



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 03//07/2026.

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework week: B

Diary Dates:

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	11am Leavers Service @ Aspenden Green End of Term 1:20pm.
01/09/26	INSET DAY
02/09/26	Year 5 Induction Day
03/09/26	Term begins for Years 6-8
24/09/26	Year 5 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
01/10/26	Edwinstree Open Evening 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
26/10-30/10/26	Half Term
03/12/26	INSET DAY
04/12/26	Occasional Day
18/12/26	End of Term 1.20pm.

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Edwinstree Summer Fair - Saturday 4th July

We look forward to hosting a fantastic day filled with stalls, plants, books, baked goods, an art exhibition and more!

Mrs van Wyk



England Football Match on Sunday

While we recognise there is an exciting England Match on Sunday night 1am, we look forward to seeing your child in school on Monday as normal. If your child is late in on Monday, please register your child through reception.

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Did you read about the changes to leadership next year?

We have attached again the letter from the Head and Governors outlining a change to the leadership team for one year, starting from September 2026. On the 9th of July we are hosting transition day for our new parents and after this has finished, the school will be open to parents wanting to hear a little more about the changes and how they will operate next year.

If you would like to attend and/or have any other questions, please would you fill in the links form here, with who is attending and what questions you are keen to have answered.

[Update on Leadership at Edwinstree September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

What happens on the last day of term?

The last day of term will involve walking to Aspenden Green, where our local church and the school will host a leavers celebration.

The whole school will attend and year 8 are given their awards at the event. All parents but particularly year 8 are welcome, and the service should begin just after 11 am. We will leave school between 10 – 10.30 and return to school for 12. If you have good walking shoes and are willing to help us by volunteering to get the students there and back safely, please would you email admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

KS2 SATs Results Update

We would like to inform you that the release of Key Stage 2 (KS2) SATs results has been delayed nationally. As a result, schools will now receive pupils' results on Thursday 16th July.

Once we have received the results, we will send them home with pupils in a sealed letter on the last day of term, Friday 17th July. If your child is absent on this day, their results will be sent to your home address by post.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Curriculum Focus Newsletter

Please find attached our Summer Curriculum Focus Newsletter, giving you an update on the learning that has been going on in each of our subjects this term.

When do our Afterschool Clubs finish for the term?

Netball/ Cricket/ Athletics/ have now finished
Art club has now finished

Music Tech Club finishes Monday 6th July

Gardening Club finishes Wednesday 8th July

School Newspaper club finishes Wednesday 8th July

Maths Home Learning Club finishes Wednesday 8th July

Computing Club finishes Friday 10th July

ADMISSIONS: Secondary and Upper Transfer in September 2027 –

OPEN EVENTS

Attached is the Moving on Open Events leaflet detailing the open event dates for secondary and upper schools in the autumn term.

- **Current Year 5 pupils** in primary and junior schools
- **Current Year 7 pupils** in middle schools

Guidance from CEOP (the internet "police")

You may be aware that my personal biggest current fear around AI for children is deepfakes in all forms, including harmful behaviour, sexualised, "political" and monetary.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/globalassets/professional/guidance/ai-guidance-parents.pdf>

Year 8 Camp Out and Felixstowe.

Year 8 have requested the annual camp out at Edwinstree as their end of term event. This is due to take place on the 10th July.

Since COVID this has become the annual rite of passage for year 8 leaving the school, all students in year 8 are welcome. We ask students to group together as friends and to see who has tents. In the past, most friends have been able to find a family tent between them.

Students will be able to sign up from Monday to let us know who is providing the tent and who is going in with who on the night. We do have 6 two-man tents and sleeping bags if you need help to provide these.

We will ask you to pitch your tents on Friday afternoon any time after 4.30pm on the school field, we will be there to show you where to do this. Your child will then return to school for the sleep over from 7.30 pm. Pick up the next day is 7am from the gate at the top of the staff carpark.

During the evening there will be activities including a water slide and disco – so please make sure students have a change of clothing and a towel. We will also host a farewell ceremony at 12 midnight where the annual school awards are announced.

During the day we will be taking year 8 to Felixstowe. We ask that students are prompt to school that morning, they can come in non-uniform, they will be outside for around 4 ½ hours so please ensure if it is hot weather, they come prepared.

Students will have access to an area of approximately 1½ miles in order to explore the seaside promenade, fishing, crabbing and take part in all the normal activities along a British beach front. If students want to paddle or crab, there are places to do this with teachers manning these specific beaches.

We anticipate returning between 5 and 5.30 pm. During both the trip and camp out, we ask that the children do not have their mobile phones. They can leave them in the trays that will be available both in the morning before our Felixstowe visit and in the evening prior to camp out should they need them outside of the school time.

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Edwinstree School Association

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Come and grab a bargain at the Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July. We have branded school jumpers, PE hoodies and rugby tops £3 each, along with brand new school shorts (still with tags) only £1. Also, a selection of preloved uniform trousers. We would also really appreciate a volunteer to help look after the preloved uniform stall between 2pm & 4pm.



Longer term we need someone to take over the running of the preloved uniform as our current volunteer will be leaving at the end of the next academic year. This involves collecting donations from school, updating the online Sum up shop, making ready orders, dropping the orders at school and letting parents know the order is ready for collection. You will need space to store the stock as there is no storage at school. This is currently managed in 9 boxes.

ESA Committee 2026/27

In September the ESA committee will have 3 members (half the committee) facing their final year with children at Edwinstree. We therefore really need new volunteers to join the ESA to help organise and run things if not we will be unable to provide 2 school discos a year and support the school plays, Christmas concert and summer fair. Getting involved now means you can work alongside the current committee members gaining support and insight into what's involved before they leave with all their knowledge and wisdom! Please do email edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com if you would like to find out more.

St Peter's Church Christian Youth Club

As part of St Peters Church work to support young people you will be familiar with the offer of hot chocolate in the winter months on a Thursday and alternative refreshments on a Thursday. It is a drop in space on Thursday after school to meet and chat. All staff involved are DBS checked.

St Peters are creating a young people space in their mezzanine area as part of their refurbishment and are keen to offer children the change to shape and decide what it should look like, how it should be resources and what activities might take place there. They are asking students who are interested in sharing their ideas to attend a session from 10am to 12 noon on the 1st of August. Students will be introduced to this in COWO. Please use this link if your child is interested in attending.

St Peter's Church Christian Youth Club – Fill in form



Herts & West Essex Mental Health Support Team

Please see below details for a parent group regarding helping your child with fears and worries

Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries
- Parent Group

This guided parent-delivered programme teaches parents cognitive behavioural strategies to help their child overcome anxiety through the accompanying book

5 two-hour online sessions over 6 weeks

WHO IS IT AIMED AT?
The programme is intended for parents of children aged 5 to 12

EVIDENCE BASE
Those who receive the programme are **twice as likely** to recover from their main anxiety problem and **three times more likely** to be free of all anxiety diagnoses than those who receive no treatment (Thirlwall et al., 2013)

How to Join
<https://forms.office.com/e/eUUhqe9v32>

QR code linking to the registration form

MHST
Hertfordshire & West Essex Mental Health Support Team

NHS

Hertfordshire Partnership
University NHS Foundation Trust



DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning
Buntingford First School SG9 9HZ
15th July 2026, 10am - 11.30am

Image of a hand holding a coffee cup with a DSPL3 logo

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice & emotional support
- Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
- Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss

Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

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