

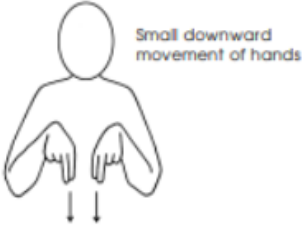



*Love each other and know we are loved (John 13:34-35)*

# Weekly Newsletter

## Week Ending Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	 <p>Dog</p>




### Attendance




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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
96.8%	95.5%	97.1%	97.9%	98.1%	95.2%	97.5%

# Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

Condover Award		
Respectful	Responsible	Ready
		
Class	Pupil	Award
Raindrops	Elena	For her fantastic counting and growing confidence with numbers, always having fun while learning, and being proud of how well she is doing.
Stream	Absent	As this child was absent, they will receive their award next week.
River	Albie	For showing creativity in English through his brilliant writing.
Estuary	Freddie	Learning and improving his timetables and having pride in his work.
Ocean	Spencer	For showing excellent effort and improving presentation in maths.

Christian Values		
		
LOVE	FORGIVENESS	TRUST
<i>Love each other and know we are loved (John 13:34-35)</i>		
Class	Pupil	Reason
Raindrops	Tanner	Showing the Christian Value of Love by building such happy and trusting relationships with both adults and children alike, and for bringing joy into our classroom every single day.
Stream	Amelie	Showing Miss Ockenden our Christian value 'love' and welcoming her into the school.
River	Charlie	Showing Christian Value of Love by being a good friend to those in his class.
Estuary	Luna	Showing a very mature attitude in trusting her friends.
Ocean	Elliot	For showing the Christian value of love by taking responsibility for your actions.



**Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!**



# Key Dates

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

<b>SCHOOL DATES</b>		
<b>Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks</b>		
<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
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Trip	Year 2, 3 and 4
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>		

## Class Overviews

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

<b>Raindrops</b>	Raindrops have adventured into the world of the Three Little Pigs and enjoyed building stick and straw houses. We have visited by fairies which has caused great delight and a flurry of great writing and beautiful artwork.
<b>Stream</b>	Stream Class have done some 'hot seating' in English this week, collecting ideas to use the 'show don't tell' technique in their writing. In art, they have produced some fantastic, detailed observational drawings of real feathers using a mix of charcoal and wax crayons. In geography, they have sketch mapped Condoover, identifying key physical and human features of the local area.
<b>River</b>	<p>This week River class has been learning lots of new things.</p> <p>In English, we started learning a new text called 'The Papaya that Spoke'. We spent time memorising the text and performing it in small groups. We were focusing on speech from different characters and how they show feeling when they speak.</p> <p>In Maths, we started learning about fractions. We learnt about halves, quarters and equal groups.</p> <p>In History, we learnt about the coronation of King Charles iii and the monarchy.</p> <p>We all really enjoyed running together as a class as part of the half marathon challenge this week.</p>
<b>Estuary</b>	<p>Estuary have had a wonderful week. There has been a lovely, calm and resilient nature to the class - perhaps it was the sunshine!</p> <p>In maths the class have been working hard on understanding perimeter. They measured the perimeter of polygons - something which they all enjoyed!</p> <p>The Actors and Actresses of Estuary class have taken centre-stage as part of our Talk for Writing work. This has really supported the children getting to know the text thoroughly. Maybe they would like to act out the story to you at home!</p> <p>Our Computing lesson had us creating our own Stop-Motion Animations. This was really rather challenging and something which we will revisit next week. We have enjoyed getting to grips with the new iPads though!</p> <p>Next week, Estuary class will be moving on to decimals in maths and will begin to innovate our talk for writing story.</p>
<b>Ocean</b>	This week in Ocean Class, we have continued our learning about how renewable energy sources work, including exploring the costs involved in building these structures. In Science, we have been learning how to use classification keys, with a particular focus on cold-blooded vertebrates. We have also made the most of the sunny weather by enjoying cricket and practising our athletics events.

# Parent Notices

## A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we wrap up the week, we wanted to share how proud we are of the children's hard work and enthusiasm. This week has been full of great moments, including children popping into the office to receive positive praise for their effort, kindness, and determination. It's always a highlight to see them recognised for the brilliant things they're doing both in school and at home. We are very proud to work with such fantastic children!

Congratulations to all our families who have had their school placement offer confirmed. We look forward to welcoming you to Condoover and supporting your child as they begin this exciting new stage in their education.

This week, we've spent time celebrating Earth Day. Children have been exploring Earth Day themes through recycling, conservation, and caring for the planet.

Tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming children from both our schools at the Shropshire Half Marathon event at Shrewsbury's West-Mid Showground. The children have been busy running laps of our field, and will be running their final 1.1 miles at the event!. We cannot wait to celebrate their success with them!

We wish you all a restful weekend.

## KS2 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Years 3 and 4 will commence Tuesday 28th April, please make sure to send your child into school with a towel, swim shorts/costume and goggles if they have any.

Thank you for everyone who has returned their questionnaires. If you haven't already, could you please send back to the school office as soon as possible.

## 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. This includes entering any gated area of our school.

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**

### **The Power of Reading Aloud**

Reading aloud helps children understand tone, expression and meaning. It also strengthens listening and attention skills.

**At home:** Continue reading aloud, even when your child can read independently.

**Recommended read:** The Goat and the Stoat and the Boat — quirky and joyful.

## **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. The children have brought home their reading diaries, where you can record these shared moments.

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

## ECO Committee News – Can You Help?

Please see the poster below and ECO Committee letter 24.04.26 for recent news. We would also like to share with you the wonderful news that to celebrate National Children's Gardening Week Charlie's Store (Shrewsbury) are launching an initiative to gift a FREE PLANT to primary school pupils in this May half term!

You may like to grow something for yourself at home or donate this to improve our forest school area.

### CAN YOU HELP?

#### WHAT WE NEED TO BUILD: A BUG HOTEL

- 27 bricks
- bamboo canes cut into 20-30cm lengths
- Brown cardboard
- Old tiles
- Bale of straw



#### HEDGEHOG HOUSE

- 30 bricks
- Flat square sheet of wood around 40cm x 40cm



### EVERY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL IN SHREWSBURY GETS A **FREE PLANT** THIS MAY HALF TERM!

## Let's Get Gardening!

It's National Children's Gardening week and to celebrate, Charlies wants to get the children of Shrewsbury gardening.



Bring this leaflet into store between Saturday 23rd May and Sunday 31st May 2026 to collect your free plant\*



Charlies Stores,  
Unit K Arrow Point Retail Park  
Brixton Way, Shrewsbury,  
Shropshire, SY1 3GB,  
01743440400

Our May Bank Holiday  
Opening Hours:  
Saturday (23rd May): 9am-6pm  
Sunday (24th May): 10am-4pm  
Bank Holiday Monday (25th May): 9am-6pm  
Tuesday onwards normal hours resume



**charlies**  
Home, Garden & The Great Outdoors

## 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...

### **Exciting New Additions!**

Ruben in Ocean class and Neve in River class are very excited to share that they have become Condover's newest pig farmers! How wonderful, we can't wait for you share some stories!



### **Lottie Shines On Stage!**

Lottie from Estuary class performed in the matinee of 'Cats' at Theatre Severn with 'Get Your Wigle On'. She particularly enjoyed having her face painted as a cat and wearing a very fun furry costume. The performance was amazing and very moving and all the cast members worked so hard to make it a show stopper!



## **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



**Book your no obligation consultation lesson**

## MUSIC LESSONS

**Stavros Kokkinos - Experienced music teacher and performer (full DBS) serving the Shrewsbury area. Condover based.**

**My services:**

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

**Facilities:**

- Pasoske soundproofed music studio
- Yamaha U3 piano
- Parent waiting area with see-through vision panel door to teaching room

**Contact me to book a no obligation consultation lesson**

07908 363 883    stavroskokkinos@yahoo.co.uk

*“Stavros is a patient, talented teacher who ignited our child's love for playing piano.”*

## CONDOVER CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 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. Wraparound 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**

Condover CE Primary School, Condover, SY5 7AA  
 01743 872108  
 admin@condover.dhmat.org.uk



## Crane Quality Counselling

Presents

### “Every Shropshire Child Has A Voice”

In recognition of

### Children's Mental Health Week 2026

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**6:00pm - 8:30pm**

Adult Tickets : £7.00  
 Junior Tickets : £3.50  
 Under 11's and Tiny Tots : Free Entry

St Georges Parish Church  
 Drinkwater Street,  
 Frankwell,  
 Shrewsbury,  
 SY3 8QA

To Buy Tickets Scan QR Code Or Contact Us On 02912 281146



Charity No. 117560



**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 07527 033510 csdistrictcommissioner@gmail.com**

## Contact

Please send all emails to: **[admin@condover.dhmat.org.uk](mailto:admin@condover.dhmat.org.uk)**

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