

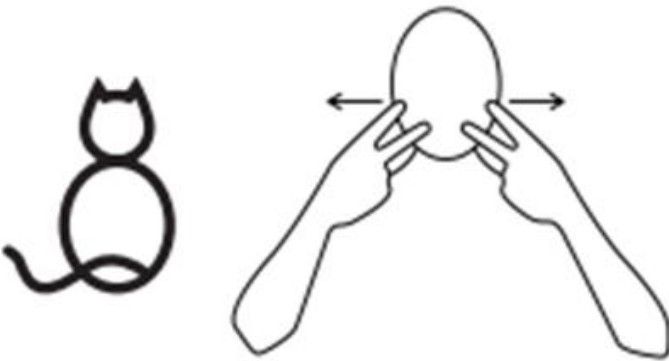


Love each other and know we are loved (John 13:34-35)

Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 20 March 2026

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Sign	Meaning
 <p>Cat</p>	Cat

Attendance

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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
97.2%	98.78%	96.47%	100%	99.05%	96.77%	100%

Celebrating our achievements

There was no Celebration Assembly this week due to Red Nose Day.

Key Dates

Changes to the calendar are **highlighted in red**.

SCHOOL DATES		
Spring Term – HT2 – 5 weeks		
24 th & 25 th March	Parent meetings	Whole school
25 th March	Easter Church Service Condover – 9.30am St Ed's – 2.30pm	Whole school
27 th March	End of Spring Term	Whole school
Easter - 30th March – 10th April		
Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks		
13 th April	Welcome back to school	Whole school
16 th April	National Offer Day	Whole school
4th May	Bank holiday	Whole school
11 th May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
19 th May	St Ed's Sports Day – am	Whole school
21 st May	Condover Sports Day – am	Whole school
Half Term - 25th – 29th May		
Summer Term – HT2 – 7 weeks		
1 st June	Welcome back to school	Whole school
1 st June	Multiplication Tables Check – period begins	Y4
2 nd June	St Ed's - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
4 th June	Condover - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
8 th June	Phonics Screening – period begins	Y1 + Y2 retake
TBC	Y5+6 residential	Y5 + 6
25 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service – Hereford Cathedral	Y6
TBC	Y6 Treat Day	Y6
TBC	Reports to parents	Whole school
7 th July	Parent drop-in	Whole school
9 th July	Transition morning	Whole school
TBC	Summer performance	KS2
TBC	Leavers' Church Service	Whole school
16 th July	End of Summer Term	Whole
Summer		

Parent Notices

A message from Mrs Clay

As we come to the end of another productive week, I wanted to share how proud I am of all our children and all they have achieved this week. It has been an absolute pleasure walking around the school and seeing the children engaged, enthusiastic, and supporting one another. The warmer weather has certainly made for a positive week for us all at school and the children have all enjoyed being able to get out onto our field again!

This week, I have had many visitors to my office with children wanting to share their positivity notes, wonderful work, or even just to say hello! Today, children have been telling me lots of jokes, and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all our children wearing their various 'red' items for Red Nose Day.

Our staff and children have been working incredibly hard and it's encouraging to see the children embracing every opportunity. I have been so very proud!

Thank you to you all for your on-going support. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

We are delighted to share that this year's **Red Nose Day** was a wonderful success! The children entered into the spirit of the day with great enthusiasm—arriving in their bright red accessories, sharing plenty of smiles, and taking part in all our fundraising activities with kindness and joy.

Thanks to the generosity of our families, we raised an impressive **£80** for Comic Relief. If you would still like to donate, please do so by Monday. Every penny will help support vital projects in the UK and around the world, making a real difference to people's lives. We are incredibly proud of how our school community came together to show compassion, empathy, and a willingness to help others.

Well done to all our children. What a fantastic achievement!

ECO Committee News

Earth Hour - 28th March

The Eco Committee would like to invite you and your family to take 60 minutes without power on 28th March, to reconnect to Earth. By supporting this campaign, Earth hour hopes, globally, to raise awareness about big issues affecting the environment.


Visit <https://www.earthhour.org> or Earth Hour: switch off for our world | WWF for inspiration on what you can do as a family to be positive for our planet.

We would love to hear what all the Condover School families got up to doing their 'hour without power'.

Please do send in pictures and a description as we would love to feature some of them in the newsletter after Easter break.

EARTH HOUR

28TH MARCH



This global event takes place every year to encourage people to turn off their lights and all non essential appliances for 60 minutes to raise awareness about big issues affecting the environment. Ideally it's from 8.30-9.30pm but it can be anytime on the 28th March to suit your family.

This year, Earth Hour believes that each and every one of us has the power to make a positive impact on our planet, but it's up to us as individuals to decide how we do so. Anyone, anywhere can join the Biggest Hour for Earth by spending 60 minutes doing something - anything - positive for our planet. Here's some ideas:

Reconnecting with nature by 'forest bathing' for 60 mins - take a walk in your local woodland and be mindful of your surroundings, listen to the birds, the rustle of the trees and leaves underfoot

Become a nature detective and discover local species - how many species can you spot in 1 hour?

Make a zero-waste meal - Did you know that the way we produce and consume food is the biggest cause of nature loss today? Yet, over a third of all food still goes uneaten and thrown away. So here's a challenge: Have a look in your fridge and pantry and cook up a meal in under 60 minutes using leftovers.

Get arty and draw a scene in nature - One fun and easy way to reconnect with our planet for sixty minutes while unleashing your artistic side is to try sketching or painting a scene of nature.

Embark on a sustainable scavenger hunt in your own home - Challenge your family to a 60-minute planet-friendly scavenger hunt! Plenty of household items are sneaky sources of pollutants and ecological harm from coffee capsules to single-use plastic water bottles. We bet your family can find five problem products in an hour that can be replaced with more sustainable alternatives.

Friends – Café Shack



Join us for a Cuppa and catch up, with plenty of cake and good company!

Thursday 26th March ~ 3:15pm



Coffee Shack

COME ALONG FOR A RELAXED AFTERNOON OF TEA, CAKES AND A FRIENDLY CATCH-UP!



THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

3:15pm

Class Overviews

Spring Term overviews are now available on the school website.
School website - Learning - Class Pages

Raindrops

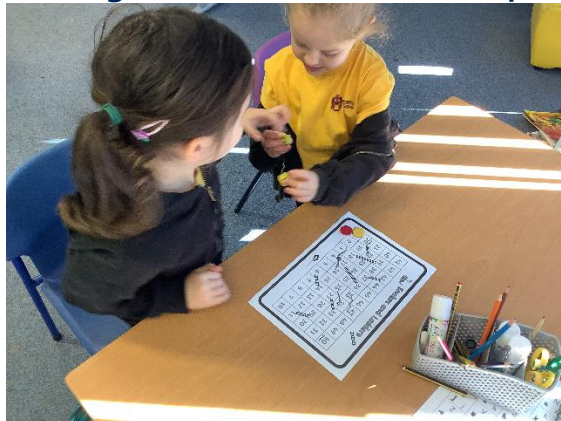
Following our adventure into Supertato we have been writing our own superhero stories. In Maths we have been using Numicon to explore the composition of Number 8 and where it sits in our Numberline. We have also looked at number patterns to 30!!!



Researching different dogs ready for designing a dog food in Writing.



Making wind measurers to complete weather diaries.



Snakes and ladders for number recognition to 50.

Stream

River



River Class have loved making paperchains for Comic Relief. We linked this to measuring! We managed to get it all the way around school! WOW

A lovely day to end the week, Estuary class have had a quiz all about red nose day. We had an assembly understanding how the money which is raised helps others and completed a range of tasks. This week we have had a focus on different team games which could have been played at lunchtime and

breaktime



Estuary



This week in Ocean Class, the children have been developing their practical skills by learning how to use saws safely and accurately to cut materials for building bridges. They showed great focus, care and resilience while working, demonstrating excellent teamwork and problem-solving as they brought their designs to life.

Alongside this, we have been learning about Red Nose Day and exploring where the money raised goes whilst having lots of fun!



Parents Evening

A reminder that the booking system is now available for Parents Evenings next week – **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March.**

Thank you all for your patience whilst we navigated our IT issues on setting up our booking system, and a huge “thank you” to Mrs Parry, who is supporting us in the Office at the moment, for solving this issue.

Parents Evening is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher, discuss their progress, and celebrate their achievements so far this year. We look forward to welcoming you into school and working together to support your child’s learning and wellbeing.

Easter Service

A gentle reminder that our **Easter Service** will take place on **Wednesday 25th March at 09:30** at **St Andrew and St Mary’s Church, Condover.** We look forward to coming together as a school community to reflect on the Easter story and celebrate this important time in the Christian calendar.

Families are warmly invited to join us. The children have been practising their readings, songs, and prayers, and we are excited to share this special moment with you.

Thank you for your continued support—we hope to see many of you there and in great voice!

Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this week! It has been wonderful to see so many children (and families!) enjoying browsing the books, discovering new authors, and sharing their enthusiasm for reading.

Thanks to your support, **we have raised £100**, which will be used to purchase new books for our classrooms and school library. This will help us continue to promote a love of reading across the school, benefiting all our pupils.

We are grateful for the positive engagement, the excitement from the children, and the kindness shown throughout the event. Your participation truly makes a difference.

Thank you once again for helping to make this year's Book Fair such a success!

The Year of Reading

This year, our school is joining in with The Year of Reading. Reading is at the heart of learning. It builds vocabulary, imagination, confidence and understanding, and supports children across every subject area.

At home: Create a calm daily reading routine, even if it's just 10 minutes.

Recommended read: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle — a delightful beginning to reading for all ages.

Flourishing Moments

We know that many of our children partake in lots of exciting activities outside of school. We love to hear about them, and all the amazing things that our children achieve outside of our school hours. Please do send in your flourishing moments so that we can share in these proud moments too.

Please email a photo, with a description of the achievement to admin@condoverschool.co.uk

We are delighted to share some flourishing moments with you below...

Dancing Queens!

Josie and Phoebe (Ocean Class) took to the stage on Monday evening for Shrewsbury's Gotta Dance. They both performed a Freestyle dance to 'Diamond in the Sun', and Phoebe also performed a Lyrical Jazz dance to 'Waiting on a Wish'. It was an absolute joy to watch!

Both girls are looking forward to returning to the main stage in Theatre Severn for two more dance shows at the beginning of the Easter holidays.

What fantastic ambassadors you are for our School Josie and Phoebe! We are so very proud of you both!



Parking

We politely ask all parents who need to drive to school, to remember to park **legally, considerately and safely** at school drop off and pick up times. This will ease congestion around the school and help make the area around our school a safer place for our children. Alternatively, when possible, please walk to school or park further away this will help to keep our school street a safer place as well as having health benefits. We all want our children to be safe and by respecting the space outside school we can do this together.

Unfortunately, we are aware that safe and considerate parking is not always happening. There is an increasing number of cars stopping on the yellow lines and parking in areas that should be kept clear for pedestrians and emergency access. Similarly there have been incidents where local residents have been unable to leave their properties due to parked cars blocking driveways; this has meant that residents have been late for appointments which is, understandably, unacceptable.

Ensuring the safety of our children is our highest priority. When cars block pathways, park on corners, or stop directly outside of houses, it creates significant risk for pupils who are crossing the road. Please help us to keep everyone safe by:

- Avoiding parking on yellow zig-zags or double yellow lines
- Not blocking driveways or access points
- Driving slowly and patiently near the school site

We fully appreciate how difficult parking in a small village can be, especially when combined with how busy the start and end of the school day can be. However, by working together and showing consideration for one another, we can ensure a safer and calmer environment for our children, school community, and wider local community.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and for helping us keep our school and village community safe.

Free School Meals

All **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). 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 (HAF) 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/>

Policies

We have been reviewing and updating several of our school policies to ensure they remain current, effective, and fully aligned with statutory guidance. This is part of our regular cycle of school improvement and helps us maintain the highest standards for our pupils. These are now available on our school website. Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our school community safe, consistent, and well-informed.

Local Events

 <p>Rainbows 1st Church Stretton Rainbows</p>	<p>Every Monday 5.30-6.30 (Term time) @ URC Hall, Church Stretton, SY6 6BY</p>
<p>Spaces available from January 2026 for all girls aged 4-7</p>	<p>Contact Sophie for more information 07527 033510 csdistrictcommissi oner@gmail.com</p>



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Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

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