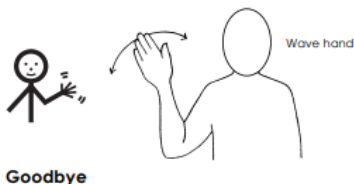


Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 1 May 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	<p>Goodbye</p>




Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
92.2%	93.69%	90.74%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

St Edward's Award		
Respectful	Responsible	Ready
		
Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Bella	For trying hard in her phonics lessons.
Osprey	Ben	For your excellent attitude to learning and contributing fully to all aspects of life in school.

Christian Values		
Class	Pupil	Reason
Dragonfly	Ruby	For showing the Christian Value of Love for showing kindness to everyone in Dragonflies.
Osprey	Reja	For showing the Christian Value of love for being a kind and caring friend to everyone in school.



Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!



Class Overviews

Summer Term overviews are now available on the school website.

School website - Learning - Class Pages

Dragonfly

Dragonfly class have been getting to grips with our Talk for Writing story "The Papaya that Spoke". The Reception children have enjoyed performing a Puppet Show to re-tell the story. The older children created a piece of drama, retelling it in their own words.

In Maths we have been looking at measuring (capacity and weight) as well as continuing to count effectively and write their numbers.

In Geography we have been looking at identifying physical and human features. Perhaps the children could spot some features with you over the weekend?! What a lovely week!

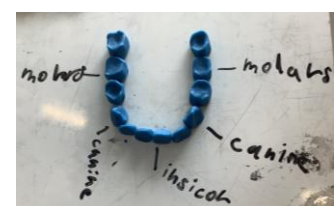
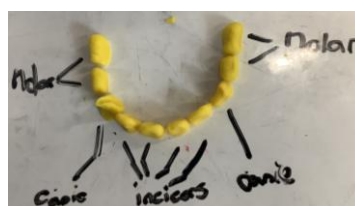
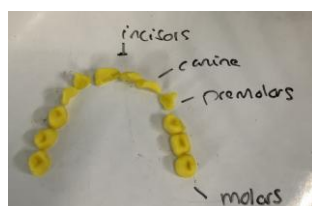


Osprey

Osprey Class have been learning all about the different types of teeth. They created a visual representation with playdoh on whiteboards! They labelled the different types of teeth in our mouths.

In Art we observed a birds nest, and then created two different representations of it – one in fine pencil strokes and the other using charcoal, wax resist and watercolour! There were some fantastic pieces of artwork!

It has been a rather creative week and one which we have thoroughly enjoyed! Well done all!



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 approach the May bank holiday weekend, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. This time of year always brings a welcome sense of brightness — longer days, warmer weather, and the feeling that summer is just beginning to take shape!

We hope the long weekend gives your family a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some time together. School will be closed on **Monday**, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Tuesday** refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

May is a month full of energy, and we're excited for the learning, activities, and opportunities it will bring for our pupils.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

School Photographs

Our school photos will be carried out on **Wednesday 6th May**. On this day, we will be taking class photos, a whole school photo and special Year 6 leavers' photographs. We kindly ask that children come to school in their full uniform.

KS2 Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons commenced this week for years 3 and 4 and will run all the way until May half term. 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

Parking:

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.

Toys:

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.

Suncream:

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.

Snacks:

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.

Reading Builds Confidence

Each successful reading experience helps children believe in themselves as readers.

At home: Praise effort and improvement rather than speed or level.

Recommended read: *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman — a story about perseverance and believing in yourself.

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@stedwards.dhmat.org.uk.

School's Half Marathon:

Huge Congratulations to Alfie, Henry and Ben who competed in last week's School's Half Marathon at Shrewsbury West Mid Showground! We were very proud to see the boys represent our school, and Mrs Clay and Miss Elvins enjoyed cheering them on! Well done!



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)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toast with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crumpets with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waffles Selection of cereals Water or milk
Thursday	Friday	Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crumpets with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toast with butter and/ or fruit jam Selection of cereals Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 links on the school newsletter and the school website.

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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)	Tuesday (Theme: Let's Get Active)	Wednesday (Theme: Arts & Crafts)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A choice of cheese, ham or tuna wraps or sandwiches with crisps Selection of fruit Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A choice of baked beans or spaghetti on toast or cheese and crackers Selection of fruit Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomato Soup or a choice of cheese, ham or tuna sandwiches with crisps Selection of fruit Water or milk
Thursday (Theme: Baking)	Friday (Theme: The Great Outdoors / Gardening)	Daily activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A choice of baked beans or spaghetti on toast or cheese and crackers Selection of fruit Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A choice of cheese, ham or tuna wraps or sandwiches with crisps Selection of fruit Water or milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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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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REGISTERED TEACHER REGISTERED TEACHER

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Ballet school

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Contact

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Wishing you all a wonderful Easter Break

The St Edward's Staff Team

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