

**Condover Church of England Primary School**

*Love Each Other and Know We Are Loved*

| Love      Forgiveness      Trust



## Condover CE Primary School Newsletter 5.9.25

### Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school after a very sunny summer holidays.

As always, it was great to see all of the children back on Wednesday and bringing the school to life.

There are lots of exciting events planned for this term, we will make sure you have the information regarding them on the newsletter each week.

Also look out for our newly redesigned website which should go live over the next few days.

We all look forward to seeing your children learn, grow and play together in a place where love, trust and forgiveness are at the heart of all we do.

Kerrie Lewis

Executive Head

Condover C of E Primary School

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## Snapshot of Condover this week



## Important Dates Coming Up:

Important dates can also be found on our school calendar here:

<https://www.condoverschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/09/>

Any changes to the calendar will be in red.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bikeability – Y6 only	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Harvest Service at the Church	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Individual and sibling photos	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
<b>P.D Day</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>

## Helpful Information

### **Staff**

Kerrie Lewis – Executive Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Becky Elvins – Head of School

Steph Reid - SENDCo

Tobias Bearne – Ocean Class teacher

Ewan Evans – Estuary Class teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead

Jennie Thomas – River Class teacher

Lucy Amplett / Sabina Richards – Stream Class teacher

Rozzie Case – Raindrop Class teacher

Sabina Richards – Administrator

Jo Jackson – HLTA + lunchtime supervisor

Anita Foxall – Teaching assistant + lunchtime supervisor

Sharon Corke – Teaching assistant + lunchtime supervisor + breakfast club leader

James Harris – Teaching assistant & lunchtime supervisor

Abigail Lawrence – Teaching assistant & lunchtime supervisor

Emily Stuckey - Teaching assistant & lunchtime supervisor

Jackie Haynes – Catering manager

Jane Lewis – Kitchen assistant

Ratri Davies – Cleaner

Russell Davis – Cleaner

Sharl Hess – Sunset Club leader

Karen Coffey – Sunset Club assistant

### **LAB members**

Laura Clarke – Vice Chair

Kerrie Lewis

Becky Elvins

Ewan Evans

Kevin Martin

Maurice Walker-Prior

Laura Hnatiuk

Christine Oakley

Margaret Beever

### **Welcome – New Staff**

We have a few new members of staff that have joined the team at Condoover. Welcome to Abigail Lawrence and Emily Stuckey who will be working as classroom assistants and lunchtime supervisors and to Toby Bearne who is our new Ocean Class Teacher.

A warm welcome also to Steph Reid our new SENDCo who will be working at Condoover on a Tuesday and alternating Wednesdays. Steph has already started contacting families and introducing herself.

### **UFSMs and FSMs**

All reception, year 1 and year 2 children are entitled to universal infant free school meals. If your child is in KS2 they will no longer be entitled to this and payment for school meals will need to be paid via SchoolMoney. If you think your child should be entitled to free school meals, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check eligibility and apply.

Even if your child is entitled to UIFSM's and you fit the eligibility criteria we would encourage you to apply as the school receive funding for this. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they will also qualify for the holiday activity and food programme. More information about this can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/06/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme-2/>

## Spirituality

### Windows



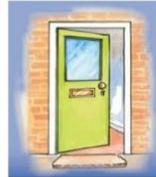
experience

### Mirrors



reflection

### Doors



growth

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## Big Questions

R-What makes me happy and what things do I value?

Y1/2-Who am I and what am I worth?

Y3/4-Don't we deserve to be happy?

Y5/6-Should you respect yourself over all other things?

## Worship

The story we have focused on this week is the one that links to our values of love trust and forgiveness.

The Prodigal Son, or better – The Loving Father – Luke 15: 11-32 (NRSVue)

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants. So he got up and went to his father.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Also in the Storyteller Bible – 'The Kind Stranger'.

School Vision – 'Love each other and know we are loved'

John 13: 34-35 - 'A new command I give you, love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'.

Some things to consider - Jesus tells this story, in amongst some teaching about how we have a relationship with God the Father. The writer, Luke, is a gentile, and is writing for a gentile audience – he has an emphasis, throughout his whole Gospel, on demonstrating that Jesus came for ALL people, not just the Jewish people. As a school we seek to enable each and every child and adult in the school community to reach their full potential.

The younger brother, in demanding his share of the inheritance, breaks the 5th Commandment (of the 10) dishonouring his father. However, the loving father allows his free will, enabling the younger son to make his own choices & mistakes, which leads to some important learning. As educators we seek to enable each child's learning, giving them the confidence to question, take risks, make mistakes and learn from their own experiences.

The loving father breaks all cultural expectations – he runs to meet his errant son, instead of waiting for the younger son to come and beg for forgiveness. It would be seen as undignified for him to hitch his robe to run along the road when he sees his son in the distance. As a school we are willing to reach out to those in need, to be proactive rather than simply reacting to circumstances as they arise.

The father cares for both sons, reassuring the older brother that he is loved as much as the younger errant son. As a school community we seek to know each child as an individual, celebrating their individual achievements, and enabling them to explore their own interests and develop their knowledge and skills.

## **Curriculum overviews**

Information regarding your child's curriculum and learning this half term will be sent to you and can be found on the class page of the school website.

## **Polite reminder**

We are a nut aware school and have pupils in school with a severe allergy. Therefore, we kindly ask that no nuts are brought into school for lunch or snack and that you check items for anything that may contain nuts.

## **Attendance & Lateness**

Attendance this week at Condover looks like this:

**Our proposed percentage attendance set by the EWO is 93%**

Whole School	99%
Raindrops	100%
Stream	100%
River	100%
Estuary	99%
Ocean	97%

## **Autumn Term After-School Clubs**

An email has been sent out about autumn term clubs. Please make bookings directly for Creation Station and KCDC Dance.

Bookings for the STFC sports clubs should be made on the google form:

<https://forms.gle/FaMJ42QpAvQLmWxh9>

If you missed the email or have any queries about clubs please email the office, [admin@condoverschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@condoverschool.co.uk)

## **Reminder: Breakfast Club – New hours and pricing from September 2025.**

We have extended our breakfast club hours and now open from 7.30am.

There is a two-tiered pricing structure when booking on SchoolMoney. Please make sure you select the right time for your arrival so that you are charged correctly.

### **New prices:**

Drop off from 7.30am - £7 per child / £5 for siblings

Drop off from 8am - £4 / £3 per siblings (remains the same as current pricing)

## **Awards**

Our Celebration Assemblies will continue from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Please look out for an email as these are sent on a Friday for the attendance the following week.

You no longer need to confirm your attendance, just come along on the morning. However, please do not feel obliged to attend, if you are unable to make it another family member is welcome to join us.

## **Flourishing Moments**

We love to hear about the amazing things Condover pupils achieve outside of school hours.

Elliot, Phoebe (both Ocean) and Sienna (Estuary) all had a fantastic time performing in Moana Jr at Theatre Severn in the summer holidays. All three successfully auditioned for solo principal roles in the show, with Elliot as Pua, Sienna as Mini Moana, and Phoebe as both Left Claw and the Ocean.

They performed absolutely brilliantly and made wonderful memories. All of their friends and family who went to watch were extremely proud and can't wait to see them in future productions!

It was a particularly busy time for Phoebe, who also passed her Grade 1 ballet exam with distinction and her Grade 2 violin exam with merit in July. Well done Phoebe!



If your child has an achievement that they would like us to share in the newsletter please email a photo with a description of the achievement to [admin@condoverschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@condoverschool.co.uk)

Our next flourishing moments feature will be **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

## Activities, workshops and information



1<sup>st</sup> Condover Brownies.  
Are you aged between  
7yrs and 10yrs  
and fancy joining us ?  
We meet Mondays  
6.30pm – 8pm  
Condover Primary School



We ended 2024 by  
having a Christmas  
Bowling party

These are some of the  
activities we have done  
this year 2025.



Started 2025  
by joining a Disco  
with other  
Brownies



Went on a trip  
to the  
International  
Space Centre  
where we met  
other  
Girlguiding  
members



Did badge  
work learning  
about  
Rio de  
Janeiro's  
carnival



Our 2  
night Pack  
Holiday  
at Lyneal



Our annual  
Brass  
cleaning  
at the local  
church

If you're interested and fancy doing a taster session, or joining us  
please contact Lisa Price by emailing [squeak.1@btinternet.com](mailto:squeak.1@btinternet.com) ,  
or ring 01743 242643

# Cook Stars Shropshire Central



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**Welcome  
to our  
Autumn  
Term**

## MONDAYS

Minis  
2-5 year olds



Hanwood Village Hall

11.15 am - 12.30pm

£13.00 per session

## **SPECIAL OFFER**

**BOGOF**



Book 2 minis or juniors  
class and pay for just 1

## FRIDAY

Minis & Juniors  
2 - 11 year olds

Cressage Village Hall  
4.00pm - 5.15pm

£13.00 per session

## SATURDAY

Academy  
11-17 year olds



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Wattlesborough Village Hall  
Special offer trial session  
£12.00 per session

Halloween workshop  
2 - 11 year olds

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Bicton Village Hall

2.30pm - 4.30pm

£25.00 per session

Call Sally: 07535 890194

Email: [sally@cookstars.co.uk](mailto:sally@cookstars.co.uk)

Book: <https://www.cookstars.co.uk/cooking-classes/shropshire-central>



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# Sleepy Sprouts

Ayisha Coffey

Sleep Consultant

Newborns • Children • Autism • Anxiety

Ayisha at Sleepy Sprouts is a Certified Infant Sleep Consultant, offering gentle, personalised support for better sleep/routines.

Specialising in neurodivergent sleep needs, including autism and anxiety, Ayisha creates tailored plans that fit your child's unique sleep challenges.

Please contact me via the below if you would like to find out more!



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# Understanding your child

## From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School

Understanding Your Child Group 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.45am to 11.45am at Woodlands School Wem

Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email  
[Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
or call 01743 250950

Find more free online courses at:  
[inourplace.co.uk/shropshire](http://inourplace.co.uk/shropshire)



# Does your child struggle with their sleep?

## Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

**SEND Group Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams**

or

**Group Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams**

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To book a place email [Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk) or call 01743 250950

Find out  
more here





Spaces available  
for September  
**BOOKING NOW!**

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(R.Maunder - parent)  
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# Open Day

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

[MORETONHALL.ORG/OPEN-DAY](http://MORETONHALL.ORG/OPEN-DAY)



# Taster Evening

  
**Rainbows**

1st Church Stretton Rainbows



Is your daughter aged  
4-6 and looking for a fun  
new activity? If so, why not  
try Rainbows!



Monday 15  
September 2025  
5.30-6.30  
URC Hall Church  
Stretton



**Girlguiding**  
Church Stretton District

Contact Sophie for  
more information!  
csdistrictcommissioner  
@gmail.com  
07527033510

Have a lovely weekend!

The staff team