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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 25th September 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	**Rain**

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
94.7%	89%	98%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

St Edward's Award		
Respectful 	**Responsible** 	**Ready** 

Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Noemi	For always being ready to learn
Osprey	-	This child was absent and will receive their award next week

Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!

Class Overviews

Dragonfly	This week, the children enjoyed a wonderful visit to the church for Prayer Day. They took part in a range of exciting activities organised by the church and had a fantastic time learning, exploring and reflecting. A huge thank you to Condover Church for welcoming us and providing such a memorable experience. The children were exceptional on the bus and thoroughly enjoyed the adventure. The trip sparked lots of conversations about places they would love to visit in the future, including a farm, the zoo and even Disney World! In Reception, the children have been focusing on the number 5, exploring the different ways it can be represented using practical resources and pictures. Meanwhile, Year 1 and Year 2 have been doing some amazing maths work, ordering numbers and developing their understanding of part-whole models. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and confidence the children are showing in their learning.
Osprey	This week Osprey Class have continued to explore electricity. Together we made a buzz wire game and realised that the wand acts as a switch every time it touches the wire and completes the circuit. We all enjoyed going up to Condover Church on Tuesday and taking part in lots of prayer activities alongside classes from Condover School. In DT, we have been designing our own waistcoats - ready to cut out and sew later on in the term!

Key Dates

St Edward's SCHOOL DATES			
Autumn Term ONE – 8 weeks			
Week	**Date**	**Event**	**Who**
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!			

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we reach the end of another wonderful week, we have been reminded once again of what a special school community we are so fortunate to be part of.

This week, we recognised International Day of Peace, spending time thinking about how each of us can make a positive difference to the world around us. The children explored what it means to be a *peace builder* through acts of kindness, friendship and understanding. It has been lovely to see so many children demonstrating these values in school and supporting one another with such care and consideration.

A particular highlight this week was our Prayer Day at St Andrew and St Mary's Church, Condover. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the wide range of activities and opportunities for reflection throughout the day. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful CREWE team for all of their hard work, enthusiasm and energy in making the day so engaging and memorable for the children.

We are excited to share with you that we will soon be introducing Seesaw, a new communication platform designed to strengthen the connection between home and school. For our Reception Families, this will replace Tapestry as our Communication Tool. We are looking forward to sharing more information with you in the coming weeks and are confident that it will provide another valuable way to celebrate children's learning and keep families informed.

Thank you to all of our Year 6 parents and carers who attended the parent meeting this week. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to working closely with you throughout this important and exciting year for your children.

Finally, a gentle reminder that our Harvest donation box will be available on the school gate each day. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items to support the local foodbank - please see our poster further down in our newsletter! Every item donated will help families within our community, and we thank you for your continued generosity and kindness.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you enjoy a restful weekend with your families and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Christmas Tree

Yes we are talking about Christmas!!

Would anyone be able to donate a Christmas tree (approximately 38cm x 30cm) to help us take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Edward's Church, Dorrington?

We would be very grateful for any donations to support this community event. Thank you for your support! 🎄

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 AGM Meeting.

Tuesday 10th November - More information to follow.

Everyone is welcome!

Communication

We are currently trialling a new way of communicating with parents and carers. Rather than sending emails via the school website, we will now be sending them through our management information system, **Arbor**.

We hope this will help ensure that all parents and carers receive important school communications promptly and reliably. Please make sure that your contact details in Arbor are up to date and that notifications are enabled where possible.

Thank you for your support as we trial this new approach.

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
No current vacancies

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

Year of Reading

Building Stamina - Longer attention spans develop gradually.

At home: Encourage quiet reading time without distractions.

Recommended read: Glassborn — rich fantasy adventure.

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







Contact

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