



**Diary Dates**

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
24/06/23	*Save The Date 2.00-4.30pm @ Edwinstree An afternoon “Tree’ t”
26/06/23	Year 7 Felixstowe Trip
29/06/23	Year 6 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
03/07/23	Year 6 Felixstowe Trip
04/07/23	Sports Day
11/07/23	Reserve Sports Day
13/07/23	County Transition Day
21/07/23	<b>End of Summer Term 1.20pm</b>
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day
06/09/23	<b>Autumn Term Begins for all Years</b>
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit

**It is going to be hot next week** – On Monday we are offering your child the opportunity to attend school in PE kit. Unperfumed sun cream, sun hats and sunglasses are welcome. If your child would prefer to stay in summer standard school uniform this is fine. Please note, in the past these decisions have meant the weather reverts to awful, wet and grey so be warned! We will let you know on Monday if they can continue to wear PE kit for the remainder of the week.

**What is happening this term?**

The school continues to focus on its school improvement plan priorities to support children in all subjects, to engage and practise their reading skills. We are also working hard to support students to maintain or improve their wellbeing through the mental health sessions in the morning, and our exploration of spirituality. We have the opportunity this term to maximise our outdoor spaces and

beautiful countryside so you will hear and see your child participate in trips to the sea, a long walk to the church at Wyddial, a picnic, sports day, and a Fullness day that focuses on looking after nature with the help of a variety of environmental groups who will be in working and talking to students.

We also have the time to reflect on the year and to wish our departing year 8’s a warm goodbye and to celebrate their time with us.

This year we are looking to add a celebration event to our calendar at the end of term, in order to support those students who quietly work hard and succeed in lessons and/or represent one of our values- more information next week.

If you have an athletics champion then please make a note of the Sports day and reserve Sports day. On Sports day we invite you for a picnic lunch and to see our students complete in a variety of races over the afternoon.

Please remember that we have cancelled our inset day on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June due to the calendar error I made. However, if you have already booked an event for the family we accept this as this is my error.

**New timings – September 2023**

From September we will be increasing the length of the school day by five minutes, to comply with the Government’s expectation that all mainstream, state-funded schools should provide a school week of at least 32.5 hours. Our new timings will be **8.40am to 3.10pm**. Staff are currently being consulted as to where we put these five minutes within the school day.

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## What other changes will we see in September?

Part of what we want to bring back is student ownership of their belongings and equipment. During and post COVID, we have supported students by giving out equipment. With the cost of living crisis in school, we are no longer able to do this, and we believe that as part of being 'Ready to Learn' and showing commitment to learning - all students should have their own equipment from September. We are sharing this equipment list now to give you plenty of time to make sure students are ready for September. The following list is what we expect students to have:

- Pencil case
- Blue or black pens
- Green pen
- HB pencil
- Ruler (30cm measured in cm and mm)
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Whiteboard pen/rubber
- Glue stick
- Small pack of colouring pencils
- **KS3:** Scientific calculator (available to purchase at a discounted price through the school)
- **Optional:** Highlighter pens

Each week we will introduce our tweaks and changes in preparation for next year. Next week we will be introducing how we will be 'pushing the positive' more in school. Where we are proposing changes, you will have opportunities to comment in order to help shape our thoughts plans and actions.

## Food and Nutrition:

**Year 5:** Well done to all of Year 5 – your designs are amazing, and your *pizzas* were great, and you have made a wonderful start to your evaluations. I hope you enjoy making many more creations at home.

**Year 6:** All classes are cooking *grilled marinated chicken wraps* next week. Remember your changes to your carbohydrate or marinade choice. You will be

eating your product same day - please do not bring in a whole packet of chicken, you only need what the requirements are.

**Year 7:** We are embarking on our *Food Science Project* starting with a cake taste testing this week. No ingredients required.

**Year 8:** We are halfway through our research for the *Healthy Eating Project*. Please remember you have one more session in class and should have already done an hour's research at home this week. If completed, please bring your notes into class this week to create your poster.

*Please could any borrowed dishes be returned.*

Mrs van Wyk

## Year 6 Felixstowe Trip

Year 6 will be travelling to Felixstowe on **Monday 3rd July 2023**. They will leave school at 9am and should arrive in Felixstowe at 10.45am at the latest. They will leave Felixstowe at 3pm and will arrive back at school by 5.30pm.

The Cost of the trip is £24.90 per student and this will need to be paid to the school by Friday 16th June 2023. Payment is to be made via the School Gateway App.

Please click on the link below to provide consent for your child to attend.

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

## Year 7 Felixstowe Trip

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Students will be shown the one- mile strip of beach, which will offer an area for crabbing, paddling under supervision and various games activities which we will organise, cricket in the dunes, areas for football, sandcastle making, kite flying, an extensive park, a small fair ground with rides and a pier with all the slot machines you would expect from a seaside beach area. Staff and parent volunteers will be positioned at various points along the beach in order to support and care for the

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students during the day, and all students will meet their tutor for lunch.

Please click on the link below to provide consent for your child to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/c2UgpTFvMM>

The Cost of the trip is £25.50 per student and this will need to be paid to the school by Friday 23rd June 2023. Payment is to be made via the School Gateway App

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with the trips 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@edwintree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwintree.herts.sch.uk)

### **Year 8 HPV Immunisation**

The immunisation 2nd session took place on Tuesday 6th June 2023. The Year 8's really did us and themselves proud. Their behaviour, compassion and support for each other was amazing.

### **Gardening Club:**

Some excellent planting last week - both repotting into larger pots for our tomatoes and daisies, and also directly into the beds around the food room. If anyone has any medium sized potting pots, we would be grateful for these for our next potting stage. *We have already created a number of pots for the plant stall at 'An afternoon tree't' - come grab a bargain or two on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June!* Another wonderful donation of plants has meant we are still needing compost and soil. If you have any going spare, we would love to make use of it. Mrs van Wyk

### **New KS3 afterschool History club – Year 7 & 8**

Is launching next week! Calling all budding historians and history enthusiasts – Students can come to Room 32 every Wednesday from 3-4pm where we will be exploring areas of history chosen by the students that are not on the curriculum. This will enhance students learning and source skills, as well as providing us with opportunities to discuss fascinating topics that we are unable to fit into daily teaching. KS3 History Club will be a space for students to share their passion for the subject by allowing more time and creativity to explore their areas of interest.

The first area of history we are going to examine and discuss is Ancient Egyptian gods and rituals. You are welcome to bring along any books you may have on the Ancient Egyptians to share with the group.

To sign your child up for the club, please complete the consent form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/WRQE0VWcRU>

**An afternoon Tree't** :- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of June - poster to follow shortly, but please join the pupils, staff and ESA for an afternoon of delights.

Please pre-book your afternoon tea through the QR code which will be on the poster.

If you have any soft toys you are willing to donate to the *Teddy Tombola*, please send them into the office. We would also like to have a *Bottle Tombola*. If you have anything in a bottle (from bodywash to pickles or even Prosecco!) please could you send donations into the school office for the stall.

### **Afterschool Film Club**

As advised there will be no FilmMakers club on Wednesday 14th 2023.

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## **Foxholes Open Farm**

Foxholes Farm in Hertford are holding Open Farm Sunday (a free charitable event) on Sunday 11th June 11am to 3pm. This is a national event to educate visitors on food and farming. Please see flyer attached.

## **Great Munden Recreational Garden**

The garden was left in Trust for the benefit of all the Parishioners and we are offering different events at the site to appeal to as many Parishioners as possible. It is also a charity with an educational purpose. The club is open to all from 10 to 15 years old



### **Outdoor Chess**

Outdoor chess club for adults and juniors that has started again for 2023.

This takes place at Great Munden Recreational Garden with instructor Tim, who also helps run

the Bishops Stortford club and resides in our Parish. Tim is also DBS checked.

## **Hedgehog and wildlife talk**

with Susan from Woodys Wildlife Rescue, Hitchin  
Saturday 25th June at 2pm

We are very lucky that Susan has agreed to come back to the garden and give another talk on hedgehogs and wildlife generally.

No fixed price, a financial donation of your choice to Woodys wildlife rescue and our Community Garden would be greatly appreciated or even a donation in kind for Woodys, such as wet cat or wet dog food, food bowls, heating pad, etc.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our wild neighbours and also to come face to face with

the smaller wildlife as Susan generally is accompanied by a few critters in her care.

Everyone welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please do register your interest via email to [gisele.russell@hotmail.com](mailto:gisele.russell@hotmail.com).

Susan is extremely busy running the wildlife sanctuary from her back garden and looking after the animals when she is not working her full-time job as a HGV driver and so, we are extremely grateful that she always manages to find some spare time to come and see us, and answer our questions.

Please find below a news article to find out more about Susan and her amazing selfless work.

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***Mrs J Gant – Headteacher***

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