to a committee member or contact us via the school.

Thank you for your continued support.



Contact us by email on friendsofstedwardsprimaryschool@outlook.com

Easy Fundraising account

<http://efraising.org/gP2RugoWx6>

FSM

All reception, year 1 and year 2 children are entitled to universal infant free school meals. If your child is in KS2 they will no longer be entitled to this and payment for school meals will need to be paid via SchoolMoney.

If you think your child should be entitled to free school meals please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check eligibility and apply.

Even if your child is entitled to UIFSM's and you fit the eligibility criteria we would encourage you to apply as the school receive funding for this. If your child is entitled to free school meals they will also qualify for the holiday activity and food programme. More information about this can be found here: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/06/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme-2/>

Uniform

Please see below our requirements for uniform.

Our school uniform includes:

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress, trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue sweater or cardigan with school emblem
- White or grey socks/tights
- Blue gingham dress (summer-time only)
- Flat, comfortable black shoes (no trainers, pumps or sandals).

PE Kit:

- Black shorts
- Light blue polo shirt with school emblem or a plain light blue polo shirt
- Navy blue or black jogging bottoms
- Navy blue or black sweatshirt or hooded jumper
- White socks
- Trainers (suitable for outdoor use in all weathers)

All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

School sweatshirts, cardigans, PE t-shirts can be purchased from Decostitch, our preferred uniform provider.

Items can be purchased online by visiting www.decostitch.co.uk.

Telephone: 01743 462265

Uniform store

Is your child outgrowing their current school uniform? We have a uniform store with clothing available from £1.00 an item. Please see Miss Rushton in the office.

PE + Forest School

	PE	Forest School
Dragonfly Class	Wednesday	Thursday
Osprey Class	Tuesday & Wednesday	

Breakfast & After School Clubs



Breakfast Club

Will run every morning during term time (excluding PD days) from **7.45am** £3 per child (£2 for siblings if more than one child from a family is attending). Breakfast served daily. A range of activities including yoga, crafts, games, children's TV, reading, Lego building and much more.

After School Club

Will run every day from 3.15 until **6pm** during term time and excluding PD days. The cost is £8.00 for the full session (£4 for siblings if more than one child attends) or £4.00 from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. A light tea is served each day which the children often enjoy helping to prepare.

We accept tax free childcare. Please email the office for more information: admin@stedwardsprimaryschool.co.uk

Weekly food choices and activity timetables will be shared on the school website and in the newsletter. Example activities pizza making, hedgehog handprints, Lego portraits, gardening.

BOOKINGS

Please use the new booking system on SchoolMoney.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday to Friday 7.45 - 8.45 am
Cost £3 per child (£2 for additional siblings)

Monday Toast with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk	Tuesday Crumpets with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk	Wednesday Waffles Selection of cereals Water or milk
Thursday Crumpets with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk	Friday Toast with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk	Activities Yoga Reading corner Lego building Colouring Arts & crafts Games & puzzles Children's TV KS2 iPad games

Breakfast choices and activities subject to change. Book online via the Google Form links on the school newsletter and the school website.

www.stedwards.shropshire.sch.co.uk
 01743 781462
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club Monday to Friday 3.15pm - 6.00pm
Cost £4 per child from 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Full session cost £8 per child (£4 for additional siblings)

Monday (Theme: Arts & Crafts) A choice of cheese, ham or tuna wraps or sandwiches with crisps Selection of fruit Water or milk	Tuesday (Theme: Let's Get Active) A choice of baked beans or spaghetti on toast or cheese and crackers Selection of fruit Water or milk	Wednesday (Theme: Arts & Crafts) Tomato soup or a choice of cheese, ham or tuna sandwiches with crisps Selection of fruit Water or milk
Thursday (Theme: Baking) A choice of baked beans or spaghetti on toast or cheese and crackers Selection of fruit Water or milk	Friday (Theme: The Great Outdoors / Gardening) A choice of cheese, ham or tuna wraps or sandwiches with crisps Selection of fruit Water or milk	Daily activities Outdoor play Reading corner Lego building Colouring Games & puzzles Children's TV KS2 iPad games

Snack choices and activities subject to change. Book online via the Google Form links on the school newsletter and the school website.

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Contact

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Have a lovely weekend,

The Staff Team