



## Edwinstree Term dates:

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

## Diary Dates:

05/07/2025	Edwinstree Summer Fair
10/07/25	County Transition Day  Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
11/07/25	Year 8 Felixstowe Trip Year 8 Camp Out
18/07/25	Year 8 Leavers Ceremony End of Term 1:20pm.
01/09/25	INSET Day
02/09/25	Year 5 induction day
03/09/25	Term begins for Years 6-8
24-26/09/25	Year 7 Residential
29/09/25	Flu vaccinations – all years
09/10/25	Open Evening 9th October 2025, 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm

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## Siams Report

We are pleased to attach the SIAMs report for Edwinstree Middle Schools inspection, please take time to read.

Your children will hear about the report on Monday and Tuesday in Collective worship and how lovely the inspector found our community, and the care and respect we give to each other. The inspection concluded that:

“Our areas of focus for the next 5 years are to deepen even further our work with the local church, and how our Reverend might provide a spiritual presence for our community, and for RE which is well respected and highly popular. We are asked to look at extending the time students spend on the subject just a little further, and this will be covered through Fullness days next year.

## 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.

## What changes are taking place next year?

Please see below the tutor groups for next year. Pupils move up to the next year group but stay in their respective form, i.e., 6A move to 7A etc.

	Head of Year	A	B	C	D
Year 5	Mrs Kelly	Mrs Knight	Mrs Burches	Mrs Nixon	Mrs Hill
Year 6	Mr Galanides	Miss Bull	Mr Funnell	Mrs Van Wyk	Miss Campany
Year 7	Mr Kelly	Mrs Theroulde	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Thomas	Mrs Bright
Year 8	Mr McCarthy	Miss Jackson	Mrs Booth	Miss Mursell	Mrs Brock/ Mrs Gravelle

## Staff Changes

Ms Earnshaw leaves us this year alongside our LSAs; Ms Silver and Miss Tas. We will welcome two new teachers, Mr Brown an experienced primary teacher who will be working in Maths and computing. Ms Nixon who is joining our English team and will be leading our English interventions.

Our SENCO; Ms Campany is returning to a role in teaching, standing down from the position of SENCO. For next year and likely the foreseeable future, the SENCO role will move to the responsibility of a SENCO team; Ms Harris, Mrs Carter, Mrs Surrey, Mrs Barrett Mrs Heywood, and headed by Mrs Gant.

From one year in the first instance, Mrs Barrett has been seconded from Science, to work in the SEND team. Mrs Barrett is currently in training for the SENCO qualification.

Mrs Barrett will continue to lead Year 7 Science, with Ms Gravelle leading Year 8 and Mrs Taylor Year 5 and Year 6.

## When do our Afterschool Clubs finish for the term?

Music Tech Club finishes Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Gardening Club finishes Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Choir Club finishes Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Girls Football finishes Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Computing Club finishes Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Netball/ Cricket/ Athletics/ have now finished  
Art club has now finished  
Maths Home Learning Club has now finished  
Home Learning Club has now finished

## Year 6 Social Media

We have been made aware of a number of social media groups involving Y6 students, engaging in inappropriate chat about other students. As a school, can we ask, particularly if your child has a social media presence - that you regularly look at phone to check what they are posting, accessing and receiving? If you need any help or guidance, this website is very useful.

[What is social media? | NSPCC](#)

A reminder that social media sites like Snapchat, TikTok and WhatsApp have an age restriction of 13+ years.

## 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 11th 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.

They 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 8am 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 they 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.

To support the children, we are allowing them to take their mobile phones with them, despite what the letter said. We will ask them to hand them in when entering the coach but will give them out when they go off to explore. We anticipate returning between 5 and 5.30 pm.

## Summer Fair – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July



For the last 3 years we have hosted a school fair where our clever crafters, gardeners, and bakers support the school by selling their produce or displaying their talents. Please join us on 5<sup>th</sup> July between 2pm and 4:30pm.

We look forward to another successful event and would like to invite you all to join us on the day.

The stalls are being run by school pupils who are all trying to raise funds for various projects around the school. There will also be a tabletop sale organised by the ESA, please click link for more details [Table top stall at the Summer Fair 5th July](#), and several information stalls covering local community interests.



*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.*

## Families Feeling Safe



There are three online courses starting in October which are fully funded by HCC for parents and carers who may need some additional support:

For Dads and male carers: Wednesdays 8 October – 4 December 7.00pm – 9.00pm please [click here for the poster....](#)

For Mums, Dads & Carers: Thursdays 9

October – 4 December 9.30am – 11.30am [click here for the poster....](#)

For Mums, Dads & Carers: Thursdays 9 October – 4 December 7.00pm – 9.00pm [click here for the poster....](#)

This 8-week course can help mums, dads and carers:  
Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together  
Understand what may be influencing their child's behaviour  
Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries  
Improve communication to build better relationships  
Build on their own and their child's strengths  
Learn strategies to help them and their children feel safe

**For all enquiries and to make a referral, please email [enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk) or call 07850 518216**

## Understood for Families



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