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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 10th July 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	**HOT**

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
97.9%	94.5%	100%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

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

Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Molly Dulson	Her confidence and joy she brings to the classroom.
Osprey	Aria Jones	All round excellence! What a fantastic year – well done!

Christian Values		
Class	**Pupil**	**Reason**
Dragonfly	Eliel Ogunsusi	Showing empathy and kindness to others
Osprey	Esme Walker	For showing the Christian value of LOVE



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	The children in Years 1 and 2 have produced some wonderful poetry this week, drawing inspiration from our visit to the community garden and using rich vocabulary, descriptive nouns and adjectives. The children went on to study the poem, 'The Door' by Miroslav Holub Using the structure of the poem the children wrote their own poems. <u>The Door</u> by Phoebe Go and open the door. Maybe there's feathers Or a monkey Or a girl. Go and open the door. Maybe there's a clever brain Or a friend Or a nice tiger. Go and open the door. Even if there's only a kind ghost Even if there's only a loving dog Go and open the door.
Osprey	The children have followed a recipe to make biscuits this week,which they thoroughly enjoyed! We have also been practising extremely hard for our Leaver's Service - we are all really looking forward to share with you what the children have been working on.

Key Dates

Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks		
TBC	Reports to parents	Whole school
14th July	School Disco	Whole school
15th July	Leavers' Church Service	Whole school
17th July	**End of Summer Term**	**Whole school**

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

The heat has certainly been a major theme of the week! We have been incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted, making the most of regular hydration breaks(!), seeking out the shade and continuing to approach their learning with such positivity and enthusiasm.
As we look ahead to the final week of the academic year, we are excited to celebrate everything the children have achieved. It will be a special week filled with reflection, achievements, fun and opportunities to enjoy our last days together before the summer holidays.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the sunshine and find plenty of ways to keep cool!

End of Term

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

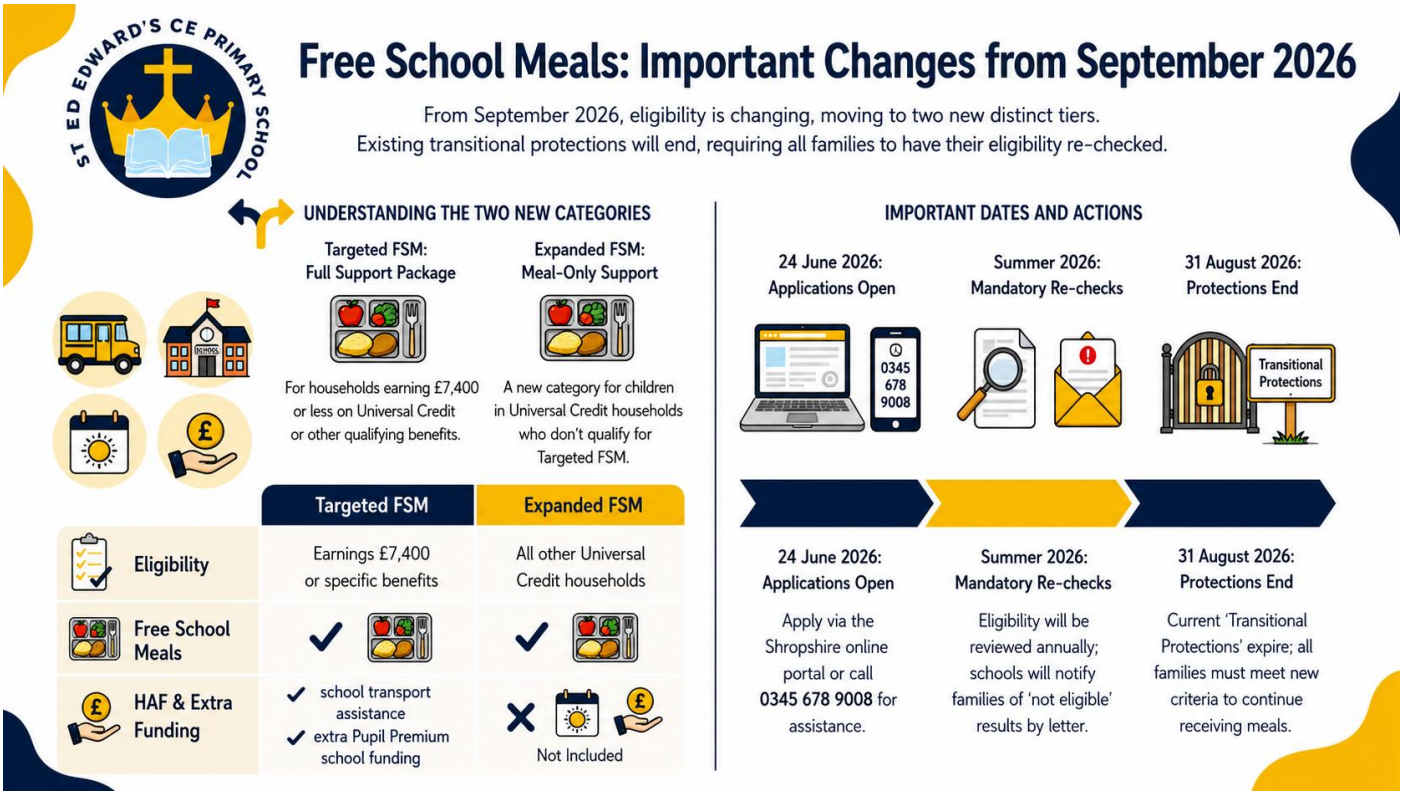
Free School Meal Changes

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

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

Series Books Build Fluency
Familiar characters and patterns support reading confidence.
At home: Visit the library to borrow a series your child enjoys.
Recommended read: *Magic Tree House* series — perfect for transitioning readers.

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

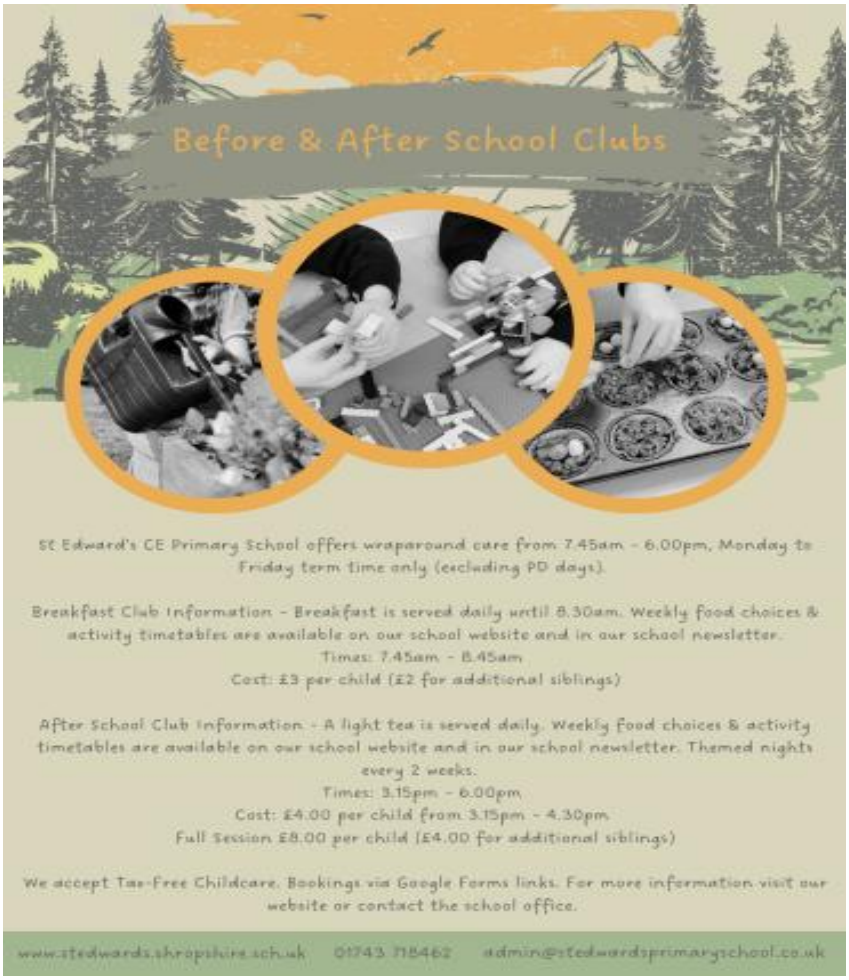
Tin Tuesday

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

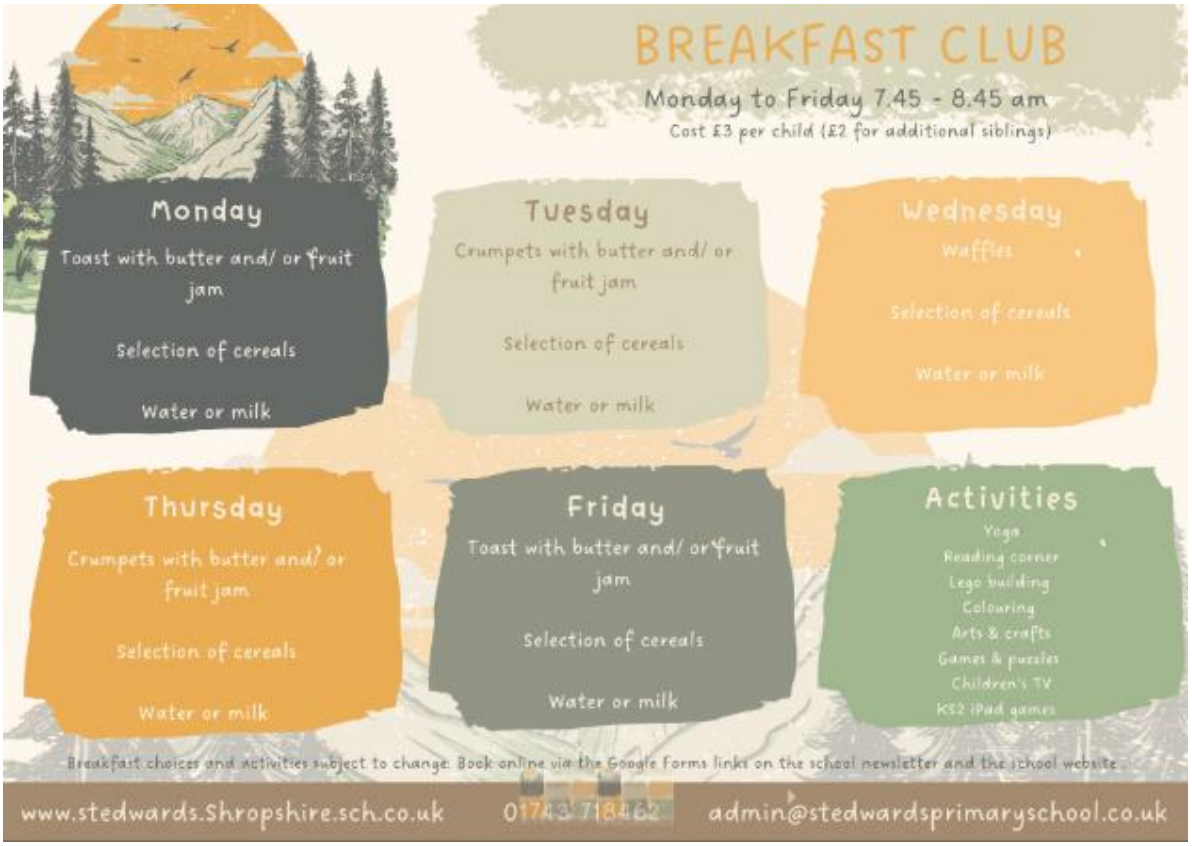
Our After School Club Provision runs every day from 3.15 **until 6pm** during term time and excluding PD days.

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

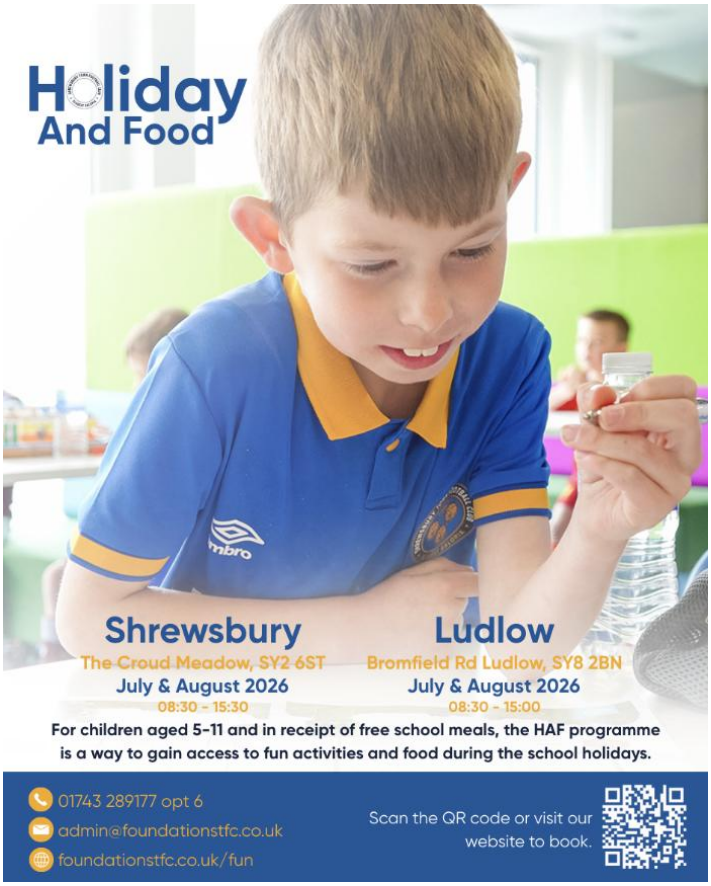
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We recently shared an update from Shropshire Council with regards to FSM eligibility from September 2026. If you require further information, please do get in contact.

Local Events









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EMPOWER KIDS CLUB

THIS SUMMER AT CROSSFIT SHROPSHIRE

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More than a holiday club, Empower Kids Club is a wellbeing day designed to help children build confidence, develop resilience, learn valuable life skills, make new friends and have fun.

Through movement, outdoor adventure and team activities, children will be encouraged to step outside their comfort zone, recognise their strengths and grow in self-belief in a supportive and encouraging environment.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- GYM GAMES
- BOXING
- DEN BUILDING
- MARSHMALLOWS AROUND THE FIRE PIT & HOT CHOCOLATE
- TEAM CHALLENGES AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES



DATES: 14TH, 18TH & 20TH AUGUST

TIME: 9.30AM – 3.00PM

PRICE: £35

CONTACT KATE THOMAS
kate@crossfitshropshire.com
TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE

CrossFit Shropshire
Shrewsbury
SY56EZ

A DAY TO MOVE, CONNECT, LEARN AND GROW.

FLAMES NETBALL

NETBALL TASTER SESSION

FOR YEARS 4–6
AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
6–7P.M.

CHURCH STRETTON
LEISURE CENTRE

FREE FOR ALL!

FUN | FRIENDSHIPS | SKILLS | CONFIDENCE

EMAIL TO BOOK YOUR SPACE

hello@flamesnetball.co.uk

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

SUMMER
Empowered Young Minds Club

A Creative Workshop to support children's emotional wellbeing & confidence

Movement & Games · Confidence & Self-belief · Nature & Music · Happiness & Well-being · Mindfulness · Emotional Intelligence · Art/Craft · Resilience & Mindset

Come join us this July & August!
For ages 8-11

Choose from the following dates:
Tuesday 28th July
Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 12th August
Thursday 20th August

9.30am - 3.30pm £35 per child

Cross Houses Community Centre, Shrewsbury SY56JG





Message Kate Thomas to book your child's place:
M: 07507641859 E: mentoring@journeyinmind.com

NHS Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

1 PLAN

Make sure your child has an ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Children with an asthma action plan are four times less likely to have to go to hospital for their asthma.

2

Make sure you know HOW TO USE AN INHALER

Getting the inhaler technique right with a spacer or facemask is one of the most important things you can do to help your child stay well.

3

ATTEND YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA REVIEW

Scheduling an asthma review once a year *(and after every attack)* can help children and young children manage their symptoms.

4

CONSIDER AIR POLLUTION AND ITS IMPACT

Air pollution can trigger asthma, but knowing the triggers can help children and young people to manage their condition.



Shrewsbury
The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST
July & August 2026
08:30 - 15:30

Ludlow
Bromfield Rd Ludlow, SY8 2BN
July & August 2026
08:30 - 15:00

For children aged 5-11 and in receipt of free school meals, the HAF programme is a way to gain access to fun activities and food during the school holidays.

01743 289177 opt 6
admin@foundationstfc.co.uk
foundationstfc.co.uk/fun

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book.

FRIENDS OF ST EDWARDS
SUMMER HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE!

TO ENTER -

READ 6 BOOKS OVER SUMMER.

PRIZE FOR EVERYONE WHO ACHIEVES!

SECOND ENTRY -

YEAR 1/2/3 -

Draw a picture of your favourite school holiday memory.

YEAR 4/5/6 -

To **write** an account of your favourite school holiday memory.

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE BACK OF ENTRIES.

ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER



Contact

Please send all emails to admin@stedwards.dhmat.org.uk
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