Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS Week Ending: 04/04/2025.

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

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22/04/25	Start of Summer Term	
23/04/25	Year 5 RE Educational Visit to Faith in	
	Queen's Park Bedford - £14 per	
	student	
25/04/25	Year 8 Science Visit to Thorpe Park -	
	£45.50 per student	
05/05/25	Bank Holiday	
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening	
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs	
16/05/25	ESA School Disco (more details to	
	follow)	
26-30/05/25	Half Term	
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening	
27/06/25	INSET Day	
10/07/25	County Transition Day	
	Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm	
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.	

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Urgent - SATs Support Required

Unfortunately, several people are now not able to provide the support we were expecting from them for our SATs exams in May. We are therefore sending out a plea for any support anyone can give on Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May 2025 between 08:40am and 11:00am. Any help will be gratefully received. It will involve, either supporting a class teacher with handing out stationery and reading the occasional question or reading 1:1 with a child. We have more students requiring support this year than we have ever had before, and we really need your help!

If you or anyone you know, a friend or family member, could help please ask them to get in touch at admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk or complete this form https://forms.office.com/e/h6zemsxbeJ.

Many Thanks for your support.

Current Year 6 Residential for September 2025

Please note that the deadline to secure your child's place has passed, if your child wishes to attend and you have not yet signed up, please contact the school office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

When will I receive my child's Easter term report?

We had hoped to send you electronically, the Term 2 data report for your child. However, we are sorry to inform you that we are currently working with our new MIS system to resolve an issue which is blocking us from sending you the reports. We hope to have this resolved in the first week of term and will keep you updated.

School Uniform

Please may we ask that you check your child's uniform and equipment to make sure they are named and ready for a new term?

Thank you to all our parents who work hard to ensure that their child is ready for school with uniform and equipment. May we ask that where your child is missing or has lost an item, that this is replaced over the holidays. Our uniform list can be found here UNIFORM sept 2024.pdf and equipment list is below:

To support your child to learn, please may we ask that you provide them with the following:

- Pencil case
- Blue or black pens
- Green pen
- HB pencils
- Ruler (30cm measured in cm and mm)
- Rubbe
- Sharpener
- Whiteboard pen/rubber
- Glue stick.
- A small pack of colouring pencils (basic colours)
- Year 7&8: scientific calculator <u>Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator, Black: Amazon.co.uk:</u>

 <u>Stationery & Office Supplies</u>
- You may wish to provide highlighter pens.

Any parent that is struggling to manage this please contact s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Marler is there to help.

We have seen with the warmer weather a small outbreak in really very short skirts and although most are wearing shorts underneath their skirts, may we ask that you check that your child has an appropriate length which means they are comfortable, able to move freely without having to constantly pull their skirt down. Thank you.

If we are lucky enough to have warm weather in the Summer (over 25°C) we do offer student's the opportunity to attend in PE kit and will notify you via parent mail.

Extra-curricular kit

We are currently waiting on a substantial amount of sports kit to be returned to us, in particular striped football shirts and goalkeeper shirts. If you have any, or your child has left it in their bag, could this please be returned after the Easter break.

Merit Totals

Congratulations to 7B who have won this term's merit competition. We will let you know when their non-uniform day will be. Here are the final totals.

1st 7B - 761 merits
2 nd 6A - 741 merits
3 rd 5B - 709 merits
4 th 5A - 615 merits
5 th 6D - 593 merits

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being nominated as March's Students of the Month. Well done!

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Luca	Zach	Esme	Kassia
Thomas	Wren	Chloe	Harriet
Oliver	Evie	Savannah	Sofia
Maci	Thomas	Jake	Corey

PF Timetable

Please find attached our Summer PE Timetable.

London Mini Marathon 26th April

We have secured an opportunity for 15 pupils to take park in the London Mini Marathon on Saturday 26th April. This event is a 2.6km run around the finishing route to the London Marathon (Green Park, Buckingham Palace and The Mall). We will be holding a ballot for pupils to take part. We are asking that parents transport their children and remain responsible for them throughout the event. If you are able to commit to this, and can attend a meeting after school on Tuesday 22nd April, please complete the form on the link below

https://forms.office.com/e/ReWMunGTRY

School Dinners

Please log on to <u>www.schoolgrid.co.uk</u> to book your child's dinners in preparation for the Summer Term.

When will the enrichment list come out?

Our clubs will start up the 2nd week back, our sign-up lists will be out the first week back. The only exceptions to this are our externally run clubs that will have contacted you separately to inform you of sign up and start dates.

Great Athlete sponsors

Thank you for your generous contributions for the Great Athlete sponsored fitness circuit on 14th March. In total we raised a huge £4,137.

Self-harm and recovery talk

Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Our guest speaker will be a clinician who works at *HPFT CAMHS

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 6th May, 7pm to 9pm

* Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

For more information or to book your place Call: 01992 58 69 69

Call: 01992 58 69 69
Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk
Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events



NHS Mental health support team

The NHS Mental health support team will be delivering a workshop to help students recognise, understand, and manage anxiety related to SATs.

- Equipping them with practical tools to stay focused and perform their best.
- Explaining what anxiety is and why it happens.
- Discussing common signs of test anxiety (e.g., racing thoughts, sweaty palms, difficulty concentrating).
- Myth-busting: "Anxiety means I'll fail" vs. "Anxiety is normal, and I can manage it."

Sessions will be delivered on:

Monday 28th April

- 8:50am-6A
- 9:50am-6B

Tuesday 29th April

- 8:50am-6C
- 9:50am-6D

Each session will be 30mins-45mins long

If you are worried about your child's mental health over the holidays who can support you?

Home - Kooth

Mental health services - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to

<u>listen</u>

Just Talk (justtalkherts.org)

Contact Details

We look forward to working with you, please remember no worry or concern is too small to share with us via one of these contacts:

Head of Year 5: hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk Head of Year 6: hoy6@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk Head of Year 7: hoy7@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk Head of Year 8: hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk School Office: admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

To report a student absent from

school: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

If you are worried about your child's mental health:

wellbeinghub@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk



Edwinstree School Association

The ESA would like to thank everyone for their support over the spring term,

attending events, buying preloved uniform and supporting us through EasyFundraising. Your support means that we have been able to provide every child with a small Easter treat.

Did your child manage to bring theirs home or was in eaten before they left the school site \odot

We are busy planning the Spring disco which will be an outdoor event on Friday 16th May. Details on how to get tickets will be coming soon. We do require volunteers to help run this event and so if you are available to help, please do get in touch via email.

Further ahead in the summer term, we are looking forward to providing the refreshments at the school production of the Wizard of Oz July on 3rd and 4th and the summer fair Saturday 5th July. If you have any ideas on how to make this year's event bigger and better than last year or would like to help with raffle prize donations or helping out on the day please do get in touch.

You can contact us through the school admin email or edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com

We wish everyone a glorious Easter break and hope you and your children will be refreshed for the summer term!

Mrs J Gant - Headteacher

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk