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Homework week: A
Diary Dates:

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| 11-14/05/26 | Year 6 SATs |
| 12/05/26 | Y5 Foundation Evening 5-7pm |
| 15/05/26 | ESA Spring Disco – All Year Groups Deadline for tickets Wednesday 13th 9pm |
| 19/05/26 | Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation for Year 8. |
| 25-29/05/26 | Half Term |
| 17/06/26 | Year 7 Educational visit – Globe Theatre |
| 24/06/26 | Sports Day |
| 25/06/26 | Year 5 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo |
| 26/06/26 | INSET 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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We wish the year 6 well in their SATs next week, just like you we are reassuring them that it is the taking part and having a go if they can, that is important. We are all looking forward to Friday afternoon when they are finished and we are having fun at the disco.

What has been happening in COWO this week?

We have continued the value of friendship by looking at tutor group responses to the bible characters of Jonathan who gives up his kingship for David, and Ruth and Naomi's steadfast friendship. We have learnt that friends help you to be the best that you can be.

What learning is taking place in Life Skills? Artificial Intelligence (AI) Sessions on Deep Fakes

Over the coming weeks we are looking to deliver some one-off lessons about Artificial Intelligence, focusing on the use of Deep Fakes. Many of us will have seen social media posts that look very realistic but have actually been produced by AI. You may also have seen in the news about the danger of some AI tools (such as Grok) that have been used to produce inappropriate images based upon an individual's image.

These lessons have been produced by the PSHE association for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 and will be age appropriate.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

I think we may have had a few Italian Nonna's feeling jealous this week with the fabulous Spaghetti Bolognese that was cooked in the Food Room kitchen. Year 7 is well on their way to being able to prepare healthy, hearty meals for their families! Well done!

Year 5: Our Pizza Project is under way. Taste testing started this week, and we looked at different types of pizza - how they differed in taste, texture, aroma and appearance. Next week pupils will start the pizza design element.

Year 6: 6A and 6D only: Please remember your ingredients for your Layered Pasta Salad. Remember a container large enough to take it home in too please.

6B and 6C only: your demo will take place in 2 weeks' time.

Year 7: 7B only: Ingredients are needed for your lesson on Monday 11th May. Please bring in a suitably sized container that is watertight.

Year 8: We have moved further East and are looking at the art of quick, efficient cooking in the form of a Stir-Fry.

8A, 8B and 8D please remember your ingredients and container to take it home in. Your choice of protein, veg and sauce! I look forward to seeing what you produce.

8C, you will have a demo next Friday.

A reminder to parents and pupils: Please ensure you are bringing in a suitably sized container for the product you are making. This week I have given out 12 containers due to incorrectly sized ones being brought in. It is a courtesy that these are lent out, the expectation is that they are returned. As of Friday, I have only had 5 containers returned. Please ensure that they are washed and returned early next week.

A Health and Safety requirement: there are a number of pupils who have long fringes that are not being suitably clipped/held back in lessons. Loose hair poses both a fire and physical contaminant safety risk. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform whether they are cooking or not for the Food Room.

Mrs van Wyk

Year 5 News

Year 5 in-Person Foundation Parents Evening – 12th May

As you will have seen from the Newsletter dates, we have a Year 5 Foundation Evening on 12th May from 5pm until 7pm, this is held in school and is a chance for your child to bring you into school, take you to their classrooms and show you the work they have been completing in their subjects.

Foundation subject teachers will be in their classrooms for any questions you may have. You are not required to book a time slot. The Foundation subjects are all those that are not Core, i.e. History, French and Italian, Art, PE etc. It is genuinely a lovely evening and should take no more than 30 – 45 minutes of your time. We look forward to sharing their success with you.

Year 6 News

SATs

This year's KS2 assessments take place over four days from 11 to 14 May 2026. The timetable is:

- Monday 11 May – English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Tuesday 12 May – English reading
- Wednesday 13 May – Mathematics (arithmetic and reasoning)
- Thursday 14 May – Mathematics (reasoning)

We wish your child every success next week, below is a set of advice previous SATs parents and teachers have given us to support your child:

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

- Encourage your child to remain in 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.

If you have any concerns or worries, or your child is showing signs of stress or anxiety do not hesitate to let us know via email:

wellbeinghub@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Year 6 - Shine Parent/Carer Survey

Hertfordshire is partnering with researchers at UCL, Durham and Newcastle Universities to invite parents from school to take part in the SHINE Parent & Carer Survey. [Click here to access the survey](#)
This 20–30-minute survey is designed for parents and carers of Year 6 children. It focuses on their perspectives on children's health and wellbeing and explores their experiences with the National Child Measurement Programme.

Why Participate? The research is commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care to address concerns around child measurement in schools. By participating, the school has a chance to shape national policy regarding how children's health is monitored across the country.

Parents and carers can also enter a prize draw for one of four £50 shopping vouchers, awarded in your local authority area. For more details, visit the website. If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk. Thank you for supporting this important research. SHINE – Studying Happiness, self-Image, Nutrition and Eating in children
shine@ucl.ac.uk

Year 8 News

Year 8 - HPV Vaccine

The immunisation team will be visiting our year 8 students on 19th May. The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV). It is recommended for children aged 12 to 13 years old. Please keep an eye out for correspondence via email/text which contains a link to the consent form. **You will need to respond even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine - there is an option to decline.** Correspondence from the vaccination team will be sent to parents via the following: **Vaccinations in Schools** vaccinations.in.schools@notifications.service.gov.uk (email) NHSUK (text message). If you have any queries, please contact the vaccination team directly on 0300 5555 055.

Year 8 Science

Year 8 have been enjoying the opportunity to focus on developing their lab skills with a 2 revamped chemistry topics this term with some exciting new practical's. Acids and Alkalis and Chemical reactions. Including neutralisation reactions, reacting metals and acids, testing gases and applying these new skills to solving mysteries using practical techniques.

I have been incredibly impressed by commitment to learning and the progress made by the year 8 this term. They are continuing to embed these investigation skills fully to ensure they are Freman ready. Well done year 8

Dynamic Diversity Group

Members from our group will be going to one of the local first schools to introduce ourselves and to present to them. As soon as we have finalisation of content, we will update the newsletter.

Another plea for large plastic barrels – we have managed to obtain 8 so far for us to create our Barrels of Wonder Wall. We are in need of another 8 pretzel barrels - the Amazon/Costco ones - like the one pictured. If you have any of these empty, please could you send them in with your child. We need them by the beginning of June.

We have got an exciting Fullness Day planned for the whole school. More information will follow early June.
Mrs van Wyk & Miss Jackson



Gardening Club:

The weather has been kind to us so far, but unfortunately the slugs have not. Our crop of tomato seedlings has been decimated. We normally grow enough tomatoes for the whole of Year 7 to use in their Spaghetti Bolognese but unfortunately, we have not got any viable plants so far this year. If you have any spare seedlings, we would be really grateful for them.

Our courgettes have started to grow nicely in our pumpkin bed. We have both a green and yellow variety planted. Our peas are showing promise and hopefully it won't take long for the two obelisks to be covered in pea flowers and ultimately pods. We planted our chitted potatoes on Wednesday and had lots of 'fun' pulling weeds.

A big thank you for the wonderful weeding tool that was leant to us by the Harpers. It certainly made light work of the big weeds. We are going to plant up a couple of wildflower planters once we have purchased some potting soil – this will put a bit of colour around the playground areas. Mrs van Wyk



Edwinstree School Association.

School Disco Friday 15th May 6-8pm – All Years

Tickets are now on sale for our May disco through our Sum Up shop, £5 includes snack and unlimited

drinks: [May School Disco - Link to book Tickets - Please read instructions carefully](#) **Deadline for tickets Wednesday 13th 9pm**

This is an outdoor disco but in the event of bad weather it will be moved indoors, thus tickets are limited to 350, and are available first come first served until **Wednesday 13th May unless sold out**. When buying tickets, you **must include your child's name**, any **food intolerances** and whether they can **walk home**, or will be **collected by an adult** in the *message for merchant box*.

The ESA can only host a school disco if we have enough adults to help provide snacks, drinks and marshal the event area. Please contact the school office or email edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com if you can help on 15th May. It's a great event to help out at and large enough that you won't embarrass your child with your presence!

Pre-loved Uniform

Donations of preloved uniform are always welcome. (Branded jumpers, t-shirts, and hoodies only). They can be handed into the school office at any time. Our online shop will be updated upon receipt of donations, and you can order items ready for collection at the school office. [Edwinstree School Association Online Shop \(sumupstore.com\)](http://www.edwinstreeschoolassociation.com/sumupstore.com)

Name Labels

If you are buying new uniform or equipment, please remember to label everything! We get 30% commission on labels at Stikins if you quote our fundraising number 6671 at <http://www.stikins.co.uk>

HERT – Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transport

The event is aimed at residents, families, young people and those who live, study or work in Hertfordshire, and offers an opportunity to:

- Learn more about the HERT proposals.
- Understand how it could improve travel choices and air quality.
- Ask questions and share feedback on future transport plans.



Please see attached brochure providing more detail about the HERT project and the upcoming event.

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