



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

Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 1st May 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	Goodbye




Attendance




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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
96.7%	96.6%	98.8%	98.6%	99%	93.5%	96.4%

Celebrating our achievements

This week the following awards were given:

Condover Award		
Respectful 	Responsible 	Ready 
Class	Pupil	Award
Raindrops	Bella	For showing immense kindness every day, for being encouraging and supportive of others, and for lighting up our classroom with love and happiness.
Stream	Izzy	For a super attitude towards her work this week.
	Poppy	For always being ready to learn and trying her best.
River	Neve	Exceptional performance when acting out 'The Papaya that Spoke' in English.
Estuary	Harvey	For being ready to learn and taking on feedback to improve his work.
Ocean	Alfie	For showing confidence and determination in reading and writing

Christian Values		
  		
<i>Love each other and know we are loved (John 13:34-35)</i>		
Class	Pupil	Reason
Raindrops	Primrose	Showing the Christian Value of Love for lighting up our days with her helpfulness, her humour, and her heart.
Stream	Sebastian	For always showing love through being a kind, caring and patient member of the class.
River	Ora	For showing the Christian Value of Love for always helping others in her class when they need it.
Estuary	Archie	For showing responsible and thoughtful answers during classroom discussions.
Ocean	Sienna	For showing the Christian value of love by ensuring others feel cared and valued.



Congratulations to all children who received an award this week!



Key Dates

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

SCHOOL DATES		
Summer Term – HT1 – 6 weeks		
4th May	Bank holiday	Whole school
7th May	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos	Whole school
11 th May	KS2 SATs Week	Year 6
18 th May	Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Trip	Year 2, 3 and 4
19 th May	St Ed's Sports Day – am	Whole school
21 st May	Conover 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	Conover - Reserve Sports Day	Whole school
8 th June	Phonics Screening – period begins	Y1 + Y2 retake
25 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service – Hereford Cathedral	Y6
26 th June	Summer Fair	Whole school
29 th June – 1 st July	Y5+6 residential	Y5 + 6
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
17 th July	End of Summer Term	Whole
Summer		

Class Overviews

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

Raindrops	<p>This week has seen the Raindrops take their maths on an adventure into buildings, and towers (even taller than Mr Bearne) and into counting up beyond the clouds. Having explored maps and rivers, the arrival of the sun allowed us to make immense waterways outside and offered plenty of opportunities to experiment with how water flows. We have had visits from fairies and some naughty elves, causing great excitement and plenty of rich writing opportunities!</p>
Stream	<p>Stream Class have had a fantastic week of discovering! They were excited to see their sunflower seeds grow into seedlings and created brilliant diagrams to show the parts of a plant. In maths, they've been mastering doubling facts and had lots of fun singing Mr Double Trouble to help them remember. They've also been exploring atlases, naming and locating all seven continents of the world.</p>
River	<p>In maths this week, we learnt about different fractions such as halves, quarters and thirds.</p> <p>In English, we continued learning about the Papaya that spoke and the way that we can use actions and expressions to show how our characters are feeling. We started to use speech marks in our sentences to show when a character is speaking, which we will practice some more next week.</p> <p>In science, we learnt about how different animals survive and wrote information reports about them.</p> <p>We also really enjoyed learning about the Bayeux Tapestry and William the Conqueror in history and had fun acting out the key scenes in groups.</p>
Estuary	<p>This week in Estuary, we have been learning about tenths. Finding out there are 10 tenths in 1 whole and placing them on a number line. In writing, we have been boxing up Smok and starting to plan our own story. All the children thoroughly impressed me at swimming both with their behaviour and enthusiasm and are looking forward to it next week. Have a lovely long weekend.</p>
Ocean	<p>This week in Ocean Class, we have been busy planning and developing our own stories, thinking carefully about characters, settings and plot ideas ready for writing. In Geography, we explored how the United States generates its energy, looking at a range of sources and how they are used. In Science, we have continued our work on animals, with a particular focus on warm-blooded mammals and their key characteristics.</p>

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we approach the May bank holiday weekend, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. This time of year always brings a welcome sense of brightness — longer days, warmer weather, and the feeling that summer is just beginning to take shape!

We hope the long weekend gives your family a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some time together. School will be closed on Monday, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.

May is a month full of energy, and we're excited for the learning, activities, and opportunities it will bring for our pupils.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

School Photos

Our school photos will be carried out on Thursday 7th May. On this day, we will be taking class photos, a whole school photo and special Year 6 leavers' photographs.

We kindly ask that children come to school in their full uniform.

STREAM CLASS

Please note that P.E. lessons will be moved to Friday that week, so there's no need to bring P.E. kits on photo day.

We're hoping for some sunshine so that we can take the photos outside—fingers crossed for good weather!

Shropshire Half Marathon

Last weekend, a number of our children took part in the Shropshire Half Marathon, proudly representing the school. It was wonderful to see so many of them getting involved, and it made for a really enjoyable day.

Thank you to everyone who attended and came along to support, it was greatly appreciated.

Well done to all who took part!



School Money

We are aware that some KS1 parents have noticed incorrect dinner money charges on School Money. Thank you for your patience while we look into this.

Any issues will be resolved after the half term.

Symphonic Sunday

Emails were sent out this week to parents and carers of pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 regarding an exciting project called Symphonic Sunday.

We still have some spaces available—please contact Mrs Short in the school office to secure your child's place!

Dogs

As you know, we do love dogs here at Condover 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

Reading Builds Confidence

Each successful reading experience helps children believe in themselves as readers.

At home: Praise effort and improvement rather than speed or level.

Recommended read: *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman — a story about perseverance and believing in yourself.

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

We still need some more materials to build our Bug Hotel and Hedgehog House!



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

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.

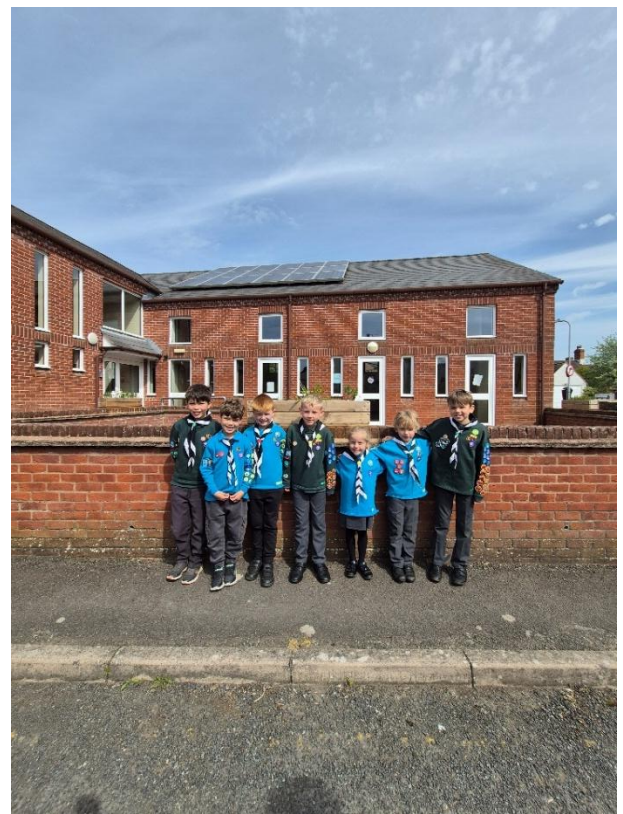
Please email a photo, with a description of the achievement to admin@condoverschool.co.uk

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

St. Georges Parade!

Harvey, Amelie, George, Henry, Freddie, Albie and River all took part in the St George's parade and service in Church Stretton on Sunday, representing the Beavers and Cubs.

They did very well, looked very smart and represented the school wonderfully. A huge well done to you all!



Gold Award!

We are delighted to celebrate Beatrice on achieving her Gold Award with the Dorrington & Leebootwood Brownies. This fantastic accomplishment recognises her dedication and hard work in earning all her badges over the past two years.

What a wonderful achievement, well done, Beatrice!



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:

- Bespoke soundproof 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

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“Stavros is a patient, talented teacher who ignited our child's love for playing piano.”
H. M. (Mum)

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.

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Crane Quality Counselling
Presents
“Every Shropshire Child Has A Voice”
In recognition of
Children's Mental Health Week 2026
Friday 15th 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 01743 240146

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Rainbows
1st Church Stretton Rainbows

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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Contact

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