




**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of  
England School  
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &  
CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 30/11/2023**

**Diary Dates:** To support you to manage the Christmas season costs we have placed these in our calendar and we hope this helps.

| <b>School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm</b> |  |
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| 01/12/23                            | Occasional Day – School Closed   |
| 04/12/23                            | Year 5 Science trip to Duxford Cost £15  |
| 05/12/23                            | Year 6 Parent SATs Information Day<br>6A: 9:55- 10:55<br>6B: 11:10 - 12:10<br>Year 5 Christingle at St Peter’s Church,<br>Buntingford  |
| 06/12/23                            | Year 6 Parent SATs Information Day<br>6C: 9:55 - 10:55<br>6D: 11:10 - 12: 10   |
| 07/12/23                            | Christmas Concert at Edwinstree 6pm  |
| 13/12/23                            | Christmas School Lunch cost £3.20<br>Christmas jumper day.<br>                                     |
| 15/12/23                            | Year 7 & 8 Christmas Service - 11am to 1pm<br>Non school uniform for walkers and spare shoes required.<br>Bakers can you support with a snack dropped off at the office on the day?  |
| 19/12/23                            | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Service - 11am to 1pm<br>Non- school uniform for walkers and spare shoes required.<br>Bakers can you support with a snack dropped off at the office on the day? |
| 20/12/23                            | End of Autumn Term 1:20pm  |
| 04/01/24                            | Start of Spring Term 08:40am   |
| 15/01/24                            | 5A & 5C Academic review via SchoolCloud  |
| 22/01/24                            | 5B & 5D Academic review via SchoolCloud  |
| 26/02/24                            | 6A & 6C Academic review via SchoolCloud  |
| 29/02/24                            | 6B & 6D Academic review via SchoolCloud  |
| 18/03/24                            | Year 5 Foundation Evening in person  |
| 22/04/24                            | Year 6 Foundation Evening in person  |
| 20/05/24                            | Year 7 Foundation Evening in person  |
| 17/06/24                            | Year 8 Foundation Evening in person  |

**Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school please inform us by emailing:

[attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**Year 5 students from Layston First School**

Year 5 students that went to Layston First School have been invited to attend the dress rehearsal of their Christmas play. This will be happening on Monday 11th December and will start at 9:30am and finish around 11:05am. Students will be accompanied by staff.

**Year 5 Duxford Visit**

We are looking forward to taking our Year 5 students to Duxford IWM on Monday.

Your child will need to bring with them:

- Full school uniform with comfortable shoes or trainers.
- Outdoor clothing appropriate for a winter’s day out.
- A packed lunch [no glass bottles please]
- A small backpack [to be carried throughout the day]
- Pocket money to visit the Gift Shop – no more than £10
- Any medication [including travel sickness tablets] clearly labelled with their name to be handed to the office.

Students need to arrive at school by 8:40am for a prompt departure at 9:30am. We will leave Duxford IWM at 2pm and arrive back at Edwinstree at approximately 3pm. Therefore, we will be back before the end of the school day.

**Year 6 SATs Information Days**

We would like to invite parents of Year 6 pupils to come into school at the times below. We will provide you with some brief information about the upcoming SATs and you will have a chance to go through your child's recent mock SATs papers (completed in November). Both your child's English and maths teachers will be available during these times. In the past parents have fed back that this has been really helpful in understanding what the children are required to learn and how you can help.

Tuesday 5th December

**6A:** 9:55- 10:55

**6B:** 11:10 - 12:10

Wednesday 6th December

**6C:** 9:55 - 10:55

**6D:** 11:10 - 12: 10

Please confirm your attendance by completing this short form using the link provided.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BT\\_rlzdugZ0-r9r2eTDmg8F8RSwokmeRDhMnaAtKJ1V1UMUhKQU1BRtdJQlxlN1A5OFIJMk83UTczTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BT_rlzdugZ0-r9r2eTDmg8F8RSwokmeRDhMnaAtKJ1V1UMUhKQU1BRtdJQlxlN1A5OFIJMk83UTczTy4u)

We may not be able to provide your child’s papers on the day if you don't complete the form. We look forward to seeing you. Mrs Earnshaw - Leader of Maths

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## Year 8 visit to Freman

Year 8 went up to visit Freman to see their theatre performance in a dress rehearsal. They enjoyed the show and represented the school well.

## Social Media

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind parents to regularly check their child's presence and activity on social media as the vast majority of our students are not at the age to have some of the Apps they use. Here are some links that may be of use to you:

- [Social media | NSPCC](#)
- [Social media | Childnet](#) -Childnet also have other guides for parents/carers on different aspects of keeping children safe online.



## Year 5 Christingle

Our annual Year 5 Christingle takes place on Tuesday 5th December. In the lesson before lunch, students will be making their Christingles in the hall (and naming them!); after lunch (weather dependant) we will walk the year group

down to St Peter's Church where Reverend Kirsty Wainwright will lead a short service. If the weather is bad, we will host the service in the hall instead.

Not everyone will be able to light their Christingle due to the size of the church, however if we remain in school due to bad weather we have more flexibility. May I ask that any students with long hair have a hair band they can use to tie their hair back, if we cannot tie hair back students will not be able to light their candle. Thank you.

If the weather holds out, and you are parent who would be willing to support with the walk and service, leaving school at 1.30pm, please email [s.petty@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.petty@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

## Christmas Concert – 7<sup>th</sup> December

Our joint Christmas concert (Edwinstree, Freman & Anstey School) starts at 18:00pm and we require participating students to be dropped off at Edwinstree between 17:15-17:30pm.

If you have booked a ticket, once you have dropped your child off, you are welcome to find yourself a seat and grab refreshments.

## Christmas Service's – 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December

Calling all bakers... Can you help provide a snack for our students return to school after the Christmas Service. Or if you are like me a quick trip to the supermarket for a cake or biscuits?

If you are able to help, please would you bring your donations to the school office on the morning of the service, Year 7 and 8 is taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, and Year 5 and 6 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are also keen to encourage you to help us with the walk and service. If you are parent who is able to support with the walk and service please email [s.petty@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.petty@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk). On the day of the walk students may wear non-school uniform and need to bring wellies or spare shoes.

## Creative for Climate Justice – Christian Aid

We are so proud of our art students that submitted their pictures to the Creative for Climate Justice art competition.

We have been informed that the art work of 2 of our students has been chosen to be displayed in the Parliamentary Exhibition at the Houses of Parliament



We hope you enjoy the occasional day and if you do attend the Lights of Love ceremony and market in Buntingford, don't forget to pop along to our stall to support the school with the Christmas jumper sales and the tombola chocolate you so generously donated to us.

*Mrs J Gant – Headteacher*

[admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

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