

Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 18th September 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	Name

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
94.1%	96.8%	92.5%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

St Edward's Award		
Respectful	Responsible	Ready
		
Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Luca	For always being respectful of others and of our classroom.
Osprey	Jake	For your amazing attitude to school and work – you are full of positivity and sparkle!



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

	<u>Recycling Week</u>
Dragonfly	This week, the children have settled wonderfully into their second week back at school and have continued to build confidence in their daily routines. As part of Recycling Week, the children have been exploring what recycling is, why it is important, and where our rubbish goes after it is thrown away. Through discussions, stories, and practical activities, they have been learning how we can all help to look after our environment by reducing waste and recycling correctly. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they discover more about caring for our world.
Osprey	This week Osprey have been drawing scientific diagrams of circuits in science. We have been identifying faulty and non-faulty circuits. In history we have been listening to some oral histories as RAF servicemen have recounted their experiences during the Battle of Britain. We have discussed how reliable oral histories might be as evidence.

Key Dates

St Edward's SCHOOL DATES			
Autumn Term ONE – 8 weeks			
<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>
Week Four	22 nd Sept.	Prayer Day Church of St Andrew and St Mary, Condover Location change	Whole School
	22 nd Sept.	500 Words – Live Lesson	
	22 nd Sept.	Individual and Sibling Photographs, Chris Maddox Photography	Whole School
	23 rd Sept.	5pm – 6pm Year 6 Meeting – Date change	Y6 Parents
Week Five	1 st Oct	Black History Month Begins	
	1 st Oct	International Music Day	
	1 st Oct.	National Poetry Day	
Week Six	4 th -10 th Oct.	World Space Week	
Week Seven	5 th Oct.	World Teachers Day – celebration of our wonderful teacher's in school	
	9 th Oct.	Reception Baseline Complete	
Week Eight	20 th + 21 st Oct.	Parents Evening	Whole School
	21 st Oct.	1430 – Harvest Service St Edward's Church, Dorrington	Whole School + Parents
	23 rd Oct.	Halloween School Disco – TBC	Whole School
	23 rd Oct.	Last Day in School	Whole School
Autumn Half Term – Have a wonderful break!			

Prayer Day

On Tuesday 22nd September, children will be attending the Prayer Day at the Church of St Andrew and St Mary, Condover. The school minibus will be used to transport pupils from St Edward's CE Primary School to the church and back.

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

What a wonderful week we have had in school!

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Recycling Week, learning about the importance of looking after our planet and making sustainable choices. It has been lovely to hear the children enthusiastically singing "*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*" around school while exploring ways that we can all help protect the environment. As part of this learning, children have also been enjoying the story "***Somebody Crunched Colin***", which has sparked some excellent conversations about pollution, waste and the impact our actions can have on the world around us. It has been fantastic to see such thoughtful engagement from all year groups, and also across the year groups.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming of our Year 6 parents and carers to our Year 6 parent meeting. We greatly appreciate your support as we look at working together to ensure our oldest pupils have a successful and memorable final year at primary school.

Looking ahead, the children have begun to think about our upcoming **Harvest Celebrations** and the importance of helping those in our local community. From next week, a donation box will be placed on the school gate each day for contributions to our local food bank. We are incredibly grateful for any donations you are able to make and know that they will make a real difference to families in need.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

School Committees

A huge congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected as our new committee members for this year! Our meetings will commence next week.

Worship Committee:

Pupils: Jess, Esme, Fred H, Nora

Leader: Mrs Felton

Eco Committee:

Pupils: Aria, Freddie C, Olivia, Albie T

Leader: Miss Elvins

Safety Committee:

Pupils: Aria, Ben, Elliot, Jake, James, Jess and Maddie

Leader: Mrs Clay

Staff Structure 2026 – 2027

Executive Headteacher Becky Elvins (DDSL)		
Executive Deputy Headteacher Hannah Clay (DSL)		
School Administrator Hana Thomas		
SEND Coordinator Steph Reid	Family Learning Mentor Olivia Bound	ELSA Anita Foxall (Jan 2027)
Site Staff Russell Davis	Kitchen Jackie Haynes Jane Lewis	BSC / ASC Jane Lewis Ratri Davies
Year Group	Class Teacher	Support Staff
Reception + Y1 + 2	Emma Stewardson	Jo Hardiman / Steph Durkan / Olivia Bound
Y3 + 4 + 5 + 6	Lousie Felton (DDSL)	Emily Stuckey / Jo Hardiman

Local Governing Boad (LGB)

Chair – Laura Clarke – Curriculum + Assessment link member

Vice Chair - Maurice Walker-Prior

Members

Clerk - Lisa Tromans

Christine Oakley – RE + Worship link member

Kevin Martin – Maths link member

Margaret Beever – Safeguarding + EYFS link member

Rev. Laura Hnatiuk

Becky Elvins

Hannah Clay

If you would like to contact any of the group, please do so via phone 01743 718462, email admin@stedwards.dhmat.org.uk or by letter via The School Office, St Edward's CE Primary School, Church Road, Dorrington, Shrewsbury, SY5 7JL.

Eduspot – SchoolMoney

Please could we ask that any outstanding payments are made via SchoolMoney at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate that there have been changes within the school office team, and we are currently in the process of updating our systems. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

If your child is new to the school, please note that a SchoolMoney account is currently being created for you. Once this has been set up, you will receive further information about how to access and use the system.

After School Club

We would like to remind parents that children should be collected promptly at the end of the school day.

From now on, any child who has not been collected by 3:25pm will be taken to our After School Club until they are collected. Please be aware that a charge will be applied for this provision, and parents will be notified accordingly.

We appreciate that occasional delays can occur. If you know that you are going to be late, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Vacancies

St Edward's CE Primary School - Current Vacancies

Class Teacher – <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145300/EDV-2026-SECPS-92572>

Administrator – <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145300/EDV-2026-SECPS-65602>

Condover CE Primary School - Current Vacancies

Teaching Assistant – [Teaching Assistant - Level 2 at Condover CofE Primary School, Shrewsbury, Shropshire | MyNewTerm](#)

Nursery Assistant – [Nursery Assistant Level 2 at Condover CofE Primary School, Shrewsbury, Shropshire | MyNewTerm](#)

Cleaning Assistant – [Cleaning Assistant at Condover CofE Primary School, Shrewsbury, Shropshire | MyNewTerm](#)

The Friends of St Edward's CE Primary School

We would love to welcome parents, carers, and members of our school community to The Friends of St Edward's Planning Meeting.

Tuesday 22nd September

7.30pm to 8.30pm

Microsoft Teams – Please speak to Fliss Pugh or Georgie Walsh for the meeting link. Everyone is welcome!

Come along to find out more about The Friends of St Edward's, hear about the events and activities we have been involved in, and share your ideas for the year ahead. We would love to hear your thoughts and welcome new faces to the group. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bookbags – Decostitch

A huge thank you to Mike and Leanne Lewis at Decostitch for their generous donation of book bags for our new Reception children this year.

Free School Meal Changes

We recently shared updated guidance about the upcoming changes to Free School Meal eligibility, which will take effect from September 2026.

From September 2026, the Department for Education is expanding the eligibility criteria so that all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a Free School Meal.

Applications are now open, and we strongly encourage all eligible households to apply. With the expanded criteria, even more families will be able to benefit from Free School Meals.

Please find some helpful information and the link to apply below:

Free School Meals: Important Changes from September 2026

From September 2026, eligibility is changing, moving to two new distinct tiers. Existing transitional protections will end, requiring all families to have their eligibility re-checked.

UNDERSTANDING THE TWO NEW CATEGORIES

	Targeted FSM: Full Support Package	Expanded FSM: Meal-Only Support
Eligibility	For households earning £7,400 or less on Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits.	A new category for children in Universal Credit households who don't qualify for Targeted FSM.
Free School Meals	✓	✓
HAF & Extra Funding	✓ school transport assistance ✓ extra Pupil Premium school funding	✗ Not Included

IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIONS

24 June 2026: Applications Open	Summer 2026: Mandatory Re-checks	31 August 2026: Protections End
Apply via the Shropshire online portal or call 0345 678 9008 for assistance.	Eligibility will be reviewed annually; schools will notify families of 'not eligible' results by letter.	Current 'Transitional Protections' expire; all families must meet new criteria to continue receiving meals.

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Information for Year 6 parents:

Church Stretton School Open Events:

Follow this link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/j8Mfynzw8B> (press control & then click)

Thursday 24th September 17.00 - 19.30 and open morning on **Friday 25th September 09.30 or 10.30am**

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 and Listening

Listening to stories supports language and comprehension.

At home: Try audiobooks during travel time.

Recommended read: How to Train Your Dragon (audiobook/print) — beloved, engaging narrative.

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.

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	Friday
Osprey Class	Friday	

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.

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.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

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.

Local Events



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