

Condover Church of England Primary School

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Condover CE Primary School Newsletter 28.11.25

Condover C of E Primary School



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.

Event	Date
Whole school trip to the Pantomime	Friday 5 th December
Hereford Cathedral Carol Service for Ocean Class	Tuesday 9 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 17 th December
Condover Christmas Performance	Thursday 18 th December at 2pm & 6pm
Last day of term	Friday 19 th December

The Christmas Performance

At Condover CE Primary School, we have always prided ourselves on providing every pupil with the opportunity to perform on stage annually as well as upholding our Christian Values by joining together for Services throughout the year. Following collaborative discussions with other schools within our Trust, as well as our staff team, we will be implementing a slightly modified schedule of performances this year. There will be one performance, which will comprise of both a church service and a nativity, with two showings. Not only will this allow all our children to shine brightly, but it will also allow all our families to come together at Christmas and celebrate together.

Our Christmas Service will be held at St Andrew and St Mary's Church Condover on Thursday 18th December at 2pm and 6pm. We have chosen an evening service, in line with how we have previously held performances in the evening, to ensure that as many of you as possible can join us without having to factor in work commitments. We are confident that these modifications will continue to support our pupils' understanding and celebration of Christmas.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Fond Farewell

Miss Richards will be starting a new job in January in a secondary school in Shropshire. Whilst we are really sad to say goodbye, we know that she is super excited about this new opportunity and will of course be brilliant.

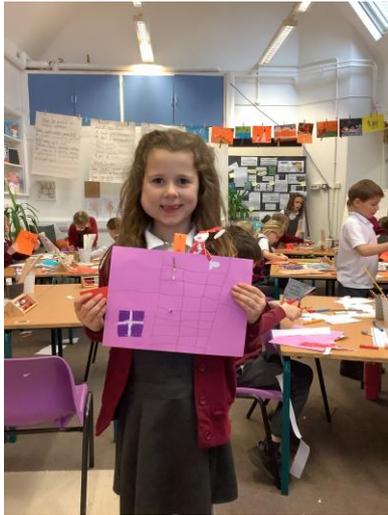
Miss Richards has been a wonderful member of our school team for the last 2 years. We wish her much happiness and success in her new role.

Thank you for all that you have done.

Mrs Lewis.

Snapshot of Condover this week

River Class have been getting into the Christmas spirit during their DT lessons.



Attendance & Lateness

Attendance this week at Condover looks like this:

Our proposed percentage attendance set by the EWO is 93%

Whole School	91%
Raindrops	99%
Stream	85%
River	83%
Estuary	95%
Ocean	91%

Makaton sign of the week



Dog



Small downward movement of hands

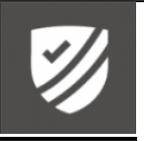
SchoolMoney

We have several accounts that are in debt on SchoolMoney. Please ensure that you check your child's account regularly and that any outstanding balance is paid.

There should be no more than two weeks overdue at any given time unless you have notified the school office about any exceptional circumstances that affect your ability to pay or if you use a tax-free childcare account and there is a delay in the payments being allocated.

We can refuse club bookings and/or school dinners where accounts are significantly in debt, and we have had no communication from parents.

Awards

<u>Condover's Learning Values</u>					
					
Collaboration	Independence	Self-motivation	Resilience	Creativity	Confidence

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Learning Value/s</u>
Raindrops	Layla	For giving such care and commitment to her writing, making stunning progress, and for letting her light shine in our class every day.
Raindrops	Arthur	For sharing both his incredible knowledge and his enthusiasm for science with the class.
Stream	Izzy	For showing self-motivation when writing sets of instructions and when looking for patterns in maths.
Stream	Elliot	For showing resilience and trying hard in phonics lessons.
River	Charlie C	For excellent self-motivation in his writing and spelling work.
River	Percy D	For confidence in asking for help when needed and self-motivation in his learning.
Estuary	Henry	For showing collaboration in discussing his mathematical thinking.
Estuary	Beatrice	For showing confidence in all areas of her learning and taking on feedback positively.
Ocean	Leo	For showing creativity in all subjects and adding your own personal flair.
Ocean	Joseph	For showing self-motivation in writing and maths.

<u>Condover's Christian Values</u>		
		
Trust Love Forgiveness		
Christian Value	Pupil	Reason

Love	Evie	For bringing her honesty, happiness, and kindness into school every day, and for sharing them with the class with such wonderful energy.
Love	Bonnie	For looking out for others and accepting that it is ok when things go wrong and what we do to make things better is more important.
Love	Ted	For showing the Christian value of love by seeing when other children need help and being kind to them.
Trust	Lil	For knowing that we all here to support you and that you are helping in the classroom.
Love	Evie	For taking care of people when they are upset.

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

Our next flourishing moments feature will be **Friday 12th December**.

Current Vacancies

Condover CofE Primary School

Nursery Leader (HLTA):

We are seeking a passionate, dedicated and experienced practitioner to lead our new school nursery that opens in January. The successful candidate will be required to take on managerial responsibilities, support the Nursery team, and work as part of the wider school team under the guidance of the Early Years Leader and SENDCO.

For more information visit:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145275/EDV-2025-CCPS-97043>.

St Edwards CofE Primary School

Wrap Around Care:

To be responsible for the day to day running of the wrap around care programme to include both breakfast and after school clubs at St Edwards CE Primary School. To plan and provide a range of engaging and creative play activities for children aged between 4 and 11.

[Job Adverts & Applicants](#)

Maternity Cover

Qualified teacher to cover maternity leave for Key Stage 1, Reception to year 2 at St Edward's CE Primary School. Visits to the school prior are welcomed.

[Job Adverts & Applicants](#)

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.



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Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

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

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

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

120+	11,000+	20,000+
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

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Merry Christmas!



December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



1st 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 ,
 or ring 01743 242643

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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. Conover based.**

My services:

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

Facilities:

- Bespoke soundproof music studio
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talented teacher
who sparked
our child's love for
playing piano.
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Have a lovely weekend!

The staff team