



Edwinstree Term dates:

[Term Dates 2025-26 & 2026-27.pdf](#)

Homework week: B

Diary Dates:

04/05/26	Bank Holiday
08/05/26	Year 8 Educational visit – Thorpe Park
11-14/05/26	Year 6 SATs
12/05/26	Y5 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
15/05/26	ESA Spring Disco
19/05/26	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation for Year 8.
25-29/05/26	Half Term
17/06/26	Year 7 Educational visit – Globe Theatre
24/06/26	Sports Day
25/06/26	Year 5 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
26/06/26	INSET Day
04/07/26	Summer Fair
07/07/26	Year 6 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
09/07/26	County Transition Day
10/07/26	Year 8 Trip to Felixstowe / Camp out
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.

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We do hope you have a good bank holiday we look forward to seeing students at normal time on Tuesday morning.

What were we thinking about in COWO this week?

COWO in the hall, we began to explore the value of friendship and Mrs Gant told a story about her great friend at university who she lost, because she didn't help her to be the best person she could be.

COWO in tutor time, we explored the friendship Stories of Ruth and Naomi and Jonathan and David who support and help each other in hard times. We are learning that true friends help us to be the best that we can be, they are honest and tell us when we make mistakes.

What costs are involved this term?

For year 5 to 7 the costs of all trips are now out.

We are calculating the final costs for the year 8 leavers camp out and their request to visit Felixstowe. Both events will be offered on the 10th of July. We are aware there are a lot of costs coming at you for this year group. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

The only other costs we will ask of you are two Fullness days, which will take place next term and require a non-school uniform donation of £1 and bake sales.

Year 6 News

Reminder to Parents that SATs are taking place 11/05/2026 - 14/05/2026 - 8.45– 11.00am.

Year 6 SATs Workshops

This week, all pupils were given strategies to help prepare for SATs by the Mental Health Team.

Next week Mrs Harris and Mr Galanides will be running informal sessions for all Year 6 classes about coping with exam stress, these will be run during their LifeSkills lessons.

Year 7 News

Year 7 Globe Theatre and Tate Modern Visit – 17th June 2026

We are delighted to once again, offer Year 7 the opportunity to visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on London's South Bank. The visit will entail a tour of the theatre and an interactive drama workshop. This year, we will also be spending some time at the Tate Modern art gallery. As Year 7 are studying Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet this term, this is a wonderful learning experience for all our students. See letter attached with more details.

Year 7 into 8 form reallocations.

Thank you for all your responses so far. Please find the link below to nominate the three students your child would like to be placed with next year. As with previous years, students are aware that while there are three choices, we are only able to guarantee one. There is also an optional box to identify any students that would not be a good choice. Please fill this with the name and form (if known) of any students with which your child should not be placed.

Please would you discuss the options with your child and complete the form by the 8th May to allow time for the groups to be created. Your child will be given their new form allocation as early as possible after half term. [Year 7 into 8 Form Peer Choices. – Fill in form](#)
Mr Kelly - Head of Year 7

Year 8 News

Science does Thorpe Park – Friday 8th May 2026

Year 8 Students are visiting Thorpe Park to look at energy transfers on the roller coasters. They also thoroughly deserve some fun to reward them for all their hard work in science this year.

Most of the outlets at Thorpe Park are card only, so it is easier if students have a bank card with available money on it. Please note that mobile phones are not permitted on the trip.

Year 8 - HPV Vaccine

The immunisation team will be visiting our year 8 students on 19th May. The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV). It is recommended for children aged 12 to 13 years old. Please keep an eye out for correspondence via email/text which contains a link to the consent form. **You will need to respond even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine - there is an option to decline.** Correspondence from the vaccination team will be sent to parents via the following: **Vaccinations in Schools** vaccinations.in.schools@notifications.service.gov.uk (email) NHSUK (text message). If you have any queries, please contact the vaccination team directly on 0300 5555 055.

Leavers Hoodies

Time is moving very quickly and it will not be too long before we bid a fond farewell to our Year 8 students. We are making plans to ensure a smooth transition takes place between Edwinstree and the upper schools.

The pupils have expressed an interest in an exclusive leavers' hoodie. The price is £23.50 for child size or adult size per top, which includes all printing and will feature an embroidered school logo on the front and all the students names on the reverse. Please see attached letter with details on how to order.

Science Lessons – All Years

Year 5 Have been thoroughly enjoying their science lessons, exploring materials. They have enjoyed carrying out exciting investigations on electrical conductors, solubility and states of matter with great curiosity.

Year 6 Have been working hard on their unit about evolution and inheritance, showing excellent engagement and thoughtful scientific discussion. We are also looking forward to the upcoming educational visit to Whipsnade Zoo, which will enrich their learning further on the topic.

Year 7 Have worked extremely hard this term and should be proud of the high level of achievement in their unit on the human body. The focus this term has been on reproduction and birth, and this has been approached with maturity and interest, supporting their growing scientific understanding.

Year 8 Are practising the scientific skills needed for experiments in preparation for Freman. They have been exploring plant cells and are now moving on to the PH table and neutralisation.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

Year 5 Congratulations for getting through their first cookery lesson at Edwinstree. Not only did they manage to create some amazing cheese straws, but they washed up, dried and packed away in time. Very well done. I am not sure how many straws got home, but I do hope that parents and carers got to try them. Just a reminder that you do need to provide weighed out ingredients and a container to take end-products home in. Digital scales are the best for accuracy and are relatively inexpensive from B&M/HomeBargains etc. The scales will be used from now and on into Freman.

Year 6 A theory lesson into the nutrition of our wraps, followed by a sensory descriptor evaluation completed this product. Next week is demo lesson on Layered Pasta Salad.

Year 7 Spaghetti Bolognese is on the menu! Remember your additional veggies for our extra nutrients and pop of colour to create a visual feast. Please remember your container needs to be watertight as we do not want sauce leaking out. A large container to hold your pasta and sauce is required.

Year 8 We continue our round the world adventure and cooking for others by moving further East next week, looking at the art of stir fry cooking.

Please keep up with Health and Safety requirements for Food lessons. Just a reminder, if your child misses the practical demonstration, they will be given alternate work to do during the practical as they will have missed the H&S instruction for safe cooking. Mrs van Wyk

School Shoes

In order for pupils to be safe in Science, Food and Nutrition, and DT lessons, they are required to wear hard topped, polishable shoes. This is to prevent them from being scalded by hot water, burnt by acid if dropped or injured from falling sharp objects. We have to plan for such events to ensure the safety of every child. Please support your child to take part in these practical subjects by ensuring their feet are safe. Here are some example shoes that will meet the needs of these subjects.



Change to school menu – 21st May

Please note that there will be change to the standard menu served on 21st May.

Please ensure you have placed order via SchoolGrid

[School Food - It's In Our System - SchoolGrid](#)



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Gardening Club

A fabulous week in the garden, planting up some beds, lots of potting and potting on, weed removal and garden maintenance. Another set of donated veg has gone in - thank you! Any extras you have growing, we would love to pop in our beds.

Here's what the garden looks like at the moment. Hopefully it will be full of gorgeous growing veg soon!

Mrs van Wyk



Edwinstree School Association.

School Disco Friday 15th May 6-8pm

Tickets are now on sale for our May disco through our Sum Up shop, £5 includes snack and unlimited

drinks: [May School Disco - Link to book Tickets - Please read instructions carefully](#)

This is an outdoor disco but in the event of bad weather it will be moved indoors, thus tickets are limited to 350, and are available first come first served until **Wednesday 13th May unless sold out**. When buying tickets, you **must include your child's name**, any **food intolerances** and whether they can **walk home**, or will be **collected by an adult** in the *message for merchant box*.

The ESA can only host a school disco if we have enough adults to help provide snacks, drinks and marshal the event area. Please contact the school office or email edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com if you can help on 15th May. It's a great event to help out at and large enough that you won't embarrass your child with your presence!

*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*



Pre-loved Uniform

Donations of preloved uniform are always welcome. (Branded jumpers, t-shirts, and hoodies only). They can be handed into the school office at any time.

Our online shop will be updated upon receipt of donations, and you can order items ready for collection at the school office. [Edwinstree School Association Online Shop \(sumupstore.com\)](http://www.edwinstree.sch.uk/online-shop)

Name Labels

If you are buying new uniform or equipment, please remember to label everything! We get 30% commission on labels at Stikins if you quote our fundraising number 6671 at <http://www.stikins.co.uk>

Rib Valley Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Service

RIB VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

Free, Confidential Information, Advice and Guidance for families

Contact us

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Term Time only

Areas that we can offer signposting information on:

- Managing finances
- Housing
- Domestic Abuse
- EBONA (emotional based school non-attendance)
- SEND
- Routines and boundaries
- Sleep
- Toileting
- Challenging Behaviour
- Relationship difficulties
- Supporting siblings
- Child & adult mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Child & adult physical health
- And more!

Partnership Schools:
 Anstey First, Ardley St Lawrence Primary,
 Edwinstree Middle, Freeman College,
 Hornwood First & Nursery,
 Jennys First School and Nursery,
 Layton First, Millfield First & Nursery,
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