



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

10/03/25	6A Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6B Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
11/03/25	6C Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6D Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
13/03/25	Year 8 - Magistrates and the Law speaker
14/03/25	Great Athletes event
20/03/25	Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening
21/03/25	Comic Relief Day – Non-Uniform and £1 voluntary donation Strictly Come Edwinstree Dance competition. ESA Quiz Night
28/03/25	Fullness Day for charity - £1 donation for non-uniform & a Bake Sale. Student choice Cancer Research
04/04/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
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
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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Questionnaires

Halfway through the year we are taking stock and seeking parents voice, we would ask you to spare 5 minutes to answer a questionnaire or two.

Last week we sent you the standard Ofsted style questionnaire to find out about the school. The link is here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NJGCFHEgQ2>

This week we are sending a Church of England style questionnaire to ascertain if you are aware and/or feel and hear the work of the church in what or how your children speak about the school. This is not an expectation that all students believe in God, our work is inclusive, but do they know the schools vision and values and how this play out in their lives?

Again, if you have just a little time to answer we would appreciate it. The link is here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/G0jADUmGy8>

Newsletter Focus

We continue each half term to offer newsletters that are themed. This half term the following will be available for you.

14th March - Attendance update

21st March - Curriculum update

28th March - Mental health

4th April - Sporting celebrations.

The Value of Hope?

This week students have been looking into the reasons behind pancake day and Ash Wednesday, and they are now covering the value of Hope and exploring the themes of using this value in difficult and challenging times. This work is led by the Diocese Easter learning programme.

Satchel One - Attendance

Please bear with us while we continue to work on the updates to SatchelOne, we are aware of discrepancies on attendance figures whilst we migrate our systems. Thank you for your patience.

RSHE Policy

Did you find time to read and think about whether you would like to comment on our RSHE policy? Attached is the information with regard to this policy.

Forthcoming Events

14th March 2025 - Great Athletes event

We are very excited to be welcoming Great Athletes to the school on Friday 14th March 2025!

A top GB athlete will be visiting us, and leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, followed by a motivational assembly, and Q&A session. The aim of the event is to inspire every child to be more physically active, but just as importantly, encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life. The event will both connect the pupils to an extraordinary athlete role model and raise money for new sports equipment to improve physical activity in the school, as well as supporting both athletes and para-athletes, so that they can continue to inspire the next generation.

21st of March - Comic Relief Day

Students can attend in non-school uniform and there will be a voluntary contribution of £1. *Strictly Come Edwinstree* dance competition will also take place on this day.

28th of March – Cancer relief

We will be raising funds at the request of a number of year 7 students who have lost relatives to this illness. £1 donation for non-uniform and we will be asking all bakers for support in helping us with a bake off.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

Well done to all in Year 7 who completed their last practical this week - it was a wonderful array of cupcakes with a few Greek Salads sprinkled in. Class swap over for Year 7 starts on Monday 10/3.

Your child will know if they are in *Food and Nutrition* or in *D&T*. Please keep in mind all the health and safety requirements as mentioned to pupils in the lessons, as well as in the letter you will receive next week with regards to ingredient requirements until July.

Incorrect uniform will result in a no cook lesson during which theory work will be supplied. A reminder that:

- all shoes must be polishable in design and protect the foot from spills and liquid splashes - fabric trainers and astros are not suitable.
- all nails must be free from polish, false, acrylic and gel embellishments.
- hair must be tied up and in the case of a long fringe, clipped out of the way. For boys with long fringes, a 'Jack Grealish' headband is suitable.

If your child is absent for a demonstration lesson, they will be required to complete a theory lesson instead. This is due to health, safety and hygiene information passed on during demonstration lessons.

Gardening Afterschool Club

The first bits of new equipment have started to arrive! Our greenhouse and shed are due for delivery sometime next week and all our spades and forks should be arriving on Monday. We have lots of seeds to start planting out and it looks like we're in for some good weather.

Gardening Club will start up again on Wednesday 19th March. If your child is interested in getting their hands dirty and learning about gardening, please complete the application form using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/6bf3wfembN>. There are a set number of spaces available for this club and if oversubscribed we will rotate participation. The club will take place on Wednesdays and will run from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Mrs van Wyk.

Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club Afterschool

Laura, a coach and player at Royston Town football club, will be leading girls only football sessions on Thursdays after school until 4:15pm. We have 20 spaces available for KS2 girls to attend.

Please complete the form below to sign up.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7UG88h65VV>

Year 5 News

Year 5 RE Educational Visit – Wednesday 23rd April

We are delighted to, once again, be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit “Faith in Queen’s Park” in Bedford. The visit will entail a tour of a Church, Gurdwara and Mosque. Being able to see places of worship alongside different faiths working together is a wonderful learning experience for all our pupils. Many of our student visitors last year still reflect upon their visit (they particularly liked the bandanas in the Gurdwara and ceiling in the Mosque!) Please see visit letter attached.

Year 6 News

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who helped to support the Science trips this week for year 6, we loved seeing the children so excited and engaged. Here are just a few of their comments.

“Come and look at this, it so amazing”.

“It’s really incredible what you can do with machines”.

“I absolutely loved making the robots, I was so good at it”.

Year 8 News

Magistrates, the Criminal Justice System, and the Law – 13th March

Next Thursday Year 8 will have two additional Life Skills lessons on the topic of the Law. We are lucky to have a number of magistrates come in and present on this topic.

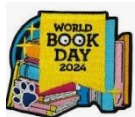
The lessons will comprise of:

- A presentation on the role of magistrates, the court set up and court process, sentencing options and the consequences of crime; and
- An interactive mock trial covering either a shoplifting or cyberbullying scenario. In the mock trial, the pupils take on the roles of all of the key players in the courtroom and groups then decide on either a guilty or not guilty verdict and (if relevant) the sentence.

We are very grateful to the magistrates for freely giving of their time.

Year 8 Thorpe Park – Friday 25th April

All Year 8 Students are invited to Thorpe Park to look at energy transfers on the roller coasters. They also thoroughly deserve some fun to reward them for all their hard work in science this year. Please see visit letter attached.



Book swap for World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who participated. We spoke to some very excited students who were showing everyone their fantastic book swaps.



Edwinstree School Association

ESA Quiz Night – 21st March

<https://edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com/product/family-quiz-night>

Doors open 6.30pm, quiz starts 7pm

Licensed bar available, Sharing platters available as pre order only.

Prizes to be won!

Each team must have at least one child and one adult, maximum 8 people in a team, or you can buy an individual ticket and join a team on the night.

Dental Care for Children

Healthwatch and the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care

Board (NHS) are working together to gather information from parents and carers about their experiences of accessing dental care for their children. The information will be used to improve oral health services for children.

[Smiles of the Future: Parents and Carers' Perspectives on Children's Oral Health](#)



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