

**Condover Church of England Primary School**

*Love Each Other and Know We Are Loved*

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## Condover CE Primary School Newsletter 14.11.25

Condover C of E Primary School

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### **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>
Road Safety Week	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov
New Reception Open Afternoon	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm -2.30pm
Flu Immunisations – School Nursing Team	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> November (there will be no celebration assembly)
NCMP – rec and Y6 children – School Nursing Team	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Rescheduled Phonics Workshop – Stream parents only	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
No Pens Day	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Whole school trip to the Pantomime	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December

Condover Christmas Performance	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
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**The Christmas Performance** will be slightly different this year. The performance will take place at St. Andrew and St. Mary's Church, Condover and there will be one evening performance that will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Polite reminders**

We expect all pupils to wear the school uniform. This comprises:

- Grey skirts or trousers
- White shirt, blouse, smart polo top
- Grey/white socks or grey tights
- School sweat top which is maroon in colour
- Smart shoes no trainers

P.E. Kit- Children to come into school in their PE kit on PE days

- Black shorts/ jogging/track suit bottoms
- Yellow PE t-shirt
- Trainers/pumps
- White sports socks
- Please ensure long hair is tied back for PE and earrings are covered with piercing tape if earrings cannot be removed.

If children have verruca's they can wear socks and trainers for indoor PE and sports. Please make the class teacher aware if this is the case.

If children are wearing watches to school, please ensure that these are not expensive smart watches. They should not be musical or have games on and should not have messaging, calling or camera functions as this is a safeguarding issue.

## **Snapshot of Condover this week**

In Science, Estuary have been investigating properties of different rocks.



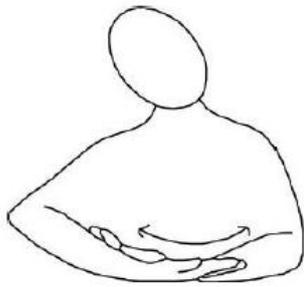
## **Attendance & Lateness**

Attendance this week at Condover looks like this:

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

Whole School	96%
Raindrops	93%
Stream	95%
River	98%
Estuary	97%
Ocean	98%

**Makaton sign of the week**



baby

## Remembrance Service



This Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November we all went to Church for a Remembrance Service. Ray Evanson, along with our pupil Worship Committee sensitively and respectfully led us through hymns, prayers, reflection and the 2 minutes silence.

Our handmade poppy wreaths were placed gently at the front of Church in recognition of those who were lost during the First and Second World Wars.



## Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

This week we asked children to wear odd socks on Thursday to raise awareness for bullying during Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day isn't about wearing the latest fashion or the most expensive costume but is designed to be fun and inclusive. Children had discussions in class and took part in activities throughout the week in support of this important cause.



## Children In Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

### Challenge Yourself

Across the UK, children and young people continue to face a range of complicated challenges – with many having to cope with lots of issues at once. BBC Children in Need, fund vital support for children and young people struggling with challenges caused by mental health, poverty, social inequality and family-related issues.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

**Challenge Yourself 25** – Each class (both Condober and St Edward's) thought of 5 challenges to complete throughout the day.



We also held a cake sale run by the Safety Committee. Thank you to all the KS1 parents for providing the cakes for this. Details of how much we have raised will be in next week's newsletter.



### **Flu Immunisations – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

The e-consent link for the immunisations has been emailed out to parents.

The e-consent link is open and will close at 9am on Friday 14th November.

**Important: Please complete the form even if you do NOT want your child to have the immunisation – it allows the nursing team to record your wishes in your child’s NHS records.**

Information about the Children's flu vaccine can be found in the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

### **NCMP – National Child Measurement Programme for children in reception and year 6 – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

An email was sent out to parents today regarding the NCMP. Please find below a QR code that links to a video from the school nursing team. This explains the process in more detail for parents.



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## **After School Clubs**

We have several after school clubs running this half term for children in year 1- year 6. We have KS1 multi-sports and KS2 netball from STFC, Dance with KCDC and Create Club from Creation Station.

Please find below details of days, times and how to join:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>How to book</b>
KS1 Multi-Sports	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Please email the office to book onto this club: <a href="mailto:admin@condoverschool.co.uk">admin@condoverschool.co.uk</a> . Payment is via SchoolMoney
Dance	Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Please email Katie Crossland to book and pay for this club: <a href="mailto:kcdancecentre@gmail.com">kcdancecentre@gmail.com</a>
Create Club	Wednesday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Please use the link below to book and pay for this club: <a href="https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/classes-overview/9807">portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/classes-overview/9807</a>
KS2 Netball	Friday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Please email the office to book onto this club: <a href="mailto:admin@condoverschool.co.uk">admin@condoverschool.co.uk</a> . Payment is via SchoolMoney

## Awards

<b><u>Condover's Learning Values</u></b>					
					
Collaboration	Independence	Self-motivation	Resilience	Creativity	Confidence
<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Pupil</u></b>	<b><u>Learning Value/s</u></b>			
<b>Raindrops</b>	Isla-May	For letting her empathy and her intelligence shine in her.			
<b>Raindrops</b>	Sam	For his commitment and effort in his writing, and for letting his light shine in Maths.			
<b>Stream</b>	Caleb	For showing resilience when following instructions and making a set of instructions with pictures.			
<b>Stream</b>	Louie	For showing self-motivation in phonics and to apply these skills to his reading.			
<b>River</b>	River	For creativity in writing.			
<b>River</b>	Maggie	For excellent self-motivation in all learning.			
<b>Estuary</b>	Douglas	For showing confidence in learning about different types of rocks.			
<b>Estuary</b>	Albie D	For showing confidence in using his multiplication facts with speed.			
<b>Ocean</b>	Ollie W	For showing self-motivation to complete your work at a high quality.			
<b>Ocean</b>	George	For showing brilliant resilience during maths lessons.			

<b><u>Condover's Christian Values</u></b>


Trust Love Forgiveness		
Christian Value	Pupil	Reason
Love	Daisy	For offering kindness and friendship to those in need of support and for making us all smile every single day.
Love	Pixie	for showing love by offering to care for our shared spaces and helping to keep the classroom organised.
Love	Albie J	For showing love and care towards others.
Love	Nicole	For ensuring that everyone feels love in the classroom.
Love	Georgia	For making sure your friends are always happy.

### **Our Weekend Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you for the harvest, the seasons, and the world. You made everything.

Thank you for our class and for making us a family.

Thank you for the people who died in the wars so that we can live in peace.

Help us to remember them.

Help us to love each other and not to fight, and to help everyone.

Love from the Raindrops.

### **Flourishing Moments**

We love to hear about the amazing things that the children achieve outside of school hours. Thank you to parents for sharing these with us and allowing us to be part of these proud moments.

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 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

## Activities, workshops and information

**ST EDWARD'S CE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# OPEN MORNING

**Monday, 1 December**

*Love each other and know  
we are loved.  
(John 13:34-35)*



**9.30 - 11.30am**

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet the leadership team, teaching staff and pupils
- ✓ View our fantastic grounds and facilities
- ✓ Ask questions

Church Road, Dorrington,  
Shrewsbury, SY5 7JL

Call us

**01743 718462**

Email us

**admin@stedwardsprimary  
school.co.uk**

 Diocese of  
**Hereford**  
Multi-Academy Trust

# HELPING YOUR CHILD THRIVE IN THE EARLY YEARS



## BY REDUCING SCREEN TIME

### You are not to blame

Phones and tablets are everywhere, and they are designed to grab attention. But did you know that too much screen time - for both parents and children - can make it harder for little ones to develop key skills they need to **grow, learn, and connect?**

### Too much screen time can:

- 1 Delay speech and communication**  
Young children learn to talk by hearing real voices and taking part in conversations. Screens often reduce these important moments of connection.
- 2 Make it harder to handle emotions**  
If screens are used often to calm a child down, they may miss out on learning how to cope with frustration, boredom or big feelings in other ways.
- 3 Impact feeding**  
Screen use during feeding can make it harder for babies to connect with their parents and for their needs to be noticed. It can also affect how children learn to try new foods and recognise when they're hungry or full.
- 4 Reduce active play**  
Children need to move, use their hands, and explore. Long periods of screen time can limit this, affecting coordination, strength and posture.
- 5 Impact focus and attention**  
Fast-moving videos can make it harder for children to focus on slower, real-life tasks, such as playing, reading, or listening.

### Why this matters

In the first five years, your child's brain is growing faster than it ever will again. These years lay the foundation for how they think, move, talk, and build relationships, which are important for being ready for school.

### What can help:

#### You do not need to do it all at once

Small steps matter. This isn't about guilt, it's about giving your child the best chance to grow and thrive. What your child needs most is you: **your attention, your voice, your time.**

- 1 Make time for screen-free activities** like play, outdoor time, or reading.
- 2 Keep screens off** during mealtimes and before bed.
- 3 Watch or play alongside** your child when screens are used - this helps support learning.
- 4 Keep screens out of bedrooms** overnight - yours too, if possible.
- 5 Be a role model** - children copy how adults use phones and tablets.



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS



VISIT HPPSS

This leaflet has been developed by experts at Health Professionals for Safer Screens, led by Dr Kelly Brown, Consultant Neonatologist and Olivia Dann, Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist.



Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting [railsafefriendly.com](http://railsafefriendly.com)

# THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.



**DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC**



**"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"**

Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

<b>12</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>42%</b>
people died in accidents while trespassing	were struck by a train or tram	were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

<b>120+</b>	<b>11,000+</b>	<b>20,000+</b>
companies support the programme	schools in the UK have engaged	UK schools still need to be reached



Shrewsbury Town Foundation

# Christmas Holiday Club

22nd to 23rd December 9am - 3pm  
with late pickup 3pm - 5pm

For children aged 5-11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities, with a focus on football, fun, and festive activities. Children will be grouped by age and ability.

**At Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST**

Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18.

Late pick up from 3pm - 5pm for an additional £6  
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# CONDOVER PRESCHOOL

## SPACES AVAILABLE FROM 2YRS

### LOOKING AHEAD TO A NURSERY PLACE?

#### *Come and Visit us!*

Make an appointment, via our details below, and come and visit us! Here you will have a chance to meet our dedicated staff, ask questions and view our wonderful rural setting and our facilities.

#### *Nursery Places*

We take children from the age of 2 upwards. We offer 15/30 hours free funding. Wrap around care will be available from September.

#### *Our Nursery Offer*

Highly qualified and experienced staff, offering a calm, nurturing environment. Inside and outside learning offering stimulating and exciting learning experiences.

### CONTACT US

📍 Condover Pre-School, Condover, SY5 7AA

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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



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



We ended 2024 by  
having a Christmas  
Bowling party



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

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# SMS

Shropshire Music Service  
TEACHING MUSIC - CHANGING LIVES



[www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk](http://www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk)

# CROSS HOUSES BIG CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 10.30AM-3.30PM  
@CROSS HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTRE SY5 6JG

SPECIAL GUESTS  
SHREWSBURY MALE VOICE CHOIR

2 SHIRES PIZZA'S

Really Awesome Coffee

TIPSY TOM'S

A FABULOUS VARIETY OF CRAFT STALLS

U-TOONS ARTIST

PLUS MUCH MORE

FREE ENTRY &  
DESIGNATED  
PARKING  
AREAS

CHOSEN CHARITY  
THIS YEAR IS  
THE HARRY  
JOHNSON TRUST

The  
Harry Johnson  
Trust  
Supporting  
Shropshire & Mid Wales  
Children with Cancer





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Ayisha Coffey

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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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contact@sleepysprouts.co.uk



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**Spaces available  
for September  
BOOKING NOW!**

## MUSIC LESSONS

Stavros Kokkinos - Experienced music teacher and performer  
(full DBS) serving the Shrewsbury area. Condover based.

### My services:

- Piano lessons
- Violin lessons
- Creative music making (song writing, composition)
- Exam preparation, music theory & aural training

### Facilities:

- Bespoke soundproof music studio
- Yamaha U3 piano
- Parent waiting area with see-through vision panel door to teaching room

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talented teacher  
who sparked  
our child's love for  
playing piano.  
(R.Maunder - parent)  
”



07908 363 883



stavroskokkinos@yahoo.co.uk

**Have a lovely weekend!**

**The staff team**