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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 3rd July 2026

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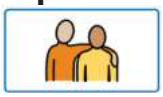
Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
96.3%	94.1%	98.4%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

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

Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Albie Collier	For an excellent effort in his writing and helping others
Osprey	Bea Pugh	For trying really hard in her writing.

Christian Values		
Class	**Pupil**	**Reason**
Dragonfly	Ruby Matthews	For being loving towards others
Osprey	Freddie Chard	You are kind and care for others throughout the school. You actively look for ways to help and support.



Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!



Class Overviews

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

Dragonfly	This week in Dragonfly Class, the children have had a busy and exciting week of learning. They made comparisons between the synagogue and the church, exploring similarities and differences between these places of worship. The class also prepared enthusiastically for Sports Day, practising their skills and teamwork. Throughout the week, the children enjoyed a range of child-initiated play opportunities, where they explored their own interests, developed their creativity, and built confidence through independent learning.
Osprey	Osprey have had a wonderful this week. It has been a largely quiet week, with several pupils enjoying their time at Culmington Manor Residential, and the Year 6 pupils also enjoying the Treat Day on Friday. I think there will be some very tired children this weekend but I am so, so proud of them! Children have continued their problem solving in maths, as well as working on their Courageous Advocacy project!

Key Dates

SCHOOL DATES		
Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks		
TBC	Y6 Leavers' Service – Hereford Cathedral	Y5 + 6
6th July	**World Cup Match Screening England V Mexico**	**Whole School**
TBC	Reports to parents	Whole school
7th July	Parent drop-in	Whole school
9th July	Transition morning	Whole school
TBC	Summer performance	KS2
15th July	Leavers' Church Service	Whole school
17th July	**End of Summer Term**	**Whole**
Summer		

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

What a wonderful week it has been in school!

The sunshine has certainly continued to made an appearance (YAY), and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the warm weather. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable by sending children in with water bottles and suitable sun protection. We are making the most of the summer feel while also remembering to find plenty of shade and keep hydrated.
It is a real joy to join the children on the field at playtimes and lunchtimes and we have enjoyed watching them play together so happily. Often these times don't get a mention but it is these moments that children really remember - children finding ladybirds in the field, placing daisies in pinecones to make a "flower bomb" and children playing across the different age groups with one

another. It is these moments where we really get that sense of "family", and where we recognise what a special school and community we have.
There has also been lots of excitement around England's World Cup match, with many children eagerly talking about the game, sharing their predictions and proudly supporting the team. Events like these always create a real buzz around school and provide plenty of opportunities to discuss teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. The buzz was particularly seen on Wednesday with the swapping of predictions, and on Thursday in celebrating England's success (thank goodness for Harry Kane!)! We hope you will have spotted our email earlier today which explains our exciting screening of Sunday's match on Monday morning. Our staff team is excited to be sharing in this moment as a school - don't forget to keep the score a surprise!

A huge highlight this week has been our residential visit. The children have been absolutely fantastic and have done themselves, their families and the school proud. Whether tackling new challenges, supporting one another or simply enjoying being away with friends, they have shown resilience, confidence and a real sense of adventure. We are incredibly proud of them and our HUMUNGOUS thanks go to the staff who have made this memorable experience possible through all the planning and organising, and by giving up their very precious time... and their energy too! We know our children have created memories that will last them a lifetime!

As we move closer to the end of the school year, there is still lots to look forward to. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership—it makes such a difference to our school community, and we really do value you all.

We wish you all a lovely weekend. Enjoy the sunshine, and good luck to England in their next match! We cannot wait to see what happens on Monday!

End of Term

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that the final day of term is Friday, 17th July.

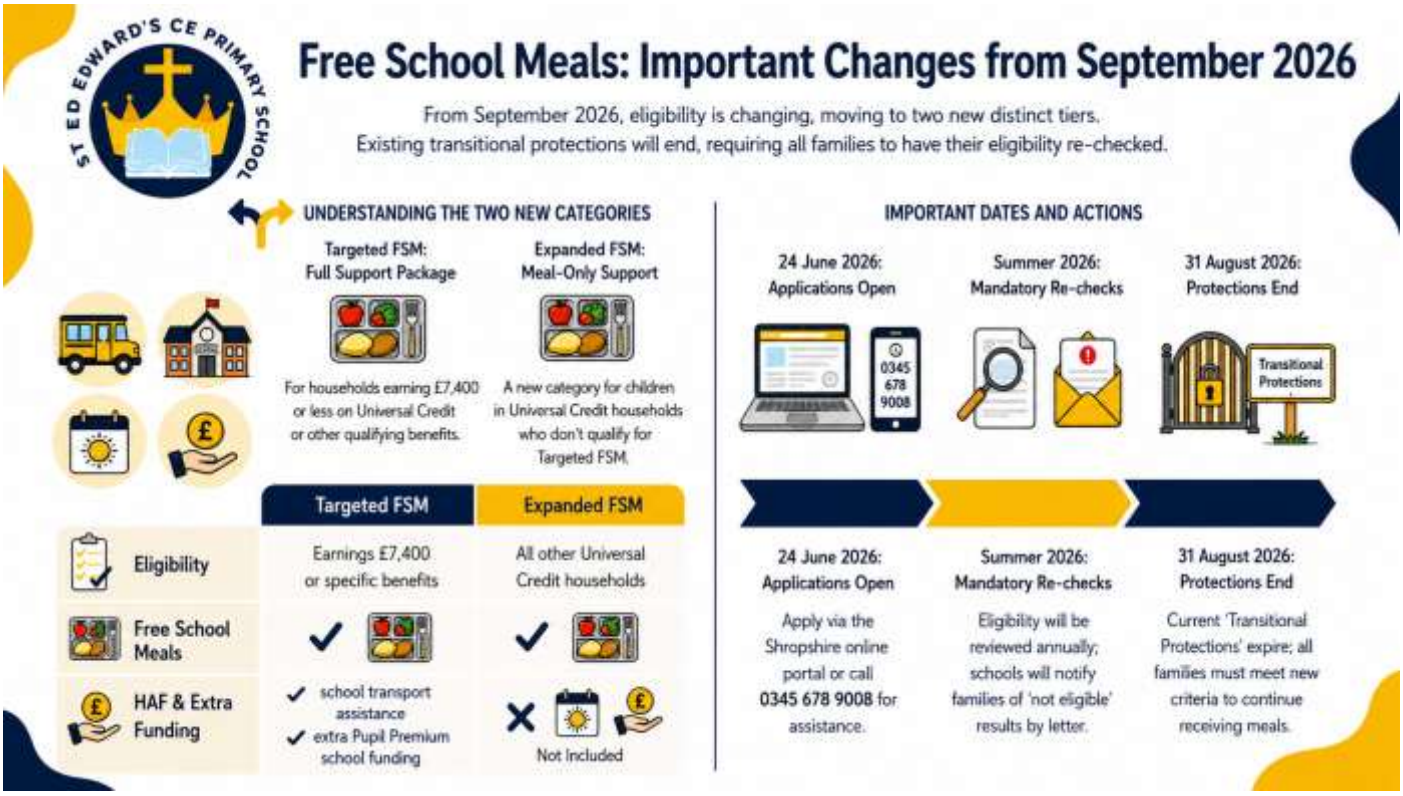
Free School Meal Changes

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

Dinner Payments on School Money

We have noticed that there are a few accounts currently in arrears with Dinner Payments. At this time of year, we are trying to clear any outstanding monies owed to school, in readiness for the next academic year. Please may we politely ask for you to check your accounts and pay any outstanding Dinner Payments as soon as possible. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Thomas in the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

KS2 Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons continue on a Tuesday for **Years 5 and 6** and will run all the way until 14th July. Please make sure to send your child into school with a towel, swim shorts/costume and goggles. Thank you.

Shrewsbury Town

Shrewsbury Town are at St Edwards each **Wednesday** for **After School sport club**. This term, the focus will be rounders for KS2 and target games for KS1. 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.

Toys:

We've noticed a few toys being brought into school recently. Please could we ask children to leave these toys at home. They can be a distraction in class and we also don't want anything to get damaged.

Suncream:

As we're heading into the season of warmer weather, we encourage children to apply sunscreen before school. Water bottles are essential and sun hats are encouraged.

Snacks:

We encourage children to bring snacks to school and know the importance of keeping their energy levels up throughout the day, however, we have noticed some unsuitable snacks being brought in such as Tictacs and boiled sweets. Please ensure your children do not bring snacks of this kind into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fruit:

If you are sending grapes in your child's lunchbox, please can you make sure that they are cut up – thank you.

Reading

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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 Is for Fun

Enjoyment is key to lifelong reading habits.

At home: Share funny books or poems together.

Recommended read: Boss of the Underworld: Shirley vs the Green Menace — fun graphic novel style.

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	**Friday**	**Thursday**
Osprey Class	Tuesday (Swimming for 5&6) & Wednesday	

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.





Free School Meals

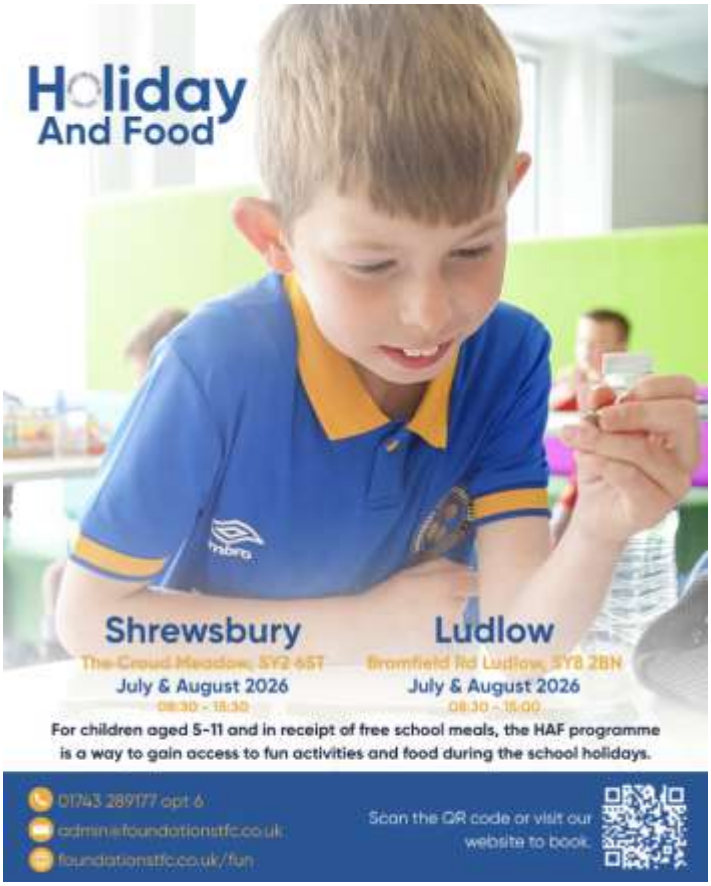
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We recently shared an update from Shropshire Council with regards to FSM eligibility from September 2026. If you require further information, please do get in contact.

Local Events







DORRINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Friday 3 July 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!





Contact

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