



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework week: B

Diary Dates:

17/06/26	Year 7 Educational visit – Globe Theatre
18/06/26	DDG Day of Culture & Colour Run
25/06/26	Year 5 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
26/06/26	INSET Day
01/07/26	Sports Day
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	End of Term 1:20pm.

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DDG Day of Culture & Voluntary Colour Run

We are excited to share that our Dynamic Diversity Group (DDG) will be hosting a special Day of Culture for pupils on Thursday 18th June. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of our school community.

On this day, children are warmly encouraged to come to school dressed in clothing that reflects and celebrates a culture they identify with. This might include traditional dress, colours, or clothing that represents their heritage or interests. Alternatively, children are equally welcome to wear bright rainbow colours to celebrate diversity and inclusion.

To conclude the day, we will be holding a voluntary fun and energetic Colour Run in the afternoon. During this event, children will take part in a light-hearted run where coloured powder will be gently thrown, creating a vibrant and memorable experience. We recommend that children:
Bring a change of clothes for the Colour Run if they wish.
Wear comfortable footwear suitable for outdoor activity.

Please note that the coloured powder used is cornstarch-based, non-toxic, and washable. It is designed to be easily removable in a standard machine wash, although we still suggest avoiding favourite or delicate clothing for the run itself.
We look forward to a joyful day of celebration, learning, and fun!

When is Sports Day?

We have been informed that KS2 District Sports will take place on Wednesday 24th June. As this date coincides with our planned Sports Day, we have decided to move Sports Day to Wednesday 1st July. This was previously identified as our reserve date, the change will allow a number of our strongest athletic students to participate in both events.

Sports Day is split into two parts. In the morning, students will take part in a variety of round-robin activities, which are designed to engage all students and abilities in activities, competing in tutor groups and houses.

House relay races in the afternoon. This the event where our finest runners get a chance to compete for their houses, while the remainder of the school cheers them on.



This year, we will be inviting parents of pupils who have signed up for the relay races to attend and watch their child compete, should they wish. Details of those selected will be shared during the week beginning 15th June.

What is the Maze competition my child is talking about?

Students met Clive Anstey from the Woodland Trust via Microsoft TEAMS, who has been working with our environmental group on a programme to plant a series of new trees around and across our school's site. As part of this project, the Woodland Trust have agreed to support us to plant a maze within the grounds of Edwinstree at the back end of the field.


Students heard how they could enter a competition to design the maze, and the prize would be that they could name the final piece. Attached is the power point Clive used to explain the rules, more details and the final deadline for entries will be out next week.

Non-attendance Parent Workshop at Edwinstree



Edwinstree Middle School

EMOTIONAL BASED SCHOOL NON-ATTENDANCE PARENT WORKSHOP



We offer specialist parent/carer workshops, this workshop will focus on:

- Understanding EBSNA
- Understanding anxiety and risk factors
- Strategies to support your child
- Signposting

Date: Monday 29th June
Time: 8:50am-9:50am
Location: Edwinstree Middle School

The workshop will run for approximately 1 hour and will be delivered by Educational Mental Health Practitioners from your Mental Health Support Team

Year 5 & 6 News:

Year 5 and 6 Whipsnade Zoo visit.

As part of Collective Worship time next week, students will be able to plan their tutor groups activities for the day at Whipsnade. While all students go to the same safari park, each tutor group is able to plan which and what animals and talks they particularly wish to see.

Year 6 News:

Year 6 into Year 7 Form Changes

In the last newsletter we mentioned that as year 6 move into year 7 and a new Key Stage, we are planning to mix all form groups. We hope that you had the opportunity over half-term to sit with your child to discuss who would be good choices to choose to put on the form. Please see link for the form below:

[Year 6 into 7 Form Changes – Fill in form](#)

On the form there are four choices of students your child wishes to be with, please do fill in all four choices. As with previous years we will do our very best to guarantee they are with at least *one* of these. There is also an optional box to identify any students that would not be a good choice to be with.

Please ensure that you do your very best to include the first and last name of each person entered on the form to avoid confusion. If your child is uncertain of the full name, we recommend that they find out at school the following day before filling in the form with you.

We have spoken to all year 6 students about the form today. **The deadline for completion is Monday 15 June.** We would appreciate it if you would fill this form in together with your child by the deadline to ensure that your requests are met.

Year 7 News:

Year 7 COWO.

Next week year 7 will spend time thinking about leadership roles in the school that they can apply for and how they become our leaders and role models for the remainder of the school.

Year 8 News:

Year 8 COWO

Students will have an opportunity to explore how they can leave well. They will also consider the trip to Felixstowe and the camp over and the activities that take place.

Year 8 Transition

We formally completed a handover with Freman of all our Year 8 students last night, It was impressive and a delight to see so many Freman staff attending the meeting to hear about our students and how they can help and support them in their first year.

Is your child in need of additional support to make the transition to Freman? As well as the transition day, Freman offer additional and bespoke transition visits for those children who are worried and anxious, or who have a particular need that means they would benefit from extra visits.

If you believe your child would benefit, can we please ask you to register by sending an email to: s.petty@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to identify your child and what particular need or worry they have, and how they would benefit from the additional visits. Once we have gathered the list of names, we will liaise with Freman and they

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As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*

will offer us timetable slots for your child to attend during school time (with their peers), to view the school and meet some of the staff there, who will support them. Freman like us to drop the students off with them during these visits, and not to accompany them, so that they can begin to get used to the new team of people who will be working with them.

We will be talking to your child about their transition and the next steps and will send you further information on the process and how we hand over to Freman.

We have noticed in the last few years that since our students spend half a year of French in Freman, this has made a significant difference in reducing their worries.

What is happening with year 8 French at Freman?

Due to the illness of their French teacher at Freman, these classes had other members of Freman's teaching staff delivering their lessons this week. Freman are exploring a more permanent solution to this if it looks like the situation will continue and we will let you know once we know what this is. They will, however, continue to go to Freman as this is an important part of their transition.



Edwinstree School Association

Table Top Sale

Are you looking to sell preloved items? Do you have hobby craft items you would like to sell?

Edwinstree Summer fair takes place on 4th July, and it is the perfect place to sell. Tables are just £10 and can be purchased via the ESA Sum up shop [Table top stall at the Summer Fair 4th July](#)

Preloved Uniform Sale

Preloved uniform will be available to buy at the summer fair on 4th July. We will have the usual branded jumpers and PE t-shirts as well as good quality school trousers, shorts (as new with tags) and football boots.

Request for help

We need some volunteers to help with the summer fair 4th July. Please get in touch if you could help for a couple of hours either setting up from 12 noon, during the fair (selling refreshments) or helping to tidy up at 4.30pm. Either contact the school office or edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com

Coram Family Lives Parent Alienation Workshops for Hertfordshire Parents



Coram Family Lives will be delivering the below online parenting workshops (via MS Teams), funded by Herts County Council in the Summer term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

This workshop is designed to support separated/divorced parents and protect parent-child relationships.

The workshop will cover:

- Increasing your understanding of parental alienation
- Recognise the patterns and behaviours in ourselves and others
- Explore the emotional impact on children and parents
- Develop communication and de-escalation skills
- Maintain parent-child bond during reduced contact
- Improve confident with professionals

Parent Alienation Workshop

Tuesday 7 July
9.30 to 11.30am
Online - MS Teams

Parent Alienation Workshop

Thursday 9 July
7pm to 9pm
Online - MS Teams

To book a place please click here [Parent Alienation Workshop Referral Form](#) for our online referral form or scan the QR code on the attached flyers

You can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call us on 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701 for more information.

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