
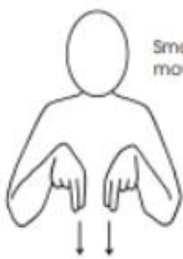




Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 24 April 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
 Dog  Small downward movement of hands	Dog




Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
96.62%	99.07%	96.08%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

St Edward's Award		
Respectful	Responsible	Ready
		
Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Danny D	For showing better concentration skills in class.
Osprey	Evie P	Your excellent attitude to your work and the kindness and friendship you show to everyone.

Christian Values		
Class	Pupil	Reason
Dragonfly	Molly D	For showing the Christian value of Love. You are kind and caring in class and on the playground.
Osprey	Freddie S	For showing the Christian value of Love. You are caring to all your friends.



Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!



Class Overviews

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

Dragonfly

Dragonfly class have been spending time in forest school this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors in the lovely weather. They have collected lots of different items such as sticks for den building and stones for a pretend campfire. It's been an exciting and adventurous week and it's been great to see so much enthusiasm from the children. Well done, all!

Osprey



Osprey class have been learning all about the digestive system. They created a visual representation with tights and sand. Not only was it great fun, the children learnt a lot about how the body works and the importance of eating nutritious food. Well done, children for all your enthusiasm!

Key Dates

SCHOOL DATES		
Spring Term – HT2 – 5 weeks		
Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks		
16 th April	National Offer Day	Whole school
4th May	Bank holiday	Whole school
11 th May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
19 th May	St Ed's Sports Day – am	Whole school
21 st May	Conover Sports Day – am	Whole school
Half Term - 25th – 29th May		
Summer Term – HT2 – 7 weeks		
1 st June	Welcome back to school	Whole school
1 st June	Multiplication Tables Check – period begins	Y4
2 nd June	St Ed's - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
4 th June	Conover - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
8 th June	Phonics Screening – period begins	Y1 + Y2 retake
TBC	Y5+6 residential	Y5 + 6
25 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service – Hereford Cathedral	Y6
TBC	Y6 Treat Day	Y6
TBC	Reports to parents	Whole school
7 th July	Parent drop-in	Whole school
9 th July	Transition morning	Whole school
TBC	Summer performance	KS2
TBC	Leavers' Church Service	Whole school
16 th July	End of Summer Term	Whole
Summer		

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we wrap up the week, we wanted to share how proud we are of the children's hard work and enthusiasm. This week has been full of great moments, including children popping into the office to receive positive praise for their effort, kindness, and determination. It's always a highlight to see them recognised for the brilliant things they're doing both in school and at home. We are very proud to work with such fantastic children!

Congratulations to all our families who have had their school placement offer confirmed. We look forward to welcoming you to St Edward's and supporting your child as they begin this exciting new stage in their education.

This week, we've spent time celebrating Earth Day. Children have been exploring Earth Day themes through recycling, conservation, and caring for the planet.

Tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming children from both our schools at the Shropshire Half Marathon event at Shrewsbury's West-Mid Showground. We cannot wait to celebrate their success with them!

We wish you all a restful weekend.

Fond Farewell

On Monday we will say a heartfelt goodbye to Miss Helen Ruston. While it's always hard to see a valued member of our team move on, we are choosing to celebrate all the wonderful things that she has brought to our school.

Miss Rushton has been an invaluable part of our school community—bringing dedication, enthusiasm, and a genuine passion for supporting our children. Her hard work, kindness, and commitment to our pupils have left a lasting mark, and we know many of us will miss her warm smile and cheerful presence.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank you, Miss Rushton, for your service to our school. We wish you every success and happiness in your future.

KS2 Swimming

Swimming lessons for years 3 and 4 will commence Tuesday 28th April and will run all the way until May half term. Lessons for years 5 and 6 will commence 2nd June. Please make sure to send your child into school with a towel, swim shorts/costume.

Shrewsbury Town

Shrewsbury Town are at St Edwards each Wednesday for After School sport club. This term, the focus will be rounders for KS2 and target games for KS1. It's a great opportunity to get the children outdoors and playing together as a team. If you would like to sign your child up, please email or call the office. The club runs from 3.15 to 4.15pm.

Polite reminders

We politely ask all parents who need to drive to school, to remember to park **legally, considerately and safely** at school drop off and pick up times. This will ease congestion around the school and help make the area around our school a safer place for our children. Alternatively, when possible, please walk to school or park further away this will help to keep our school street a safer place as well as having health benefits. We all want our children to be safe and by respecting the space outside school we can do this together.

We've noticed a few toys being brought into school recently. Please could we ask children to leave these toys at home. They can be a distraction in class and we also don't want anything to get damaged.

As we're heading into the season of warmer weather, we encourage children to apply sunscreen before school. Water bottles are essential and sun hats are encouraged.

We encourage children to bring snacks to school and know the importance of keeping their energy levels up throughout the day, however, we have noticed some unsuitable snacks being brought in such as Tictacs and boiled sweets. Please ensure your children do not bring snacks of this kind into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reading

Reading is one of the most powerful habits a child can develop. Just a few minutes of shared reading each day strengthens vocabulary, builds confidence, and opens the door to new ideas and worlds. Whether it's a bedtime story, a chapter before dinner, or a quiet moment at the weekend, these small routines make a lasting difference.

We encourage you to spend time reading with your child or talking about the books they enjoy. Your involvement helps them see reading not as a task, but as something to look forward to. Next week the children will be coming home with new reading diaries, where you can record these shared moments. More information will follow.

Thank you for supporting a love of books at home. It truly matters.

Flourishing Moments

We know that many of our children partake in lots of exciting activities outside of school. We love to hear about them, and all the amazing things that our children achieve outside of our school hours. Please do send in your flourishing moments so that we can share in these proud moments too.

Please email a photo, with a description of the achievement to admin@stedwardsprimaryschool.co.uk.

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

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.

PE + Forest School

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

Uniform Policy

A polite reminder of our Uniform Requirements.

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, which is our preferred uniform provider.

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

Telephone: 01743 462265

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.

Breakfast & After School Clubs



St Edward's CE Primary School offers wraparound care from 7.45am - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday term time only (excluding PD days).

Breakfast Club Information - Breakfast is served daily until 8.30am. Weekly food choices & activity timetables are available on our school website and in our school newsletter.
Times: 7.45am - 8.45am
Cost: £3 per child (£2 for additional siblings)

After School Club Information - A light tea is served daily. Weekly food choices & activity timetables are available on our school website and in our school newsletter. Themed nights every 2 weeks.
Times: 3.15pm - 6.00pm
Cost: £4.00 per child from 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Full session £8.00 per child (£4.00 for additional siblings)

We accept Tax-Free Childcare. Bookings via Google Forms links. For more information visit our website or contact the school office.

www.stedwards.shropshire.sch.uk 01743 718462 admin@stedwardsprimaryschool.co.uk

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs every morning during term time (excluding PD days) from **7.45am** at a cost of **£3 per child** (£2 for siblings if more than one child from a family is attending).

Breakfast served daily. A range of activities is provided, including yoga, crafts, games, children's TV, reading, Lego building and much more.

After School Club

Our After School Club Provision runs 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 include: pizza making, hedgehog handprints, Lego portraits, gardening.

BOOKINGS

Please use the booking system on SchoolMoney.



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

Day	Food	Activities
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 forms link in the school newsletter and the school website.

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Free School Meals

All **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). 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 (HAF) 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/>

Policies

We have been reviewing and updating several of our school policies to ensure they remain current, effective, and fully aligned with statutory guidance. This is part of our regular cycle of school improvement and helps us maintain the highest standards for our pupils. These are now available on our school website. Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our school community safe, consistent, and well-informed.

Local Events



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Wishing you all a wonderful Easter Break
The St Edward's Staff Team

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