





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

Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 15 May 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	 To Love




Attendance




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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
95.5%	92.3%	89.5%	99.2%	94.2%	97.6%	97.6%

Celebrating our Achievements!

This week the following awards were given:

Condover Award		
Respectful	Responsible	Ready
		
Class	Pupil	Award
Raindrops	Liston	For his attention to tasks, his enthusiasm for learning for incredible progress in writing, and for making us all smile every single day.
Stream	Caleb	For using what he's learned in Geography to create an amazing Lego model of Shanghai, showing the human and physical features.
River	Emily	For showing an excellent attitude to learning.
Estuary	Bethany	For making great progress in her reading across this year and especially this term.
Ocean	Emma	For showing creating brilliant ideas and showing great enthusiasm in writing.

Christian Values		
		
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Class	Pupil	Reason
Raindrops	Florence (Absent last week)	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.
	Evie	For showing the Christian Value of Love through the care that she gives to others, her willingness to share, and her ability to help friends overcome challenges.
Stream	Bonnie	Bonnie for showing the Christian value of love by being a kind and caring member of the class who goes out of her way to care for people if they are ever hurt or upset.
River	Bodhi	For always helping others.

Estuary	Lilyana (Absent last week)	For showing the Christian value of love by always wanting to help adults in school. Thank you!
	Noah	For showing the Christian value of trust by understanding that feedback is to help him improve in his work.
Ocean	Harper (Absent last week)	For showing the Christian value of love by bringing a great energy and humour to the classroom.
	George	For showing the Christian Value of Love by working incredibly hard in lessons and supporting others when they need it.



**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		
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
18th June	Park Hall Farm Countryside Experience	Reception and Year 1
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, every single Raindrop has wowed me with their writing it is so exciting to see their thoughts, ideas, and progress, pouring out onto the page. The children have been inspired to make their own books and have enjoyed proudly sharing their creations.</p> <p>Further exploration of the human body has allowed the Raindrops to journey to the internal body, creating some enthusiastic role play, plenty of curiosity, and several elements of surprise!</p>
Stream	<p>Stream Class have been amazing authors this week, writing their own versions of 'Monkey See, Monkey Do' - they have amazed me with their writing skill, stamina and creativity!</p> <p>In art, they have turned their 2D drawings of birds and feathers into 3D sculptures. In Geography, we have explored what it is like in the city of Shanghai, China, identifying human and physical features.</p>
River	<p>In maths this week, we continued learning about fractions, including non- unit fractions and recognising three quarters. In English we planned and started writing the opening to our journey stories, taking inspiration from our model text 'The Papaya that Spoke'.</p> <p>In history this week, we studied different types of castles and had a go at designing our own castles to defend against attackers.</p> <p>We loved art this week, where we continued to build our mini treehouses.</p>
Estuary	<p>In maths this week, children have been continuing to explore decimals including rounding to the nearest whole number. In English, children have been innovating their story and have been focusing in adding commas in the right place. Next week, they will be writing their own story! Children enjoyed swimming this week and are looking forward to their trip on Monday.</p>

Ocean

This week in Ocean Class has been very busy. The Year 6 children have shown the perfect attitude towards their SATs. They have been focused, determined and calm throughout the week – well done to all of them!

The Year 5 children have also been brilliant, continuing to work incredibly hard whilst learning in a slightly different environment. They have particularly impressed us with their fantastic poetry work.

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

As we head into the final week before the May half term, we wanted to share a few updates. The children have been working incredibly hard, and we are proud of the progress they've made this half term.

This week we will be:

- Consolidating key learning across the curriculum
- Completing ongoing class projects
- Enjoying (hopefully – if the rain holds off) our annual sports day

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to our last week together before the half term break.

Have a great weekend!

Year 6 SATs and Celebrations!

We would like to say a huge well done to our brilliant Year 6's this week, they have shown tremendous resilience, maturity and determination while completing their SATs, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have approached them.

Alongside their hard work, we remain committed to making this final term both positive and memorable.

We are currently in the middle of organising the upcoming Treat Day and are also excited to be planning a brand-new event for this year – the Year 6 summer performance!

These special events reflect our dedication to celebrating the children's achievements and ensuring they enjoy this important milestone in their school experience

Events

Please take a look at our latest local events, which can be found below. These are updated regularly, and we are always adding new activities and opportunities for families to enjoy.

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!

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.

Reading Is a Daily Habit

Short, consistent reading sessions are more powerful than occasional long ones.

At home: Link reading to an everyday routine, such as after dinner or before bed.

Recommended read: *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson — gentle encouragement for daily reading and reflection.

ECO Committee News

As part of the school's Environmental plan, we aim to improve biodiversity at school, so far the children have sown wildflowers, put up a bird box and this week, they've started working on a large bug mansion. The eco committee scouted out the perfect spot in the rewilded forest school area to site the bug mansion and worked tirelessly to move bricks and pallets into position. Over the coming weeks the children will help fill the levels of the bug house with wood, bricks, cardboard, sticks, pinecones, bamboo canes, straw, wood shavings, old guttering, old plant pots and rocks to create THE perfect habitat for our pollinators!



A big thank you to Henry, George and Tom's Daddy for making a beautiful sign for the bug house...all we need now is a name! We're planning to task the children with creating an imaginative name for our Condover bug school.

And another big thank you to Mr Bearne who impressively scaled the tree to hang our bird house up.

Finally, a big thank you to the parents/carers and children who have bought bits in to help build the bug house, we still need bamboo, large round stones, any broken terracotta plant pots and straw please.

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...

Purr-fect Performance!

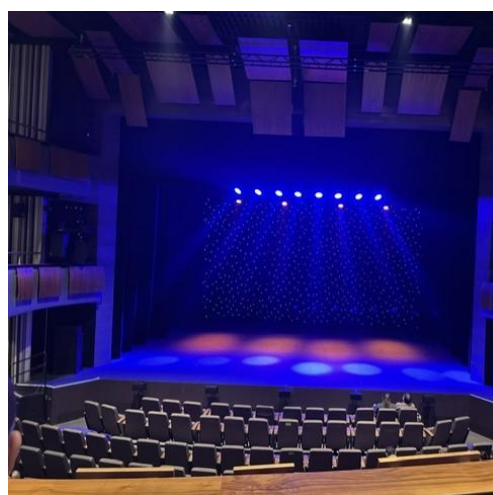
Sienna C, Sienna W and Orla all performed on stage together for Get Your Wigle On's Cats. It was lovely to see them light up the stage (and hear their meows!) Don't they look fabulous in their costumes!



Amelie Shines on Stage!

Last Sunday, Amelie danced on the Main Stage at Theatre Severn! Amelie is part of KCDC and this is her third year of dancing. She dances ballet, jazz and tap and took part in 6 dances on stage. Not only did she remember every step, but she took the whole experience in her stride! Such a huge feat for someone who is only 6 years old!

We are so very proud of her, and thoroughly enjoyed watching her demonstrate confidence, resilience and sheer joy on stage. What a 🌟!



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

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Half Term Holiday Clubs 09:00 - 15:00

For children aged 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and sports! Groups of mixed age and ability.

Shrewsbury
The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST
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