

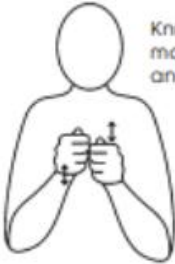



*Love each other and know we are loved (John 13:34-35)*

# Weekly Newsletter

## Week Ending Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
 <p>Knuckles rub as hands move alternately up and down</p>	 <p><b>Brother</b></p>

### Attendance

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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
97.5%	98.7%	100%	97.9%	97.1%	96.8%	96.4%

# Celebrating our achievements

Celebration assembly will resume next week

## Key Dates

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

<b>SCHOOL DATES</b>		
<b>Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks</b>		
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Welcome back to school	Whole school
16 <sup>th</sup> April	National Offer Day	Whole school
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
19 <sup>th</sup> May	St Ed's Sports Day – am	Whole school
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Conover Sports Day – am	Whole school
<b>Half Term - 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
<b>Summer Term – HT2 – 7 weeks</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Welcome back to school	Whole school
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Multiplication Tables Check – period begins	Y4
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	St Ed's - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Conover - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening – period begins	Y1 + Y2 retake
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' Service – Hereford Cathedral	Y6
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair	Whole school
29 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y5+6 residential	Y5 + 6
TBC	Y6 Treat Day	Y6
TBC	Reports to parents	Whole school
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent drop-in	Whole school
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning	Whole school
TBC	Summer performance	KS2
TBC	Leavers' Church Service	Whole school
17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term	Whole
<b>Summer</b>		

# **Parent Notices**

## **A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay!**

We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the start of the summer term. Their energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm have already brought the school to life, and we are looking forward to a term filled with learning, creativity, and opportunities.

This term is always a special one. The longer days allow us to make the most of our outdoor spaces, and many classes will be taking part in trips, sports events, and enrichment activities.

We will keep you updated throughout the term so you can share in these experiences with your children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together makes such a difference to the children's confidence and progress.

We look forward to a positive and enjoyable term ahead.

## **Welcome**

### **Stream Class - Miss Louisa Ockenden**

We are absolutely delighted to welcome our new Stream Class teacher, Miss Louisa Ockenden. Miss Ockenden brings a wealth of experience and we are excited for the energy and creativity she will bring to our pupils.

### **School Administrator – Mrs Melanie Short**

We are also thrilled to welcome Mrs. Melanie Short, who joins us as our new School Administrator. Melanie will be a fantastic first point of contact for our families and is always on hand if you need anything!

Please join us in giving both Miss Ockenden and Mrs. Short a warm welcome to the team!

## **Uniform**

During our recent IT switchover, it became apparent that an incorrect summer dress was listed on our website. We can confirm that the correct uniform for the summer term is blue gingham. However, if you have already purchased a maroon dress based on the previous information, please do not worry and we apologise for any confusion caused.

We would like to remind all families that pupils are expected to wear the correct PE kit on their designated days. To ensure your child has the right items, please refer to our uniform guide here: <https://www.condoverschool.co.uk/uniform-information>

## **Dogs**

As you know, we do love dogs here at Condoover however we kindly ask that parents and carers do not bring dogs onto the school premises during drop-off or pick-up times, even if they are on a lead or being carried.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school a safe space for all children!

## **Email address**

We successfully transitioned to a new service provider over the Easter holidays, our new school email address for all contact has now changed to **admin@condover.dhmat.org.uk** if you experience any difficulties in contacting us, please let us know.

## **The Year of Reading**

### **Every Child Is a Reader**

There is no single “right” way to read. Picture books, comics, graphic novels, fact books and audiobooks all support literacy development.

**At home:** Celebrate your child’s reading choices—interest builds motivation.

**Recommended read:** *Who Ate All the Bugs?* by Matty Long — fun non-fiction for curious learners.

## **Reading**

Reading is one of the most powerful habits a child can develop. Just a few minutes of shared reading each day strengthens vocabulary, builds confidence, and opens the door to new ideas and worlds. Whether it’s a bedtime story, a chapter before dinner, or a quiet moment at the weekend, these small routines make a lasting difference.

We encourage you to spend time reading with your child or talking about the books they enjoy. Your involvement helps them see reading not as a task, but as something to look

forward to. Next week the children will be coming home with new reading diaries, where you can record these shared moments. More information will follow.

Thank you for supporting a love of books at home. It truly matters.

## **ECO Committee News**

Our school community have kindly sent in their pictures and activities of how they celebrated Earth hour at the beginning of the Easter break.

Henry, George and Tom switched off all non essential appliances and lights, and played board games as a family by candle light.

Benji and Sienna turned off all the lights and enjoyed an animal inspired hour playing with their new pet bunnies under candle light.

Primrose and Lottie decided to have an Earth evening by dining outside in the garden and toasting marshmallows on the fire pit, followed by playing board games by candlelight and then finally toothbrushing and bedtime stories by candle light.

Thank you to all our school families that helped to raise awareness of our precious earth by switching off during Earth hour. It's not too late to take part if you forgot the official earth hour - try switching off the power for an hour this weekend!



## **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](mailto:admin@condoverschool.co.uk)

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

### **Chief Scout!**

Harvey in Estuary has worked really hard throughout Easter and was awarded the Chief Scout Bronze award. This amazing award is the highest award that Beavers can achieve.

Massive well done to Harvey for achieving such an incredible award!



### **Outstanding Musical Theatre Achievement!**

Over the Easter holidays Bethany's theatre academy had their black-tie Gala event where they showcase the work the children have done over the last year. They also then give out a small number of awards to each age group in the academy and some overall awards spanning all groups age 7-17. Bethany was awarded with the overall award for Outstanding Achievement in Musical Theatre. They described her as having an amazingly strong work ethic, having improved her singing technique, being an emotive actor and having fantastic ideas in film all whilst being kind, fair and caring to others in the group. Huge well done to Bethany, it is amazing to hear how you have developed in your own self-confidence.



## **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:

## 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



Every Monday  
5.30-6.30 (Term  
time) @ URC Hall,  
Church Stretton,  
SY6 6BY

Spaces available  
from January  
2026 for all girls  
aged 4-7

Contact Sophie for  
more information  
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consultation lesson

### MUSIC LESSONS

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