



**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School  
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 05/05/2023**

**Diary Dates**

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
08/05/23	<a href="#">Additional Bank Holiday - Coronation of King Charles III</a>
09-12/05/23	Year 6 SATs
16/05/23	KS2 LEA House Fun Swim 1.45-2.45pm
18/05/23	Year 7 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
19/05/23	KS3 LEA House Fun Swim 1.45-2.45pm
19/05/23	ESA School Disco
22/05/23	Year 5 Felixstowe trip
29/05-02/06/23	<a href="#">Half Term</a>
08/06/23* <b>New Date</b>	Year 5 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
29/06/23	Year 6 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
03/07/23	Year 6 Felixstowe trip rescheduled
13/07/23	County Transition Day
21/07/23	<a href="#">End of Summer Term 1.20pm</a>
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day
06/09/23	<a href="#">Autumn Term Begins for all Years</a>
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit

**Have we found an opportunity to fill in the missing day within this year’s school calendar?**

No, I am sorry, I have racked my brains and cannot find a way for us to make up that lost time, without impacting on the holidays that staff and families have booked. We have regained one of the two days by making sure there is no Inset day this term, but I cannot find the other. I am therefore looking to tag an additional day onto the school calendar next year. This does not support year 8, but will cover the remainder of the school. Term dates are here:

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

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**Parent Questionnaire**

The school is keen to encourage you to complete the annual survey of how you are feeling about the school and the work that it does. If you are willing to participate, please complete the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Msk88F8GHR>

**House Awards – Lea House**

Fun Swim session have been booked for Lea House, winners of the hula hoop challenge. Please complete the form (link below) to give consent for your child to attend.

**KS2 (Yr. 5&6) – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1.45-2.45pm**

<https://forms.office.com/e/01MKik5JZf>

**KS3 (Yr. 7&8) – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1.45-2.45pm**

<https://forms.office.com/e/FyHYh7LaNp>

**Year 5 trip to Felixstowe – 22 of May**

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with the trip to Felixstowe. Students will carry out fieldwork to see how well the beach is managed. They will also have time to enjoy crabbing, kite flying, sandcastles and the usual arcades and shops you would find at a British pier. If you are willing to support could you let us know by emailing [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

**Year 6 SATS Wellbeing**

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

- Get into 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 – 9-12 May**

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

If you have any concerns please let us know by email [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) to alert us.

Good luck year 6!

## Year 6 RE

Year 6 Pupils will be beginning a unit on Salvation in RE this week. Within this we look at Christian funerals and their purpose. We are aware this may be a sensitive subject matter for certain pupils. If you have any concern or questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [a.kelly@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:a.kelly@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) to discuss further.

## Year 7

Foundation evening is an opportunity for parents to come to school with their child to review their foundation books, those other than the Core (English, Maths and Science) and to meet the teacher. You can attend any time from 5-7pm. Please come to reception and follow the signs to guide you to where to find the teachers involved.

## Year 8

Last request for any parents who believe their child would benefit from an early transition, please alert us by emailing [S.Marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:S.Marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk). We will be talking to Freman soon to set up this work.

**Transition date to Freman is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Swimming Lessons

Reminder that **6C & 6D** have swimming on Wednesdays and **5B & 5C** have swimming on Thursdays starting 11<sup>th</sup> of May. This is a curriculum requirement. Your child will need a swimming costume/shorts, a swimming hat (for hair below shoulder length) and a towel for the lesson. The lessons will be run by a member of staff, a swimming teacher and a lifeguard will be present. They will be structured, based on existing swimming ability and aim to have your child swim "competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres". Payment details have been updated on SchoolGateway.

## Food and Nutrition:

**Year 5:** 5A will be baking cheese straws.

**Year6:** Due to SATS only 6B will be cooking a Layered Pasta Salad.

**Year7:** 7C will be making fibre filled bread rolls.

**Year 8:** 8B and 8D will be a creating a vibrant, crunchy Stir Fry.

Please remember the correct sized container to take your finished product home in. Please also return any borrowed containers. Remember your health and safety rules, especially your shoe requirements.

Please do let me know if there is difficulty in obtaining ingredients. Mrs van Wyk

**Gardening Club:** *THANK YOU for your generosity!* We are loving the seedling/plants and seeds that we have been given and offered. We would love to add to these, so any further gardening donations will be gratefully received. If anyone has any top soil or compost, that would be wonderful too, as our new veggie beds need to be filled. We have some lovely rhubarb ready and available at £1 per 4 stalks. Please send the money in an envelope for Mrs van Wyk's attention and she will freshly pick and pack to order. All monies will be 'ploughed' back into the garden. Mrs van Wyk

## ESA News

We want to host another *Family Fun Night* in June after the success of our family quiz, but would like to know what parents and students would like to do first. Bingo or an Escape type Challenge (be the first team to find and solve all the clues). Please complete our feedback form: <https://forms.office.com/e/BhV3bbkcdD>

## ESA Summer Term Disco

The ESA disco will take place on Friday 19th of May 6-8pm. £5 per child includes unlimited drinks and a snack.

If your child would like to participate in the End of SAT's disco and the start of Summer celebration please complete the form via this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/x73ChNJhvx>

Payment will be via School Gateway and will open next week. Parent volunteers are needed to help on the evening. Please email us if you can help in anyway.

[EdwinstreeSchoolAssociation@outlook.com](mailto:EdwinstreeSchoolAssociation@outlook.com)

We are going to be hosting a creative competition for all pupils to enter, details to be announced next week. The ESA hopes everyone enjoys the Coronation and good luck to year 6 for the SATS next week.

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## NSPCC In-Person Parent Sessions

The NSPCC will be hosting a parent session on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 4.30pm at Edwinstree School. This is intended for parents of children of any year group (first, middle and upper school) *This takes place at the start of our Year 7 Parent Evening.* This session will only run if we have sufficient numbers, please ensure you signup using this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/N5bJrp2B80>

### Topics to be covered are:

- Internet Safety
- Parental controls
- Online bullying
- Online pornography
- Social Media



### School Nursing Summer Newsletter

Please find attached the Summer

Term newsletter from the school nursing team.

### The HFL Education summer term online safety newsletters

The HFL Education summer term online safety newsletters is attached for Parents and Carers, it feature a range of guidance, news, links and updates about online safety for all phases, with particular reference to the current situation, recent developments and concerns.

Their newsletter for **parents and carers** includes reviews and details about:

- Moving up to secondary school
- The Mix
- TikTok
- WhatsApp and BeReal
- What is YouTube Go Live Together?
- Dealing with safety concerns

*Enjoy your weekend*

*Mrs J Gant – Headteacher*

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