

Edwinstree School Association News

Welcome to our first edition!



Your ESA

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You will be aware that the ESA (Edwinstree School Association) was reformed last year and we thought it would be helpful to formally introduce ourselves, explain our objectives, update you on our progress, remind you of forthcoming events and perhaps even sometimes ask for your help!

Working with the support of Mrs Gant, we are all parents with children of differing ages at Edwinstree – we have different skills, backgrounds and experiences, but all have one thing in common; we want our children – and your children - to have the best possible experience during their time at the school.

By arranging events and initiatives, in conjunction with the school, we hope to create some fun opportunities for the children and – in doing so - raise funds for additional resources and improvements which will benefit both current and future students.

What are we raising money for?

Edwinstree is fortunate to have large outdoor spaces, but some upgrades are required – such as an extension of the safety matting around the play equipment – and other existing features require complete replacement, an example being the seating podium.



The school is also transforming the area of field near the entrance gate, creating a new environment which will help the children learn more about nature (enabling more outdoor lessons) and will also support the local wildlife. This includes a pond (which is already well underway) with adjacent garden and seating, meadow area, small woodland and the installation of habitats for insects, birds, reptiles, etc. The existing sensory garden may also benefit from some new planting and other features and, together with the pond area, will give the children a place to relax and reflect.

Learning about green initiatives, sustainability and the environment are a key part of the curriculum and the children are enjoying it so much. They are having a lot of input into the design and content of the new nature areas, and we really want to help them turn their ideas into reality. We know we can count on the parents and wider community to support us.

Spring has sprung!

Festival vibes will be in the air on **13th May!** Our spring festival promises to give the children an evening of **fresh** air and **fun** in the **field** with their **friends!**



Look out for further info coming soon – this promises to be an event they won't want to miss!

We're in this together!

We have stepped up, we are meeting and making plans, we are giving up our time and we will work hard to raise vital funds for the school. But sometimes we alone are not enough!

To ensure events are successful and safe for the children, we will need to ensure they are adequately staffed. If you can give up a few hours of your time to help with our spring festival we'd love to hear from you!