



Diary Dates – Week A

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
27/5/22	Jubilee Picnic Lunch and recycling launch
30/5/22 – 3/06/22	HALF TERM
14/6/22	Yr7 Parent Consultation Foundation Subjects 4-6pm
17-19/6/22	Buntingford Summer Arts Festival
22/6/22	Yr5 Felixstowe visit
22/6/22	Police Talks Yr7 & Yr8 (Lives not Knives)
23/6/22	Yr7 Felixstowe visit
24/6/22	Twilight INSET Day – students not in school
27/6/22	Occasional Day – students not in school
28/6/22	Yr8 Parent Consultation Foundation Subjects 4-6pm
4/7/22	Online Safety talk Sessions KS2, KS3, Parents (timings TBC)
5/7/22	Yr6 Parent Consultation Foundation Subjects 4-6pm
8/7/22	Yr6 visit Felixstowe
11/7/22	Yr8 visit Felixstowe
13/7/22	Open afternoon 2pm-7pm
13/7/22	Yr6 Theatre Trip to see Wicked
14/7/22	County Transition Day
22/7/22	End of term 1:20pm finish
28-30/9/22	3 Day Residential Trip for Yr7 (current Yr6) more details to follow

How do I report my child absent?

If your child is unwell or has a medical appointment, please notify the Attendance Team via attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk or you can leave a message on 01763-271446. In the event your child tests positive for Covid-19, please email: covid@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Key Stage 3 Online Safety

A letter was sent on 21 April giving parents information about a concerning online incident. Since then Year 8, and subsequently Year 7, have started a programme of study about online safety. Starting from next week depending on your child's PSHE class, we intend to conclude this programme of study by showing Year 8 a BBC documentary titled *Murder Games: The Life and Death of Breck Bednar*. It is hard hitting and is about a child who was groomed on line, but we believe the messages are powerful and students will remember this. We encourage parents to view this beforehand, the link for this is here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p03cqt5/murder-games-the-life-and-death-of-breck-bednar>

This programme is a true hard-hitting docudrama about what happened to Breck Bednar when he befriended an online gamer, which ultimately resulted in Breck losing his life. Lorin, the mother of Breck came into Edwinstree in 2017 to talk through what happened to her son to emphasise the dangers of careless online behaviour. It was a talk that children, staff and parents who attended will not forget. We realise that this programme may be emotional for some students and we appreciate your support in allowing us to support your children on this important aspect. Students will be informed in advance and have the option to step out and or not view if they don't wish to. If you have concerns, please contact the school office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

What are our plans for the jubilee?

We are hosting a red, white and blue non-uniform day on the last day of term, and holding an outdoor picnic party at lunch time. A special menu has been created by HCL and is attached for your information, orders can be placed via SchoolGrid. We will be playing the platinum sound track and sing along to celebrate the queen's platinum jubilee in style. We are preparing a theme of "races through the ages" for those that would like to participate including, sack race, three-legged race and egg and spoon race and taking the opportunity to step back in time for an afternoon.

What are our plans for reducing our food waste across the school and improving our recycling?

On Friday 27th June, we launch our large worm waste bins. We are supporting students to make sure that all non-meat waste except fruit is recycled into our wormeries from the canteen and their packed lunches. Students are volunteering to be worm warriors and to help with this work. We are also launching our ability to recycle soft plastics including cling film, plastic bags and crisp packets, these will go to a local charity for recycling.

How can my child access the photo's that were taken with friends on the disco night?

Thank you again to those parents and the ESA who gave the students such a lovely event last Friday evening. Students were able to have photo's with friends and will be able to select their favourite photo. We will then Parentmail these to you. Please can you alert the admin team on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk if you have any reservation about your child's photo being on display and sent to a friendship group.

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How are we supporting children in the warmer weather?

We ask that you make sure your child has a Water Bottle, sun screen when appropriate and a hat if they need it. If the forecast is for the weather to be sunny and over 25°C we will notify you and move students into their summer PE kit.

Year 6 Theatre Trip

Year 6 have the opportunity to visit The Apollo Victoria to watch the award winning Musical Wicked. The musical follows the story of the Wicked Witch, following her struggle for acceptance. This visit will take place on Wednesday 13th July 2022. Please see attached letter with link to provide consent for your child/children to attend.

Who is supporting Year 6 and Year 5 currently?

Mr and Mrs Kelly celebrate the birth of their Son Nate this week, Mr Kelly is now taking Paternity Leave till post Half Term. Mr Rowlands remains the key point of contact for Year 5 and for Year 6 next week, please email admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk and for Head of Year concerns please email the Head at head@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Year 8 Art & Photography Exhibition 2022 at Freman College

Mrs Burches will be taking a group of Year 8 students to Freman college on Thursday 26th during Lesson 4 to see the exhibition of A level fine art and photography.

Fun Swim Sessions: Who has an opportunity to swim next week?

The rescheduled Fun swim for the winners of the Fullness Day - Best T-Shirt Design Competition will now take place on Monday 23rd May at Freman Pool, a link via Parentmail has been sent to relevant Parent/Carers to give consent. Please remind them they can sign up for a friend to come with them.

Filmmakers Club Notice

Sessions on 25th May & 8th June will run from 3.05pm TO 4.35pm.

Enrichment Club – Netball

Netball club will end at half term- last session Thursday 26th May.

Buntingford Friday Night Project

Hertfordshire Services for Young People are running the Buntingford Friday Night Project, this is for young people ages 11-17 to learn new skills, get careers guidance and relax with friends. This will run April to July on a Friday 7.15-9.15pm. Please see flyer attached.

Hertfordshire School Nursing Service Newsletter

Please find attached the 1st Hertfordshire School Nursing Service Newsletter for Summer 2022.

Holiday Football Camp

Please find attached flyer for Hares Youth Holiday Football Club.

Jo Gant

Headteacher

Attachments:

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