



School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
07/12/22	Year 6 SATs Workshop Students Christmas Lunch (lunch menu will be bookable via SchoolGrid, for a cost of £2.80)
09/12/22	Christmas Jumper day Non-uniform day
12/12/22	Year 7 & 8 Nasal Flu vaccinations
13/12/22	Year 5 Christingle afternoon – Parents welcome (more details to follow)
14/12/22	Year 8 –Geography Trip to London to visit Grenfell Tower
15/12/22	ESA Christmas Disco
16/12/22	End of Term Service at Aspenden Church (Parent volunteers needed). End of term 13.20PM
05/01/23	Spring Term begins
30/01-02/02/23	Mock SATs Week



To Report a student absent please email:
attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

How safe is your child online?

Please may we remind you to check your child's social media platforms, monitor what they are posting and who they are communicating with. Here is some parental guidance from the NSPCC. We recommend you do this one per week. [Social media | NSPCC](#)

When will you see the school photos?

Your child's school photo should now have made it home. To ensure delivery for Christmas, please return your orders and full payment to the School Office **Monday 5th December**. (Please include correct payment only as change will not be given).

When is the school Christmas lunch?

We are holding our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December, students will have an extended lunchbreak that day to give them time to eat their lunch, enjoy each other's company and the Christmas music. Lunch is bookable via SchoolGrid, for a cost of £2.80.

What happens on the last day of term?

School finishes at 1.20pm. In the morning, students will be taken in year groups to Aspenden church for a Christmas ceremony. The ESA will be providing hot chocolate for students at St Peters church on their return walk to school. If you are available to support the walk or the refreshments stand, we would very much appreciate your help. Please email admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to let us know.

Calling all bakers to support the end of term.

On the return walk from Aspenden Church we are hoping to provide our students with a biscuit or cake to go with their hot chocolate. Would you be willing to bake and/or buy? If you are able to support we would need your baked goods by Thursday 15th December pm. Thank you for any help you can offer.

Can you help the foodbank?

We would like to offer our families the opportunity to support the food bank this Christmas. We are liaising with Buntingford food bank to get a list of goods that they need to support our families in crisis. We will be writing and asking students to collect as tutor groups from the list, they will nominate students to deliver these goods to the food bank at the end of term. Thank you for any help you can offer.

King's Coronation and SATs 2023

An additional bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023.

Please be mindful that if you are planning a family break, KS2 SATs will begin on Tuesday 9th May with tests every day for the remainder of the week.

KS2 SATs provide students with invaluable exam experience and supply upper schools with reliable data, to inform target and ability setting.

Science

We have really enjoyed displaying the home learning on Planets in the science lab. We will be sending models home next week, so if your child has a large project to collect please can they bring an appropriate bag in to transport it home. Any models left at the end of next week will be removed

Missing Extra-Curricular Kit

The PE dept. are missing several pieces of extra-curricular team clothing including rugby, football and a general wear Nike shirt. Could you please have a look at home and return anything you may find. This message may also apply to those pupils with siblings who have left our school.

Christmas Disco

The ESA have organised a Christmas disco, this will be held in school on Thursday 15th December.

- Years 5 & 6 from 4.30-6.00pm
- Years 7 & 8 from 6.15-7.45pm

Tickets are £3 inclusive of drink and snack.

Please book your tickets via SchoolGateway, and complete the following consent form

<https://forms.office.com/e/5qcwGRwpHu>

Year 5 News:

Our Y5 Christingle service will take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday 13th December, led by Reverend Kirsty Wainwright and Mr Rowlands. Next week we will send a sign-up form for parent who would like to come and take part in this service with their child (one adult per child).

Year 6 News:

Are you able to support us with year 6 SATs?

We are looking for parent helpers to support us during our Mock SATs week, 30th January - 2nd February 2023.

We are also looking for parents to support us during the official SATs week, however, we are waiting for the date to be confirmed by the Department for Education. The dates will be confirmed later this month. Duties would involve, supporting children by reading questions to them or prompting them and supporting the class teacher with any administrative needs.

What will I find out at the Year 6 SATs Workshops?

On Wednesday 7th December we are intending to hold SATs workshops for year 6 students and parents/carers. The aim of the workshops is to support you and your child with their English and maths SATs. At the workshop, you will find out some of the expectations of the students and have the chance to look through recently marked practice SATs papers (English and maths) with your child, with the support of their English and maths teacher.

The timings of the workshops are:

- 6C and 6D - Mr Funnell, Miss Bull and Mrs Mayne
(8:55-9:55 - P1)
- 6A and 6B - Mr Nash and Miss Bull
(9:55-10:55 - P2)

Please would you fill in the short survey to give us an idea of parent attendance. If you are a friend of a parent who is unable to make it, we are happy for you to support their child as well.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Gdt6m0g5uE>

Year 7 & 8 News

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

This has now been confirmed for Monday 12th December 2022.

Please see attached a letter containing the consent link. The Nursing Team ask for you to complete the form, even if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccine. If you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Team direct on the number detailed in the letter.

The E-consent form must be completed before Friday 9th December at 15:45 pm.

Year 7 News:

Due to Ms Saunders long term ill health, Mrs Barrett our 2nd in Science is now teaching the year 7 classes Science.

Year 8 News:

Students will be briefed on the London trip next week, as part of their trip they will be asked to take photos of the different zones within a city and the buildings that you find there. These photos will also be used for an art project on buildings. For this trip we will be asking students to bring their mobile phones. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to come with us so that we can reduce the cost of supply teachers in the school. We are looking for a few more volunteers if you can help us. Mrs Gant will be visiting the sites that we are taking students to this Friday to check procedures and risk assessments.

Best Wishes

Mrs J Gant - Headteacher

Attachments:

*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.*