

Condover Church of England Primary School

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| Love Forgiveness Trust



Condover CE Primary School Newsletter 5.12.25

Condover C of E Primary School



Important Dates Coming Up:

Any changes to the calendar will be in red.

| Event | Date |
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| Hereford Cathedral Carol Service for Ocean Class | Tuesday 9 th December |
| Christmas Jumper Day | Thursday 11th 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

Our Christmas Service will be held at St Andrew and St Mary's Church Condover on Thursday 18th December at 2pm and 6pm. **Further information and the booking form has been emailed out to parents today.**

Attendance & Lateness

Attendance this week at Condover looks like this:

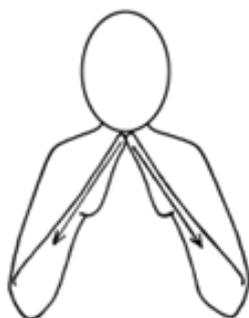
Our proposed percentage attendance set by the EWO is 93%

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| Whole School | 93% |
| Raindrops | 92% |
| Stream | 87% |
| River | 98% |
| Estuary | 89% |
| Ocean | 96% |

Makaton sign of the week



House



Christmas Jumper Day



On **Thursday 11th December** we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children.

Children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers – please don't rush out and buy one, if they don't already have one, why not get creative and make one!

*Please note it is just Christmas Jumper day and school uniform should also be worn with a jumper.

A just giving page has been set-up, please use the link below to donate, £2 is the suggested amount.

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250032014>

Christmas Post Box



We have a new Christmas post box created this year by Henry, Orla and Albie from Estuary Class.

If your child has been busy writing their Christmas Cards for all their friends, then these can be brought into school and placed in the post box outside the hall.

Please make sure that you write each child's name and class on the front of the envelope, so it gets to the right person.

Christmas Decorations

The tree arrived on Wednesday, and it is beautiful but very bare. We would love it if children could make decorations at home for the tree and bring them into school next week.

Flu Immunisations

Following the success of the walk in flu clinic a few weeks ago, The Shropshire Community Health Trust (SCHT) School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) team have another clinic set up this Saturday for any children that have missed their vaccination in school.

Date: Saturday 6 December

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Where: Coral House, 11 Longbow Close, Harlescott Lane, Shrewsbury, SY1 3GZ

A request from Miss Elvins

Are you able to donate any of the following:

Tyres



Crates



Guttering

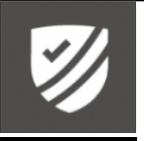


Reels



Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Awards

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

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| Raindrops | Primrose | For the care and commitment that she puts into her writing and for embracing her work with pride and enthusiasm. |
| Raindrops | Liston | For his fantastic progress in phonics, reading and writing, and for his perseverance and enthusiasm in the classroom. |
| Stream | Amelie | For working with confidence to write using correct letter sizes. |
| Stream | Mya | For showing some increased resilience when staff show her how to improve. |
| River | Mae | For showing confidence and creativity consistently through all areas of learning. |
| River | Ivy | For an abundance of independent thought and considered answers. |
| Estuary | Luna | For confidence in explaining her thoughts to the class. |
| Estuary | Arthur | For showing confidence in learning his spellings. |
| Ocean | Esmee | For showing creativity and self-motivation in writing. |
| Ocean | Maisie | For showing collaboration by helping your peers and offering ideas. |

| <u>Condover's Christian Values</u> | | |
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| Trust Love Forgiveness | | |
| Christian Value | Pupil | Reason |
| Love | Madison | For showing confidence in class and sharing her happiness and friendship with us all each day. |

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| Forgiveness | Aurelia | For showing forgiveness to others and offering a supportive friendship. |
| Trust | Arabella | For accepting help when needed and showing love toward others by reciprocating that help. |
| Love | Orla | For helping others on a daily basis. Well done! |
| Love | Mia | For taking care of your friends. |

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>.

Administrator:

We are seeking a friendly, motivated, well-organised individual to manage our school office. The successful candidate will provide administrative support and serve as the first point of contact for parents/carers, visitors and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Central Trust team, they will be responsible for undertaking financial, staffing, estates including health and safety processes within our school.

For more information visit:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145275/EDV-2025-CCPS-57580>

St. Edwards CofE Primary School

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Level 2 and a Level 3 Teaching Assistant. We are seeking warm, friendly and positive individuals to join our team. They will work under the guidance of the teaching staff, and within an agreed system of supervision, to support access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom, including support for individual Education Health Care Plans (EHCP's).

For more information visit:

L3: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145300/EDV-2025-SECPS-87805>

L2: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145300/EDV-2025-DHMAT-16317>

Activities, workshops and information

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 HPFSS

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.

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER, 6:30PM | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
AT THE CROUD MEADOW

CAROL SERVICE

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HOSTED BY CLUB CHAPLAIN
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£10
PER CHILD*

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DEC, 2025

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Follow the elves and snowballs through our exhibition as you answer questions and join in activities on your way around.

Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

***PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE
ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD
ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS**




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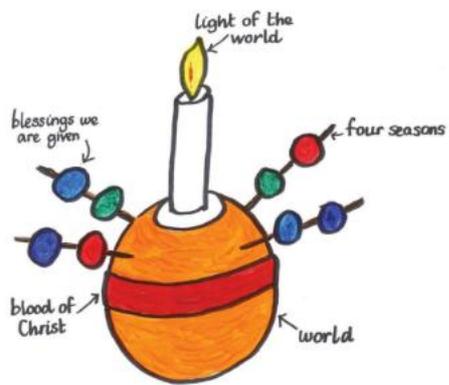
Christingle Service

St John the Baptist church, Stapleton

Sunday 7th December at 4 pm

Our annual Christingle service in support of the Children's Society. A family friendly candle-lit service with children (grandchildren) encouraged to make their own Christingle orange to take home with lots of sweets!

Please come and join us!



Follow the Star

Sunday 14th December



Please join us on a nativity journey.

Meet at Picklescott village hall at **4 pm** and walk down to Smethcott church to find the shepherds and kings along the way and the baby Jesus in his crib.

Come dressed for the weather and bring a torch.

All welcome — children, mums and dads,
grandparents, friends and pets.

A couple of carols and lessons in church at **5.30 pm** followed by hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies.

Contact Bridget or Kate for further details

07977 140494 or 07914 760682



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

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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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Starting Wednesday 7th Jan '26

8PM-9.15PM

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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)

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| 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
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BOOKING NOW!

MUSIC LESSONS

Stavros Kokkinos - Experienced music teacher and performer
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My services:

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Have a lovely weekend!

The staff team