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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 9th October 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
95.78%	95.68%	95.86%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

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

Class	Pupil	Award

Dragonfly	Abie Collyer	For being supportive and helpful to the new children and reception children.
Osprey	Fred Hill	For always being ready to learn and respectful to those around him – what a star he is!



Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!



Class Overviews

Dragonfly	Wow, what a fantastic week of learning we have had! This week, we have been exploring Black History Month, learning about inspiring people from the past and present. The children have created some amazing artwork to celebrate their achievements and contributions. In Maths, the children have continued to develop their understanding of part-part-whole, while our Reception children have been exploring numbers to 10 through a range of practical activities. Next week, we will be making delicious smoothies as part of our learning. Please look out for an email early next week with more information about this exciting activity
Osprey	This week, Ospreys had the opportunity to visit STIC to do some work related to Black History month. We began our visit by talking about racism - particularly racism on the football pitch and then broadened it to how it may affect us in our community. The children learned the slogan, "Show racism the red card." We then enjoyed an orienteering activity and fact finding about famous black athletes before taking part in some team building games and - most excitingly - meeting some Shrewsbury Town players.

Key Dates

St Edward's SCHOOL DATES			
Autumn Term ONE – 8 weeks			
Week	**Date**	**Event**	**Who**
	19th	Arthog Meeting	Parents & Y5/6 Pupils
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

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!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Tuesday 15th December – Carols in the Playground - More information to follow.

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.

Year 6 Parents – message from Shropshire Council:

Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2026
The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2026 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name four preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Parking

Please can we remind you to be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off or collecting from school. It is very difficult for pedestrians, people with prams, mobility scooters etc when vehicles are parked on the pavement. Thank you for your support in this.

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.

Have Your Say on the Future of Transport in Shropshire
Shropshire Local Transport Plan Consultation
Launched 5th October – 16th November



Shropshire Council wants your views on the draft Local Transport Plan to help shape the future of transport in Shropshire. The consultation is open from **noon on Monday 5 October until 11.59 pm on Monday 16 November 2026**, giving you time to read the draft Plan and share your views on Shropshire's transport priorities for the next ten years. We want to understand what matters most to everyone in Shropshire, including young people, families and school communities, so the Plan reflects the journeys people make now and the transport choices they will need in the future.

How can you take part?

- **Review information on the draft Local Transport Plan and our supporting documents.** We have summary documents and a video available to help explain the Local Transport Plan as well as more detailed information if you want to find out more: https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-transport-plan/

- **Attend one of our online or in-person public consultation events**, details of which can be found on the consultation webpage.

- **Share your views with us:**
  - Complete our online questionnaire: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DraftLocalTransportPlan

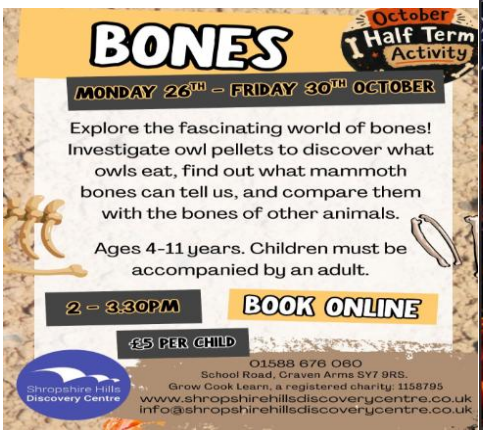
- Post a hard copy of the questionnaire to: Shropshire Council, Highways and Transport, PO Box 4826, Shrewsbury, SY1 9LJ
- Scan and email the questionnaire to: shropshireltp@shropshire.gov.uk

Local Events












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