





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

Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 8 May 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
 <p>To Look</p>	 <p>Two fingers are slightly apart</p>




Attendance




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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
96.9%	100%	99.2%	98%	98.6%	95.2%	94.4%

Celebrating our Achievements!

This week the following awards were given:

Condover Award		
Respectful 	Responsible 	Ready 
Class	Pupil	Award
Raindrops	Daisy	For taking such pride in her written work, making fabulous contributions in maths, and becoming such a wonderful example to others.
Stream	Louie	For amazing us with his ability to make connections with numbers and for taking care with his writing.
River	Tobias	For creating a beautiful and creative information report in Geography.
Estuary	Orla	For showing great enthusiasm in carrying out science experiments.
Ocean	Jack	For being an outstanding role model and showing exceptional effort.

Christian Values		
   <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Love each other and know we are loved (John 13:34-35)</i></p>		
Class	Pupil	Reason
Raindrops	Florence	Showing the Christian Value of Trust by sharing her thoughts and feelings so openly, and for being a trustworthy and loyal friend to everyone around her.
Stream	Ava	For always being a trusting, responsible, kind member of the class.
River	Maggie	For showing the Christian Value of Love by going above and beyond to make sure she helps everyone in class and at school.
Estuary		This child was absent and will receive their award next week.
Ocean		This child was absent and will receive their award next week.



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		
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	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
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 the Raindrops have been busy exploring the five senses in Science. The children enjoyed investigating how we use our eyes, ears, nose, tongue and skin to help us understand the world around us and keep us safe. We have continued our work on The Three Little Pigs. The children have thrown themselves into the story with great gusto and wonderfully enthusiastic storytelling. They have loved retelling the tale using actions, expression and character voices, and it has been lovely to see their confidence and their imaginations growing each day.</p>
Stream	<p>Stream Class have been busy innovating their own stories using all of the techniques in their writing 'toolkit' and 'rule-kit' - we have focussed on the opening and build up and are excited to continue with them next week. In maths, we have been learning how to find half of objects, shapes and quantities. In Science we went on a plant hunt around the school grounds, identifying and naming what we found, and then grouping them into 'wild' or 'garden' plants. Our sunflower seedlings have been moved outside and we're excited to see how tall they will hopefully get!</p>
River	<p>This week in River Class, we have been busy learning lots of new things. In English, we have been learning about dialogue, repeated phrases, and adverbs, and how to use them in our writing. In Maths, we have been learning about halves, quarters, and thirds, and how to split objects into equal groups. We have also started learning about unit fractions. In History, we learnt about William the Conqueror, where we pretended to be Anglo-Saxons and decided whether we wanted to follow his rule or fight against him. We also learnt about the different types of castles, including stone keep castles and motte-and-bailey castles.</p> <p>We had a lovely week.</p>
Estuary	<p>Another busy week in Estuary Class! Children have thoroughly enjoyed making stop-motion animations about Romans where we have some budding animators. In Geography, we enjoyed</p>

finding out where different foods have come from and the food miles. In maths, we have been exploring decimals for example 0.78 is made of $0.7 + 0.08$.



This week in Ocean Class, we have been working hard to revise and practise key concepts in Reading, Maths and Grammar. We have also continued our Geography work by exploring how energy is generated in the UK and the different sources we use. In Science, we had great fun using clay to design and create our own invertebrates, thinking carefully about their features and characteristics.

Ocean



Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful week, we wanted to share a few highlights from around school.

This week, the children have been especially inspired by a very special milestone: **Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday**. The children spent time learning about his incredible contributions to nature, conservation, and our understanding of the planet. The children were fascinated by his life's work and enjoyed discussing how we can all help protect the natural world. The children joined in heart and song to celebrate Sir David Attenborough and all his marvellous work by singing "What a wonderful world" by Louis Armstrong. Perhaps the children would like to share this with you, or think about the many wonderful ways you could support and celebrate Sir David Attenborough's work at home.

Alongside this, we continued our regular learning across the curriculum, and the children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity in every lesson.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Dogs

As you know, we do love dogs here at Conover 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!

The Year of 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.

Rereading Strengthens Understanding

Children often revisit favourite books to deepen comprehension and fluency.

At home: Encourage your child to reread a favourite story and notice new details.

Recommended read: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle - repetitive text builds familiarity and confidence.

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...

Milestone and Multi-Sport Success!

On Saturday, Bethany in Estuary class completed her 50th parkrun in Shrewsbury. She was delighted to reach this milestone which shows her determination, and she secured a new personal best (PB)! Her 50 5K runs have taken her all over the country running with her Mum and Dad in locations including Cardiff, Chester, Barmouth, and London.

On Bank Holiday Monday Bethany participated in her very first Aquathlon, an event organised by SYTri. She competed in the 9-10yr category and had to swim 150m followed by a 1km run. This was her first experience of a competitive multi-sport event and she performed extremely well completing it despite finding it very tough. Once she recovered, she was very proud of challenging herself. Well done Bethany!



Swimming spotlight!

Huge congratulations to Leo, who made a big splash on Monday! He officially earned his Swimming Stage 3 certificate and 15-meter badge. What fantastic hard work and progress in the pool! Well done Leo!



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 grand
- Parent waiting area with see-through vision panel door to teaching room

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“Stavros is a patient, talented teacher who opened 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.

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In recognition of
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6:00pm - 8:30pm

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Frankwell,
Shrewsbury,
SY3 8QA

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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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