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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 4th September 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	**Hello**

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
91.9%	95.6%	89.9%

Class Overviews

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

Dragonfly	The children have had a lovely start back on Thursday and Friday and have settled in brilliantly. We have been exploring our new environment and learning the actions to our new story for our English Talk for Writing scheme. This term our **PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons** and **Forest School will be on Friday afternoons**. Although the weather is still warm, please ensure your child brings a long-sleeved top for Forest School, along with a coat and waterproofs, as we will be outside in all weather conditions. Children will need to be dressed appropriately for Forest School – no dressing up clothes please! Thank you in advance for your support. Any question please don't hesitate to ask – I will be at the gate every morning next week to continue to welcome the children into school and meet all the lovely parents and carers. Have a wonderful weekend 😊
Osprey	Osprey have had a fantastic 2 days getting to know each other again. We have made posters all about ourselves, picked apples and damsons, considered some big questions "Don't we desreve to be happy?" and "Should you respect yourself over other things?" We have also explored friendship through the story, 'The Girls' and tried to answer the question, "What is a good friend?". It has been a fantastic start to term – I have been so impressed with the children consistently demonstrating Respectful, Responsible and Ready behaviours. I think we are going to have a wonderful year! Well done Osprey!

Key Dates

St Edward's SCHOOL DATES			
Autumn Term ONE – 8 weeks			
Week	**Date**	**Event**	**Who**
Week One	**1st Sept.**	Professional Development (PD) Day **Children *not* in school**	Whole School
	2nd Sept.	Professional Development (PD) Day **Children *not* in school**	Whole School
	3rd Sept.	**Welcome back to school, Children!**	**Whole School**
Week Two	8th Sept	International Literacy Day – Focus *"Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity".* Children to bring a book on the topic "planet" to share in school	Whole School
	10th Sept.	5pm – 6pm – Reception & Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop	Rec. & Y1 Parents
Week Three	14th – 20th Sept.	Coding Week. Activities in school	
	14th – 20th Sept	Recycling Week. Activities in School	
	16th Sept.	9am-10am Mastering Number Workshop	Reception Parents
	15th Sept.	International Day of Democracy. Children vote in school for new Committee Members	Whole School
	17th Sept.	5pm – 6pm Year 6 Meeting	Y6 Parents
Week Four	22nd Sept.	Prayer Day St Edward's Church, Dorrington	Whole School
	22nd Sept.	500 Words – Live Lesson	
	22nd Sept.	Individual and Sibling Photographs, Chris Maddox Photography	Whole School
Week Five	1st Oct	Black History Month Begins	
	1st Oct	International Music Day	
	1st Oct.	National Poetry Day	
Week Six	4th -10th Oct.	World Space Week	
Week Seven	5th Oct.	World Teachers Day – celebration of our wonderful teacher's in school	

	9th Oct.	Reception Baseline Complete	
Week Eight	20th + 21st Oct.	Parents Evening	Whole School
	21st Oct.	1430 – Harvest Service St Edward's Church, Dorrington	Whole School + Parents
	22nd Oct	Halloween School Disco	Whole School
	23rd Oct.	**Last Day in School**	Whole School

Autumn Half Term – Have a wonderful break!

Autumn Term TWO – 7 weeks

Week	Date	Event	Who
Week One	**2nd Nov.**	**Welcome back to school, Children!**	Whole School
	5th Nov	Guy Fawkes Day/ Bonfire Night Safety talk in school (Safety Committee)	
	8th Nov.	Diwali	
Week Two	9th – 20th Nov	UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) Eco Committee Assembly	
	11th Nov.	Remembrance Service, Playground at St Edward's Primary School	Whole School + Parents
	12th Nov	Parent Workshop - Maths	Parents
	13th Nov	Children in Need - Fundraising	Whole School
Week Three	15th – 21st Nov	Road Safety Week	
	16th – 20th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Safety Committee	
Week Four	26th Nov	Youth Awareness Day	
	27th Nov.	Advent Experience for Children St Edward's Church, Dorrington	Whole School
Week Five	1st Dec	Advent Begins	
	3rd Dec	Christmas Performance	Whole School
Week Six	8th Dec.	Trust Advent Service Hereford Cathedral, Hereford	TBC
	10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School
Week Seven	16th Dec	1430 – Christmas Service St Edward's Church, Dorrington	Whole School + Parents
	18th Dec	**Last day in School**	Whole School

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

What a short but utterly fantastic first week (or week-ish!) back it has been!
It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our children and families back to school and to see our classrooms, corridors, hall, field and playground buzzing with energy and excitement once again. There is always a special magic at the start of a new academic year, and this week has certainly been no exception.
How lucky we are to work with such wonderful children. From the very first morning, children arrived through the school gates with huge smiles on their faces, hand in hand with friends and a spring in their step. Although six weeks can feel like a long time, for both the children and staff it was as though we had never been apart.
One of the greatest joys of the week has been watching the children play together once again. It has been a delight to see friendships rekindled, new friendships formed, and children of all ages enjoying each other's company. The kindness, confidence and sense of community shown by our pupils have been wonderful to see.
We have also been incredibly impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school life. They have embraced new routines and learning environments, welcomed new children and staff into our school community, and approached every opportunity with positivity, resilience and a genuine eagerness to learn.
And oh, the stories of summer! Whether they enjoyed family adventures, visits to new places, special celebrations, time with loved ones or simply the chance to relax at home, the children have returned with so many wonderful tales to share. Their enthusiasm has brought smiles to our faces and sparked countless lovely conversations throughout the week.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the warm messages we have received as we begin the new school year. We wish all our families a wonderful weekend.

A very warm welcome...

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all our new Reception children who have started with us this week! It has been wonderful to see them settling into school, exploring their new surroundings and beginning to get to know their teachers and classmates.
We are so proud of how well they have done during their first few days and look forward to watching them grow, learn and flourish as part of our school family.
We would also like to say a big thank you to our Reception families for helping make the start of school such a positive experience. We are very excited for the year ahead!

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Miss Emma Stewardson, Mrs Emily Stuckey and Mrs Olivia Bound.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Emma Stewardson to our teaching team this year. Miss Stewardson brings with her a real passion for Early Years and the younger years of Primary education and a commitment to providing children with the very best start to their learning journey.
She has already made a wonderful impression through her enthusiasm, warmth and dedication, and we know she will quickly become a valued member of our school community. Her love of working with young children, combined with her caring and positive approach, will be a tremendous asset to both our pupils and staff team.

Mrs Stuckey joins us, from Condover, in a Teaching Assistant capacity where she has made a significant and lasting contribution to the school community, supporting children and families alike. She has already made a wonderful start to her time at St Edward's, quickly getting to know the children and immersing herself in school life. Her warm, nurturing nature, genuine care for every child and unwavering commitment to helping children flourish are evident in all that she does. Combined with her positivity and enthusiasm, these qualities make her a fantastic addition to our team. We are simply thrilled to have her here with us.

Mrs Bound will be working with us part-time in two important roles. Alongside supporting teaching and learning as a Teaching Assistant, she will also be taking on the new role of Family Learning Mentor.
Mrs Bound joins us with a wealth of experience as a Teaching Assistant, alongside extensive knowledge of Forest School and outdoor learning. Her warm, caring and nurturing approach, combined with her passion for supporting children to grow in confidence and reach their full potential, make her a wonderful addition to our school community.
The Family Learning Mentor role is an exciting new development for St Edward's and is one that will evolve throughout the year as we continue to develop the support we offer our children and families. At its heart, the role is focused on building positive relationships and providing support to children and families, helping to remove barriers to learning, promote wellbeing and ensure that every child feels happy, safe and able to thrive.

We are absolutely delighted to have Miss Stewardson, Mrs Stuckey and Mrs Bound join our team and look forward to seeing the positive difference they will make to the lives of our children and families in the months and years ahead. Please join us in giving them both a very warm St Edward's welcome (and a cheery wave at the gate)!

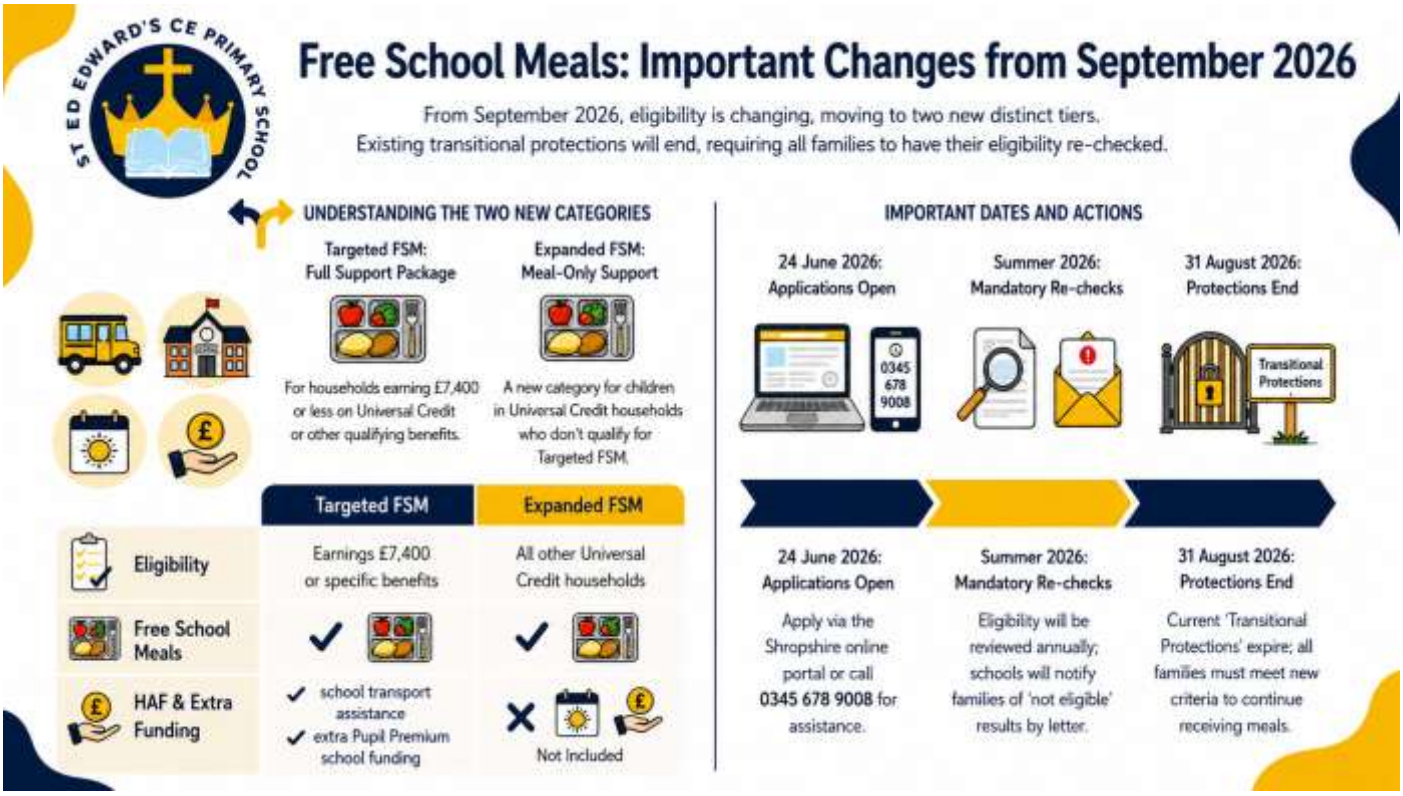
Free School Meal Changes

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:



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

Shrewsbury Town

Shrewsbury Town are at St Edwards each **Friday** for **After School sport club**. 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.

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 in Everyday Life
Recipes, signs, schedules and instructions all involve reading.

At home: Read everyday text together during routines.

Recommended read: *The Secret Zoo* — adventure and curiosity combined.

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.

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 Hana 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**	**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.


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 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)
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
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Daily activities
Outdoor play
Reading corner
Lego building
Colouring
Games & puzzles
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We recently shared an update from Shropshire Council with regards to FSM eligibility from September 2026. If you require further information, please do get in contact.

Local Events



DORRINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Friday 4 September 2026
at 5.30 – 7.30pm

Youth Club includes
Fun Activities,Crafts, Ball &
Board Games,and Food
At Dorrington Village Hall
Entrance - £1.50
All ages (9-16) welcome
See you there!

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From Toddler to Teen

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Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

Upcoming Sessions (once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays)

- 21st September 2026 from 9.15 to 11.15am at Brown Clee Primary School, Bridgnorth (WV16 6SS)
- 21st September 2026 from 9.00 to 11.00am at St Giles Primary School, Shrewsbury (SY2 5NL)
- 22nd September 2026 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Sundorne Infants School, Shrewsbury (SY1 4QN)
- 23rd September 2026 from 9.15 to 11.15am at Coleham Primary, Shrewsbury (SY3 7EN)
- 23rd September 2026 from 1.15 to 3.15pm at St Laurence Primary School, Ludlow (SY8 1TP)
- 24th September 2026 from 1.00 to 3.00pm at Bishops Castle Primary School (SY9 5PA)
- 25th September 2026 from 12.30 to 2.30pm Online via MS Teams

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

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0 – 5 years

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Upcoming Session

- starts Monday 21st September, 12.30–2.30pm at The Lantern, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

the group meets once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays with the last session being on Monday 30th November 2026.

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Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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