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Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 16th October 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	Home

Attendance

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

Whole School	Dragonflies	Osprey
91.6%	86.51%	95.95%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

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

Class	Pupil	Award
Dragonfly	Elin Coughlan	For always being ready to learn especially in maths and phonics
Osprey	Bea Pugh	For excellent learning behaviour – Bea is always ready to learn and respectful to all around her



Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!



Class Overviews

Dragonfly	Today, we spoke about our favourite parts of the week. The children said that their favourite activities were playing with the new Lego box, drawing pumpkins for *We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt*, and reading books. We also made some yummy smoothies in DT on Thursday, thinking carefully about whether we wanted our smoothie to be sweet or sour.
Osprey	Osprey class have had another full week. They finished their Black History month portraits in Art and also composed a picture that told a story. In History they continued their study of World War 2, especially focussing on The Blitz and in English the focus was on spellings. And they had a very enjoyable lesson composing music on the I-pads.

Key Dates

St Edward's SCHOOL DATES			
Autumn Term ONE – 8 weeks			
Week	**Date**	**Event**	**Who**
	19th Oct	Arthog Information Evening	Y5&Y6 Parents + 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 – **Details below**	Whole School
	23rd Oct.	**Last Day in School**	Whole School
		Autumn Half Term – Have a wonderful break!	
		Autumn Term TWO – 7 weeks	
Week	**2nd Nov.**	**Welcome back to school, Children!**	Whole School

One			
	5th Nov	Guy Fawkes Day/ Bonfire Night Safety talk in school (Safety Committee)	
	8th Nov.	Diwali	
Week Two	9th – 20th Nov	UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) Eco Committee Assembly	
	11th Nov.	Remembrance Service, Playground at St Edward's Primary School	Whole School + Parents
	12th Nov	Parent Workshop - Maths	Parents
	13th Nov	Children in Need - Fundraising	Whole School

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we move into our final week of term, there is still so much to look forward to and celebrate together. There has been amazing artwork, superb singing, and so much fabulous learning!

Next week, we look forward to coming together for our Harvest Service on Wednesday. Harvest is a special opportunity to reflect on gratitude, generosity and helping others, and we thank families for their continued support - and our first get-together as a school community of this year! Please do not forget to bring your Harvest Donations in to school if you can.

As we approach the end of the half term, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for all they have done to make this a happy and successful term. We look forward to finishing the term with the same enthusiasm, kindness and sense of community that makes our school such a special place.

Parents' Evenings
If you have not managed to book your appointment, please email the school office with your request for teacher/day/time – admin@stedwardsprimaryschool.co.uk

Snacks + Water

Free fruit is provided for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
Our children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) are encouraged to bring in a healthy fruit snack to enjoy at morning break.
Please do not send children to school with **chocolate, crisps, sweets, or other high-sugar snacks.**
Children are asked to bring a **named refillable water bottle**, containing water, to school every day. Refillable water stations are accessible to all pupils so that children always have access to fresh water, during the day. We request that children **only bring water** to school as we encourage healthy choices.

YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS

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

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!

Halloween Disco



Date for the diary – Carols on the Playground – Tuesday 15th December 2026

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

Cleaner - https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145275/EDV-2026-CCPS-43341

Year of Reading

Readers Make Choices
Choosing books builds ownership and motivation.
At home: Let your child decide what and when to read.
Recommended read: Varjak Paw — a gripping 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.

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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Drama Workshop!!!
at
Dorrington Village Hall
on
Saturday November 7th 2026
2.30 - 5.30 pm
(For ages 6 years and above)
Come and take part in this fun afternoon expertly led by acor and drama teacher Hugh Jones!
If you would like to sign up or would like any further information ...
Contact
Cathy on 07570966006 / cathymgriffiths@gmail.com





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