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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 11th September 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
%	%	%

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. **Threadworms** Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**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. **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. **Head lice & nits** You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. **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. **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.	**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. **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. **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. **Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	**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. **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. **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).

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?'

Class Overviews

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

Dragonfly

This term our **PE will take place on Wednesday afternoons** and **Forest School will be on Friday afternoons**.
Children will need to be dressed appropriately for Forest School – no dressing up clothes please! Thank you in advance for your support.

Forest School Kit List

Summer	Winter
Wellies	Wellies
Long socks	Thick socks
Long sleeved top	Warm hat
Trousers or leggings (not shorts)	Scarf
Sun hat	Gloves
Lightweight raincoat (with hood)	Warm waterproof coat (with hood)
	Waterproof trousers
	Layers – Trousers, fleece/jumper, vest

	Please be aware that we will be outside in **ALL weather** apart from high winds and storms. It is important that your child is dressed appropriately so that they can get the most out of their experience.
Osprey	This week, Osprey Class have begun to look at electricity. We have learned about series circuits and compared batteries and mains as a source of power. In History we began to look at reasons for the start of the second world war and created a timeline to document this. Our Talk4Writing text is 'The Canal' and we have begun our short burst writing with Year 3 and 4 exploring adjectives and Year 5 and 6 creating tension and using personification.

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 – Date change – 23rd Sept	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
	23rd Sept.	5pm – 6pm Year 6 Meeting – Date change	Y6 Parents
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
	23rd Oct.	Halloween School Disco – TBC	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 – Date change – 9th Dec.	Whole School
Week Six	8th Dec.	Trust Advent Service Hereford Cathedral, Hereford	TBC
	9th Dec.	Christmas Performance – Date change	Whole School
	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

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	**Kitchen**	**BSC / ASC**

Russell Davis	Jackie Haynes Jane Lewis	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

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 – Link to follow
Nursery Assistant – Link to follow
Cleaner Assistant – Link to follow

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.

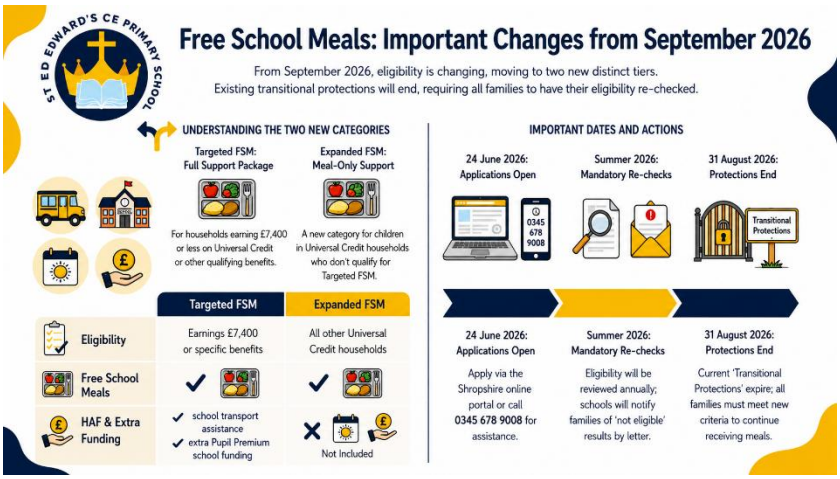
Information Update Form

Please look out for the Information Update Form, which your child will be bringing home today.
To help us keep our records accurate and up to date, please complete the form and return it to school by **Wednesday 16 September**.
Please do not complete the Tapestry section unless your child is in Reception or Year 1, as this section only applies to children in those year groups.

Please complete one form for each child and ensure that all information is filled in clearly and accurately.
Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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.

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.

Local Events





Contact

Please send all emails to admin@stedwards.dhmat.org.uk
Telephone: **01743 781462**

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