

**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of  
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**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &  
CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 03/05/2024.**

Edwinstree Term dates:

<https://www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/school/term-dates.aspx>

Diary Dates:

<b>School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm</b>	
<a href="#">06/05/24</a>	<a href="#">Bank Holiday.</a>
13-16/05/24	Year 6 SATs Week.
17/05/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6B non uniform for winning merit challenge last term.</li> <li>• ESA Summer Outdoor Disco 6-8pm All Years - £5</li> </ul>
20/05/24	Year 7 Foundation Evening in person.
21/05/24	Year 8 Shakespeare's Globe trip. £36.43 per student.
23/05/24	Cambridge University Careers talk – Day in the life of a university Student Year 7 & 8 (details to follow).
<a href="#">27-31/05/24</a>	<a href="#">Half Term.</a>
12/06/24	Year 7 Shakespeare's Globe trip. £38.43 per student.
17/06/24	Year 8 Foundation Evening in person.
<a href="#">28/06/24</a>	<a href="#">INSET Day.</a>
08/07/24	Year 6 Whipsnade Zoo trip (details to follow)
<a href="#">11/07/24</a>	<a href="#">County Transition Day.</a>
16/07/24	Visit from Bishop of St Albans.
17/07/24	Year 5 Queens Park trip £14.50 per student.
<a href="#">19/07/24</a>	<a href="#">End of Summer Term 1:20pm.</a>
<a href="#">02/09/24</a>	<a href="#">INSET DAY.</a>
<a href="#">03/09/24</a>	<a href="#">Year 5 Induction Day.</a>
<a href="#">04/09/24</a>	<a href="#">Autumn Term Begins Years 6-8.</a>
16-18/09/24	Year 7 Residential – Essex Outdoors Bradwell.
<a href="#">28/10/24 – 01/11/24</a>	<a href="#">Half Term.</a>
<a href="#">06/12/24</a>	<a href="#">Occasional Day.</a>
<a href="#">20/12/24</a>	<a href="#">End of Autumn Term 1:20pm.</a>

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**What if my child is unwell?**

If your child is unwell, please notify us at the earliest opportunity and before 8.30am, by emailing [attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) or calling the school office. This should be completed on each day of your child's absence.

If you do not contact us, then you will receive a phone call to establish the reason for absence. Please do not email your child's form tutor to report routine absence as this might delay accuracy of the school register.

**What if my child has a medical appointment?**

We do understand that it can be difficult, but wherever possible routine medical appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, evidence will be required in the form of a copy of the appointment card or text message, to support the absence. When an appointment does occur during the school day, the expectation is that students attend school before and after the appointment.

Please notify the school of an appointment by emailing [attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

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## School Uniform

Students should attend school in the correct uniform, and bring PE kit into school for the days they have PE.

Please ensure your child is wearing either leather or hard topped shoes when they have Food, Tech or Science lessons. Also, a number of pupils have got false nails and acrylic nails - these are not allowed as they pose a risk during practical lessons.

## Year 5 news:

### Mrs Kelly out of school next week

Mrs Kelly will be doing Year 4 transition visits to schools next week. Please use the admin email address for any communication for her during this time. If you need to talk to a pastoral staff member, please request a call from the Y5 form tutor. Thank you for your support.

### Faith in Queens Park – 17th July 2024

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit “Faith in Queen’s Park” in Bedford. The RE Educational visit will entail a tour of a Mosque, Gurdwara and Church.

Payment can be made via the school Gateway. Payment and consent form should be completed by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

## Year 6 news:

### Year 6 SATS Wellbeing

In the run-up to SATS, to support your child's wellbeing:

- Encourage your child to remain in a regular bedtime routine (including the weekend)
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Support sleep by turning screens off 1-2 hours before bedtime - maybe read a book or play a board game.
- Use provided revision guides to practise - little and often is best.

### SATs week

- Students to arrive at the school hall at 8:30 for a snack and short social gathering.

If you have any concerns or worries or your child is showing signs of stress or anxiety don't hesitate to let us know.

## Year 6 Trips

During the year we put a limit on year 6 trips to focus on SATs, at the start of year 7 students have the opportunity to attend a residential. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

We are aware that we are asking for a significant amount of money for the residential, but our parent questionnaire did tell us that the majority of parents were willing to pay for the residential and one trip. We would like to offer year 6 the opportunity to visit Whipsnade safari park as part of their study in Humanities, more info to follow.

## Year 7 news:

### The Globe Theatre – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 7 the opportunity to visit The Globe Theatre. Our English unit in the summer term is based on Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', and The Globe offers a fantastic interactive workshop that will enable students to explore the play's characters and themes. Please find attached a letter sent via Parentmail earlier this week.

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## Year 8 news:

### The Globe Theatre – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 8 the opportunity to visit The Globe Theatre. Our English unit in the summer term is based on Shakespeare's 'Much Ado about Nothing', and The Globe offers a fantastic interactive workshop that will enable students to explore the play's characters and themes. Please find attached a letter sent via Parentmail earlier this week.

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## Food and Nutrition (all years):

### YEAR 5:

Well done to **5C** on their wonderful designs and pizza creations - I am sure there were some very happy tummies!

**5A, 5B and 5D**, please make sure you bring in your design and your ingredients for your pizza projects. Please remember the design is the most important. As mentioned on SatchelOne and in class, if you do not bring the design in, you will not be allowed to cook - the design is more important than the practical this week.

### YEAR 6:

This week is all about evaluating the product you made. No ingredients are needed.

### YEAR 7:

**7A, 7C and 7D** please remember all your ingredients - including your secret veg for your Spaghetti Bolognese. If you are concerned about timing in the lesson, please focus on the sauce ingredients, you can always cook the pasta at home.

**7B**- well done, some excellent examples of vegetable cuts. These have now all been frozen in preparation of your Spaghetti Bolognese which you will be cooking 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### YEAR 8:

**8C and 8D** you will be cooking 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**8A and 8B** please remember your ingredients for your protein alternate curry. All ingredients required are on SatchelOne. School provides all the spices, unless you have a curry paste you would prefer to use.

**Please remember your Health and Safety requirements.** If you have any difficulty in obtaining your ingredients, please do get in touch with the office. Mrs van Wyk

## Gardening Club:

Wonderful to see so many budding gardeners. Hope you enjoyed our freshly grown, picked and cooked rhubarb. Nothing better than the fruits of your labour - even if a little sour. Next week we are looking at taking cuttings from plants, rooting and planting. If anyone has any spare seedlings to donate, please could they be brought into the school office. It would be great to have a head start on tomato, chilli, cucumber, pumpkin etc plants. Our runner and dwarf beans have been germinating and will be planted soon. *I would like to extend Gardening Club to 4:15pm. Please let me know if it is possible for your child to attend to this later time. 45 minutes is just too short!*

Mrs van Wyk

## Community Support

The Ward Freman Community Pool Group has been created by volunteers with the aim of revitalising the Ward Freman swimming pool for the benefit of the community. We are seeking grant funding from the Community Ownership Fund but need to demonstrate community support. There are various ways in which the parents of Edwinstree pupils can do this:

- Send us a letter/email/video of support - tell us what the pool means to you and why you would like to see it reopened - [wardfremanpool@gmail.com](mailto:wardfremanpool@gmail.com)
- Sign up to receive our regular e-newsletter.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#)

There is also more information about volunteering and donating on our website [www.wardfremanpool.org](http://www.wardfremanpool.org)

## In school and Local Events

The ESA are holding a Summer Outdoor Disco available to all students on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Please click on the following link to register your child.

<https://forms.office.com/e/H46dFCqbAp>

Don't forget the Hornead Barn Dance taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Hornead Village Hall, flyer attached.

## EasyFundraising

Please help us raise vital funds for projects which will benefit our whole school community. We really appreciate any value of benefit from this fund however small.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edwinstree>

**Raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.**

Over **4,000** shops and sites will donate!



*Mrs J Gant – Headteacher*

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