



Edwinstree Term dates:

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Homework Timetable: Week commencing 11/11/204 - B

Diary Dates:

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| 15/11/24 | Children in Need non-uniform day. Voluntary contribution £1. |
| 18/11/24 | 6A/6C Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student) |
| 19/11/24 | 6B/6D Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student) |
| 21/11/24 | 5C/5D Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student) 8A and 8C – Online Academic Review |
| 22/11/24 | 5A/5B Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student) |
| 25/11/24 | 7B Non Uniform Day for merit competition |
| 28/11/24 | 8B and 8D – Online Academic Reviews |
| 05/12/24 | Fullness Day – Mental Health/Wellbeing more details to follow |
| 06/12/24 | Occasional Day. |
| 11/12/24 | Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch £3.35 |
| 20/12/24 | End of Term 1:20pm. |
| 06/01/25 | INSET Day |
| 13/01/25 | Year 8 HPV Vaccination |
| 14/01/25 | 7A & 7C - Online Academic Review |
| 16/01/25 | 5A & 5D - Online Academic Review |
| 21/01/25 | 7B, 7D, 5B - Online Academic Review |
| 23/01/25 | 5C - Online Academic Review / Year 8 In Person Foundation Evening |
| 03-06/02/25 | Year 6 Mock SATs |
| 14/02/25 | Last day of Term |
| 17-21/02/25 | Half Term |
| 25/02/25 | 6A & 6D - Online Academic Review |
| 04/03/25 | 6B & 6C - Online Academic Review |
| 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) |
| 20/03/25 | Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening |
| 04/04/25 | End of Term 1:20pm. |
| 22/04/25 | Start of Term |
| 05/05/25 | Bank Holiday |
| 08/05/25 | Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening |
| 12-15/05/25 | Year 6 SATs |
| 26-30/05/25 | Half Term |
| 05/06/25 | Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening |
| 27/06/25 | INSET Day |
| 10/07/25 | Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm |
| 18/07/25 | End of Term 1:20pm. |

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New Style Newsletter

We will be trialling a new style of newsletter in the next few weeks. It will be a newsletter that has a particular focus and at the end of the term, we will ask for your advice on whether this was helpful. Our focus for the term is:

- General introduction
- Mental Health Awareness and invite to our Foundation Evening.
- Attendance
- Behaviour – Home School Agreement
- Curriculum
- Preparation for Christmas and COWO

The additional year group, trip and COWO news will continue but we have listened again to your advice about how to improve our communication further.

What is happening in COWO this term?

Last half term the students explored the value of Koinonia, the ability to come together spiritually and the power of this work. This half term we feel spiritual in COWO's as the dark nights come in early and we light the candles, ready to reflect.

We are about explore the value of **Trust** prior to the Lead up to Christmas. This week we thought about Halloween and it's true Christian meaning, that of 'Hallows Eve' the celebration of Saintly people, and then my favourite part of the season 'All Souls Day' on the 2nd of November, where we had an opportunity to talk and enjoy memories of loved ones that have passed. Students are reminded that in talking about them, we keep them with us and alive in our minds.

What events and payments are coming up this half term for you to be aware of?



Children in Need – Friday 15th November is a voluntary contribution of £1 and a non-uniform day.

Post this event, we will ask students to support the Edwinstree School Association, by bringing in teddies/soft toys in good condition or bottle donations, plastic not glass - squash, fizzy drinks, shampoo, sauce etc for us to sell at the Buntingford Christmas market on the 29th of November.



Christmas jumper day, and school Christmas lunch is taking place on Wednesday 11th December.

The Christmas lunch is available to book on SchoolGrid at a cost of £3.35. Please see below a message from the ESA regarding the Christmas Jumper Swap Shop.

We will be asking tutor groups from late November to complete their annual Christmas Food bank hamper for residents in our local area.

We are just finishing the list of trips for next year and will get a planned spend out to you, we are aware that year 8 students have not had a trip this term so will have one early in the new year.

Year 5 Duxford Educational Visit

What a pleasure it was to take our Year 5 children to Duxford for their science visit. They behaved beautifully and demonstrated our Edwinstree Values brilliantly. They came away talking enthusiastically about their experience and we heard the following lovely comments during the day:

"It was one of the best days of my life."

"I think I want to be a pilot now when I'm older."

"It's always been a dream of mine to go on a Concorde, I feel like I've achieved one of my dreams today."

Year 6 SATs Support

Mock SATs 3/02/2025 - 6/02/2025

Official SATs 12/05/2025 -15/05/2025

Are you able to support us with the mock and/or official SATs? Duties include supporting teachers in the classroom and working with students as a reader, scribe, or prompt. We will provide a short amount of training for this on the day. Many students require this support, and we are always incredibly grateful to anyone who volunteers as this ensures that all students receive the support that they need.

If you able to help on any of the days please email the school office, admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk stating your name, contact email and the days that you are able to support.

Afterschool Clubs

Please note that KS3 Rugby afterschool club is cancelled on Monday 11th November.

Year 6 Science

Our current topic in science is all about the circulatory system.

As part of this, the children have been learning about the function of the heart. We are looking at lots of diagrams, some film clips and have practised explaining the purpose and processes that happen within our circulatory system. To enrich the learning further we are able to complete a practical where the children dissect a pig's heart. This is often a highlight of the Year 6 Science curriculum. Looking at diagrams and pictures is great but the opportunity to hold a heart and see the way the 4 chambers are linked so they can receive and send blood, deepens the children's understanding. The teachers will demonstrate the dissection first, to ensure that the pupils know what they are looking at. Prior to the practical we also discuss the respect needed around dissection and how the opportunity to complete this is a privilege.

Should you have any questions please do contact the Science team.

7B non-uniform day

As winners of the half term merit competition, 7B have chosen their non-uniform day reward to be on Monday 25th November.

Year 8 - 'We will Rock You' at Freman

Year 8 have been offered the opportunity to go up to Freman College to watch the dress rehearsal of this musical on Monday 25th November. They will be walked up to Freman at back just before lunchtime.

Year 8 Parent Evenings

Please note core subject parent evenings will be taking place online at the end of November. Booking information will be sent out by the end of next week.

8A and 8C – Online Academic Review – 21st November.

8B and 8D – Online Academic Reviews – 28th November.

School Books – All Years

Please may we ask that you ensure your child's books have been returned to school. We hope students enjoyed sharing their work with you.

PE Timetable – All Years

Please find attached our current PE timetable for all years.

Equipment required:

Football: football boots and shin pads.

Rugby: football boots and gum shield.

Hockey: shin pads and gum shield.



Remembrance Sunday

Buntingford's War Memorial is located on Market Hill outside the Alms-houses. It is constructed of Portland Stone and is looked after by the Town Council. It lists not only those who died in the two World Wars but also those that gave their lives in

later action. A Town Parade is held at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday with a full service. Students will observe a 1-minute silence just before break on Monday.

Will we be represented at Remembrance Day?

A huge thank you to our Year 7 student who will be laying a wreath for us at the service in Buntingford, there will be a note from the school with thanks and a picture of his Grandad and squadron to remember the bravery of all in war.

Parent Governor Elections

We are pleased to announce that we have 2 applicants for the Parent Governor vacancy.

The two parents who have volunteered for the Governor role are **Ben Harper and Nick Parker**. Both are strong candidates. We are therefore asking you to read their profiles and vote for the candidate you would wish to see represent parents on the Governing body.

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Edwinstree School Association

Many thanks to all the teachers, school staff and parents for supporting the disco. The children all seemed to enjoy themselves and £788.97 was raised.

We are now looking ahead to Christmas; we will be hosting a Christmas jumper swap shop in the last week of November. So please start checking the wardrobes for any Christmas jumper or top that you no longer wear.

Children can donate items at the school gate (dates to be confirmed) in return for a ticket.

Your child will receive a ticket for each item they donate which can then be exchanged for a 'new to you' item from our pop-up Christmas jumper shop.

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