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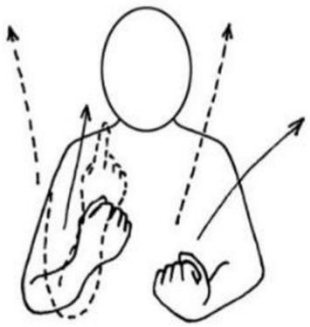
LOVE FORGIVENESS TRUST

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

Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending Friday 6th November 2026

Makaton Sign of the Week

Sign	Meaning
	**Fireworks**

Attendance

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

Whole School	Nursery	Raindrops	Stream	River	Estuary	Ocean
98%	95.8%	97.3%	98%	98.9%	98.7%	98%

Key Dates

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

SCHOOL DATES		
8th Nov.	Diwali	Whole School
9th – 20th Nov	UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) Eco Committee Assembly	
11th Nov.	Remembrance Service – 10.45am	Parents are welcome to watch from the roadside
12th Nov	**Parent Workshop – Maths 8.45am – 9.15am.**	**All Parents including School + Nursery**
12th Nov	Open Afternoon 2pm – 3pm	Prospective Parents
13th Nov	Children in Need - Fundraising	Whole School
15th – 21st Nov	Road Safety Week	
16th – 20th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Safety Committee	
24th Nov.	Advent Experience for Children Church of St Andrew & St Mary, Condover	Whole School
26th Nov.	Youth Awareness Day	
1st Dec	Advent Begins	
8th Dec.	Trust Advent Service Hereford Cathedral, Hereford	TBC
10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	Whole School
16th Dec	0930 – 1030 Christmas Service Church of St Andrew and St Mary, Condover	Whole School + Parents
18th Dec.	**Last Day in School**	Whole School

Celebrating our Achievements!

Our Celebration Assembly will resume next week.

Parent Notices

A message from Miss Elvins and Mrs Clay

What a wonderful first week back it has been! It has been an absolute joy to welcome the children back into school and hear all about their half term adventures, family time

and special memories. There is always a special energy when the children return, and having our school full of happy, smiling faces once again truly fills our hearts with joy!

This week, our children have been preparing for our Remembrance Service. We are incredibly proud of the respect and thoughtfulness they show as they learn about the importance of remembrance and reflection. Our service will take place on the playground on Wednesday at approximately 10:45am. Parents, carers and members of our community are very welcome to attend and watch from the street side of the playground.

A reminder that Children in Need takes place next Friday. As a school community we are looking forward to supporting such an important cause, whilst having lots of fun along the way. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support - we have been absolutely blown away and we already can not wait to share the total with you!! **A polite reminder that school does not have any control over the medals; this is organised directly by Children in Need. If you would like your child to receive a medal for running the mile, please make sure you sign up and donate to Children in Need directly through the link provided.**

As we head into the weekend, many families will be enjoying bonfires, fireworks and sparklers as part of the celebration of Bonfire Night. While the bright lights of fireworks are always exciting, we have also been thinking about the everyday glimmers that bring us joy: a kind word from a friend, a child's proud smile, a shared laugh, or a moment of togetherness with family. These small moments often shine just as brightly but sometimes go unnoticed. We wonder how many glimmers you might spot over the weekend.... with our fantastic children, we bet there will be many!

Whether you are joining in with celebrating this weekend's festivities or taking time to join a Remembrance Service on Sunday, we hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some special moments with loved ones.

Wishing you all a peaceful, happy and safe weekend.

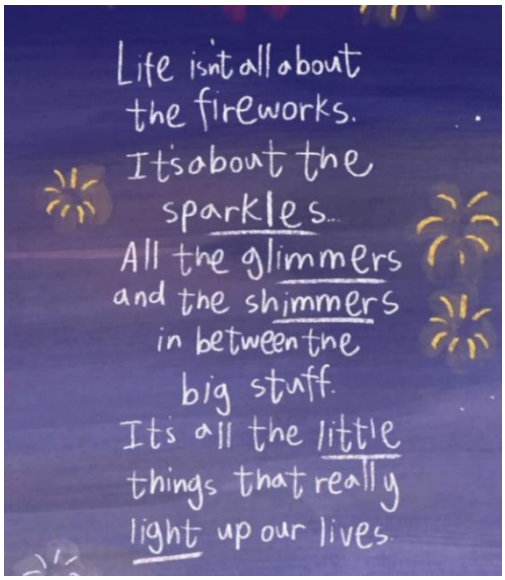


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Maths Workshop

We would like to invite ALL parents/carers into school on **Thursday 12th November** at **8.45am - 9.15am** for a Maths Workshop.

This session will provide important information about your child's maths learning we would like to welcome parents/carers from all years including Nursery.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by emailing
admin@condover.dhmat.org.uk

Class Overviews

Now that we have introduced Seesaw across the school, class overviews will be shared by class teachers at the end of each week.

All families should now be signed up and able to access Seesaw. If you experience any difficulties accessing the platform, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

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@condover.dhmat.org.uk**

Children In Need

We are incredibly excited about our Children in Need fundraiser this year! It's fantastic to see that so many children have already signed up and receiving donations already! Thank you for your wonderful support.

Don't forget to share you donation link so your child can receive donations and get their Children In Need medal!
Please use the link below to sign up:

https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/condover-cofe-primary-school

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Important Changes to Wraparound Care Costs

We would like to let families know about a change to our wraparound care charges.

From **1st January 2027**, we will no longer be offering a sibling discount for wraparound care.

We understand that changes to costs can be a concern for families, and this decision has not been taken lightly. The change is necessary to help us meet the increasing costs of providing a safe, high-quality wraparound care service and to ensure that the provision remains sustainable for the future.

We are committed to keeping our charges as reasonable as possible while continuing to provide a reliable and welcoming service for our children and families. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

A message from The Friends

Hello from The Friends!

With December edging ever closer, the time has come to begin to mention all things Christmas!

Christmas Fair at Condover Hall – Sunday 6th December

This is our biggest fundraising opportunity of the year!

The Friends of Condover School will be running the café, serving hot and cold drinks along with plenty of delicious cakes. Every volunteer hour helps us raise valuable funds for the school, so if you can spare just a couple of hours between 9:30am and 4:30pm, we'd be incredibly grateful.

Volunteering is a great way to support the school, meet other families, and be part of this wonderful community event. If you can help, please let one of us know or email us with the times you're available. Email: **friendsofcondoverschool@gmail.com**

Please note: Due to serving hot drinks, this role is for adults only, but we hope you'll stay and enjoy the fair with your family afterwards!

Wreath Making – Friday 27th November

Join us for an adult only evening of festive creativity, complete with a complimentary drink and mince pie. Tickets are limited and cost £30. The event will take place in the school hall. Please see the previous email and poster for further details. Tickets are selling fast!

Follow Us on Facebook

Don't miss out on Friends events, fundraising updates and opportunities to get involved. Follow our new Friends of Condover C of E School Facebook page for all the latest news and announcements.

Please like, follow and share the page with family and friends. Every follower helps us reach more people and support our school community. 💙 💛

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The Friends of Condover C of E Primary School invite you to join our

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Friday 27th November

7pm

Condover School

£30 a head including refreshments and materials



All materials provided to create your wreath, along with a wreath-making demonstration, help and advice.

If you have anything special you'd like to add to your wreath please bring it along, as well as strong scissors/secateurs and/or wire cutters.

To book, please email friendsofcondoverschool@gmail.com for a payment link. Limited spaces, your place will only be booked once payment is received.



Vacancies

If you are interested in working with us, or know someone who may be interested, please take a look at our current vacancies across Condover and St Edward's. We would love to hear from you! If you require further information, please e-mail admin@condover.dhmat.org.uk

Condover CE Primary School - Current Vacancies

Teaching Assistant

https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145275/EDV-2026-CCPS-41577

St Edward's CE Primary School

After School Club Assistant

https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145300/EDV-2026-SECPS-96074

Who's Who at Our School

We know that starting a new school year can sometimes mean meeting lots of new faces, so we thought it would be helpful to introduce you to the key members of our school team. Our "Who's Who" section provides a quick introduction to our staff and their roles, helping parents and carers to know who is who and who to speak to if they have a question or need some support.

We are very proud of our dedicated team and the important role each member plays in supporting our children and making our school a happy, safe and welcoming place to learn.

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Becky Elvins (DDSL)</td></tr>
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Hannah Clay (DSL)</td></tr>
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(Ocean)</td><td>Toby Bearne</td></tr>
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Free School Meal Changes

We recently shared updated guidance about the upcoming changes to Free School Meal eligibility, which will take effect from September 2026.

From September 2026, the Department for Education is expanding the eligibility criteria so that all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to a Free School Meal.

Applications are now open, and we strongly encourage all households to apply. With the expanded criteria, even more families will be able to benefit from Free School Meals.

Please find the link to apply below:

https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals

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.

Winter Is Reading Season

Cooler weather invites cosy reading opportunities.

At home: Create a warm, comfortable reading space.

Recommended read: Skellig — atmospheric and reflective.

Book Swap

As part of our Eco plan here at school to eliminate unnecessary waste, we would like to invite our wider Condover school community to donate any books they no longer read to our book swap. There will be a labelled cubby hole in the reception area for you to leave your donations, please separate adult and children's literature. Every Friday at pickup (from the 26th June), the book swap baskets will be available near the gate (weather permitting) ready for anyone to swap their books.

To help encourage others to choose your book, why not pop a little post it note review on the front, if you have time!



Uniform

We would like to let parents and carers know that DecoStitch is now our sole approved school uniform provider. DecoStitch has recently updated its website and school uniform range to include our new school logo. The updated logo now incorporates the letters "CE" to reflect our status as a Church of England school.

Please be assured that uniform items featuring the previous logo remain perfectly acceptable and can continue to be worn. We recognise that many pupils already have uniform with the existing logo, and we expect to see both versions in use for some time to come.

Uniform can be ordered directly from the DecoStitch school shop here:

Deco Stitch – Condover Primary School Uniform Shop

https://www.decostitch.co.uk/products/school--club---other-shops/school---college-shops/condover-primary-school

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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, unaceptable.

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.

Local Events and Information





CONDOVER BROWNIES

AT CONDOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

AGES 7-10

MONDAYS - TERM TIME

6.30PM - 8PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LISA ON

07790 620484

squeak.1@btinternet.com

Condover 1st Brownies have lots of fun at their weekly meetings.

- Crafting
- Playing Games
- Badge Work
- Learning New Skills



There is so much fun to be had on visits such as

- Chester Zoo
- Drayton Manor
- Discos
- Brownie Thinking Day
- Pack holidays

What are you waiting for?

Come and join in the fun today!

CROSS HOUSES BIG CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 10.00AM–3.30PM

@CROSS HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTRE SY5 6JG

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Little Stars

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Condover Primary School

WHEN?

Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm

WHAT?

Contemporary, Jazz & Street Dance

COST?

£5 weekly

TO ORGANISE YOUR PLACE, CONTACT KATIE

kcdancecentre@gmail.com

Do you enjoy singing?

young singers

Vocal project open to all children who love to sing age 8+.
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at Bicton C of E School
Bicton Lane, Bicton, Shrewsbury, SY3 8EH.



Sing with us

- Enjoy a free taster session
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- All staff DBS checked
- Small termly fee to join

Of One Accord

www.ofoneaccord.co.uk





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