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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 2nd October 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
 A small circle in front of your mouth	**School**

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
95.4%	91.2%	98.2%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

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

Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Cleo	For working hard on her readiness for learning
Osprey	Jessica	For the resilience you are showing in your approach to all areas of the curriculum.
	Albie	For settling in to Osprey class brilliantly and always being ready to learn.

Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!

Class Overviews

Dragonfly	Wow! What a busy week we have had! This week, we became scientists, creating bug hotels and carrying out experiments to discover whether they were waterproof. Reception children explored freezing and melting while helping the bears escape from their frozen cave. In DT, we investigated where different fruits come from and learned how to prepare fruit safely for our smoothies. We practised skills such as juicing and cutting, helping us become confident and safe food preparers. **Forest School Update:** **Please note that next week only, Forest School will take place on Tuesday instead of Friday.**

Osprey	This week we have been looking at the Hindu faith in RE. Year 3 and 4 have been learning about Brahman and the different Hindu deities. Year 5 and 6 have been studying one of the Hindu's sacred texts through the story of The Man in the Well. In Talk 4 Writing we have been creating 5 sentence stories! Year 3 and 4 have had a focus on adjectives and fronted adverbials while 5 and 6 have been using powerful verbs and fronted participles. Next Thursday we will be visiting Croud Meadow to participate in some Black History month activities.

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

Happy October! We continue to move through our busy and exciting term, with our children embracing wonderful new learning opportunities and celebrating special events together.

This week, we marked International Poetry Day, with classes enjoying a range of poems and creative language activities that encouraged a love of reading, rhythm and self-expression. The children came together in a special assembly to showcase their learning and

share their poems with one another in a wonderful afternoon of celebration - perhaps you could ask for a Poetry showcase at home!

This week we have also launched Black History Month, and over the coming weeks children will be learning about this year's theme and the many contributions Black individuals have made to our communities and society. Next week, children across the school will be creating artwork inspired by this year's theme, and we look forward to sharing their thoughtful and creative work with you. We can't wait to see the masterpieces!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Harvest Foodbank Collection. We have already had some donations - thank you all for your kindness and donations! A donation box will continue to be available at the school gate each day, and we would be very grateful for any non-perishable items you are able to donate. Your generosity will help support local families and make a real difference to those in our community. It is great to spread the kindness!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a wonderful weekend. 🌟

Snacks

A polite reminder that pupils may bring a snack in from home, but this should be a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit or another nutritious option.

Please do not send children to school with chocolate, crisps, sweets, or other high-sugar snacks.

Dragonfly class have a dedicated snack time within the classroom and Osprey class will have their snack during morning break time.

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

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<tr><td colspan="3">Executive Headteacher
Becky Elvins (DDSL)</td></tr>
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Hannah Clay (DSL)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">School Administrator
Hana Thomas</td></tr>
<tr><td>SEND Coordinator
Steph Reid</td><td>Family Learning Mentor
Olivia Bound</td><td>ELSA
Anita Foxall (Jan 2027)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Site Staff
Russell Davis</td><td>Kitchen
Jackie Haynes
Jane Lewis</td><td>BSC / ASC
Jane Lewis
Ratri Davies</td></tr>
<tr><td>Year Group</td><td>Class Teacher</td><td>Support Staff</td></tr>
<tr><td>Reception + Y1 + 2</td><td>Emma Stewardson</td><td>Jo Hardiman / Steph Durkan / Olivia Bound</td></tr>
<tr><td>Y3 + 4 + 5 + 6</td><td>Lousie Felton (DDSL)</td><td>Emily Stuckey / Jo Hardiman</td></tr>
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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

Reflecting on Reading Growth Children grow as readers in different ways.

At home: Talk about how reading has changed since the start of the year.

Recommended read: Song of the River — meaningful themes.

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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