



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

## Newsletter – 09.01.26

### Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	Good

### Attendance

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

<b>Whole School</b>
96.1%

### Key Dates

Spring Term – HT1		
6 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Big Schools Birdwatch	Whole school
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Curriculum overviews – Sent to parents	Whole school
9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Whole school
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent drop-in – Mental Health Week – 9-9.30am	Whole school

18 <sup>th</sup> February – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Lent	Whole school
<b>Half Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>		

## **Parent Notices**

### **Welcome message from Miss Elvins**

Happy Snow Day! I never thought I would be writing my first School Newsletter to you from home! I hope you are all managing to keep safe and warm in this unprecedented weather. I believe many of you are without power, and phones lines, but I have hopes this will be restored to you soon.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to school after the holidays. I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas, filled with lots of joy and memory making. It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into the daily routine of school life, whilst catching up and sharing their news with friends. A very positive start to the Spring Term. We start the new year with a few staff changes. Two main changes are that of my own role to Executive Headteacher, and in welcoming our new Executive Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Hannah Clay. Hannah and I will work across both Condover CE and St Edward's CE Primary Schools and are committed to providing excellent experiences for our children and families.

Alongside her Senior Leadership roles, Mrs Clay will be teaching Stream Class, Condover on a Monday. She will cover PPA on a Wednesday at St Edward's, covering both classes. Mrs Clay will retain oversight of Early Years, including Nursery, as well as becoming both schools Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We plan to be out and about as much as possible at both schools, including the gate in the morning and afternoon. Please do not hesitate to catch us at the gate for a short chat.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a warm and safe weekend, and welcoming you back to school on Monday with tales of snowmen and sledging!

With warm regards

Miss Rebecca Elvins.

Executive Headteacher of Condover and St Edward's CE Primary schools.

### **Welcome to Sarah**

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Ms Sarah Goodwin, our new School Administrator. Sarah has a wealth of experience to bring to the role and we look forward to working with Sarah in our school community. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as Sarah gets up to speed with school protocols.

Welcome to Condover, Sarah!

### **Nursery**

Over the past few months staff at Condover, Condover Preschool and our Trust (DHMAT) have been working tirelessly to transfer Preschool to Condover Primary School. We are pleased to announce that this process is now complete, as of 01 January 2026. This is an extremely exciting time for the school as it expands its Early Years Provision and we are looking forward to working with families to provide more services across our Early Years setting as well as a smoother transfer for children when starting school.

Condover Preschool will now be formally known as Condover Nursery. We are thrilled to welcome Preschool families into our wider school family, as well as Preschool staff. Mrs Sophie Olds will return to the role of Deputy Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead after her maternity leave. Miss Emily Duckers is our Preschool Apprentice.

An advert for Nursery Leader is still currently live. Please do support our school by sharing widely. Thank you.

Welcome to our School community, Sophie and Emily!

### **Shredded paper**

As part of our Eco commitment, school would like to offer shredded paper out to families who may like this for their pets, chickens, guinea pigs etc. If this would help you, please speak to Sarah in the school office.

Thank you

### **Playground items**

Our staff team are keen to develop the children's playground play, both at break time and lunchtime. We are looking for reels, crates and planks which the children can use for both physical and imaginative play. If you think you could support school with donating these items, please speak to Sarah in the school office.

Many thanks for your support.

### **Reception places**

The application deadline is still open for Reception places - but only just! For those parents whose child/ren are due to start Reception in September 2026, please ensure you have completed the school application through the Shropshire Council Website by 15 January 2026.

Applications received after 15 January 2026, without exceptional reasons, are considered late and will not be processed until all on-time applications have been allocated. This may reduce the chance of getting a place at your preferred school.

National offer day: Parents will be informed of their child's allocated school place on 16th April 2026.

### **Young Voices**

Our Young Voices trip was cancelled this week due to bad weather warnings. We appreciate this will have been disappointing for those who were attending. Young Voices have reassured us that the event will still go ahead. Once we have a date rescheduled, we will let parents know.

## **Job Opportunities**

There are 2 job opportunities live on the My New Term website for a level 3 TA and a Nursery Leader. Please share with anyone you think might be interested.

Nursery Leader at Condover Nursery.

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

Level 3 Teaching Assistant at St Edwards Primary School.

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

## **Weekly Snapshot**

### **River**

River Class very much enjoyed their trip to RAF Cosford on Wednesday. They had a session learning about flying equipment through the ages and trying on the clothing.



## Ocean

Ocean Class also went to Cosford and enjoyed learning about War in the Air and the Spirit of the Blitz during WW2



## FSM

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/>

## **Contact**

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Have a lovely weekend,

The Staff Team