



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School

**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**
Week Ending: 05/01/2024

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework Week: A

Diary Dates:

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
15/01/24	5A & 5C Academic review via SchoolCloud
22/01/24	5B & 5D Academic review via SchoolCloud
5-8/02/24	Year 6 Mock SATs
19-23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	6A & 6C Academic review via SchoolCloud
29/02/24	6B & 6D Academic review via SchoolCloud
18/03/24	Year 5 Foundation Evening in person
28/03/24	End of Spring Term 1:20pm
15/04/24	Start of Summer term 08:40am
22/04/24	Year 6 Foundation Evening in person
06/05/24	Bank Holiday
13-16/05/24	Year 6 SATs Week
20/05/24	Year 7 Foundation Evening in person
27-31/05/24	Half Term
17/06/24	Year 8 Foundation Evening in person
28/06/24	INSET Day
11/07/24	County Transition Day
19/07/24	End of Summer Term 1:20pm

Despite being the only school to return in Buntingford this week, we would like to thank you for getting your child into school on time. It was a genuine pleasure to welcome happy children, excited to see their friends and ready to learn.

Homework cycle

Monday 8th January will be **Week A** for homework. An updated version of the timetable is attached to this newsletter.

Year 5 Academic Consultations

Monday 15 th January - 4.00pm to 7.00pm	5A and 5C
Monday 22 nd January - 4.00pm to 7.00pm	5B and 5D

You will soon receive a link to book an appointment with your child's English and Maths teachers. These appointments are online and will be booked through software called SchoolCloud.

We have been hosting these academic consultations online for the past few years as surveys of both parent/carers and teachers have shown that these are preferable to booked appointments in school. Science and Foundation subjects have a separate 'in person' evening on Monday 18th March.

Afterschool Enrichment Clubs

Links to sign students up to clubs will be sent out on Monday evening via Parentmail. At the end of every term we 'reset' attendance to give other students the opportunity to attend clubs that have limited numbers. Clubs will run from Monday 15th January. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, music clubs will not be running this half term.

All Years PE – Spring Term

Girls will be playing football. Please ensure your child has football boots and shin pads. In the event of poor weather, we will be inside, so we will also need trainers to be brought in. If you are struggling to provide these, please contact s.maler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. We know how much the cost of living crisis and Christmas can put a strain on finances so please ask.

KS2 Parents

We are starting a Home Learning club on Monday's after school (finishing at 4pm) to support those who are struggling to complete home learning at home. Thank you to those who have already signed their children up - you should have received an email confirming their place. If you would like your child to attend and haven't signed up yet, please complete the form below and I will be in touch.

Miss Bull

<https://forms.office.com/e/sRfhA1CDdg>

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Edwinstree School Production – Years 6 to 8

This year's school production will be Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies which is based on the legend of Robin Hood. It was written by Craig Hawes who wrote Pirates of the Curry Bean which was really enjoyed by the students.

Students who have expressed their interest should have received the audition materials on SMHW already. Please would you give parental consent for them to attend the auditions by completing the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BTrlzduqZ0-r9r2eTDmg8JkTlhgl36lNu6omsa6qfB5UMk5RVERVWUY5RUk4NUtJUzI5WDdSNDBDSS4u>

Thank you, Mrs Brock and Mrs Booth.



Home Start Volunteers

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, Family Support Volunteers Needed. Please see flyer attached.



Family Lives are delivering the online groups, funded by Herts County Council, for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire. Please see flyers attached with information.

- Parenting SEN Children when Separated
- Within My Reach

All programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

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