



Edwinstree Term dates:

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Diary Dates:

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
16/07/24	Visit from Bishop of St Albans.
17/07/24	Year 5 Queens Park trip £14.50 per student.
19/07/24	End of Term Walk End of Summer Term 1:20pm.
02/09/24	INSET DAY.
03/09/24	Year 5 Induction Day.
04/09/24	Autumn Term Begins Years 6-8.
16-18/09/24	Year 7 Residential – Essex Outdoors Bradwell. £295.60 per student.
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term.
06/12/24	Occasional Day.
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What is happening on Sports day?

The weather continues to be changeable with lots of rain. We are therefore making the call not to book in a second sports day slot for parents. We are conscious some of you will have already wasted a "holiday" day on not being able to come to school. What the PE department will try to do is run events during their lessons and if we get a good afternoon or morning, we will attempt to run the relay races in school with students. We are sorry that we are not to be able to share this event with you.

End of term walk to Aspenden.

The last day of term will involve walking to Aspenden Green, weather dependant. We will leave school between 10–10.30am and return to school for 12noon. If you have good walking shoes and are willing to help us by volunteering to get the students there and back safely, please would you email

admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Afterschool Clubs in school

Current Afterschool Clubs.

All clubs have finished now, except for Concert and Choir that will continue until the end of term.

External run clubs:

Film club is now finished.

Basketball is now finished.

Boxing will finish on 18th July.

Yoga will finish on 18th July.

Gardening Club

It has been a bumper year in the Kitchen Garden this growing season. We have been very busy and have been reaping the rewards the past two weeks. On Thursday, we harvested the last of the turnips, some lovely rhubarb and the first batch of beetroot. Our potatoes will have to stay underground for a few more weeks - they're not quite ready as yet. There were also 5 of the sweetest strawberries left in the patch and they were very much enjoyed after club. Gardening club may be over for the school year, but we have been fortunate and have a number of veggies still growing. Mrs van Wyk will be in over the holidays to water, harvest, prepare and freeze the produce ready for the start of the school year. Thank you very much to all our gardeners for all the hard work and dedication put into the Kitchen Garden this growing season! Mrs van Wyk.



Food and Nutrition

As we wind down towards the holidays, please do remember that if your child is cooking, health and safety rules still need to be followed. This includes footwear that protects the feet, hair tied up and no nail polish/false nails, etc. Unless otherwise informed, if your child was absent from the demo lesson, they will not be cooking - alternate work is always provided.

Year 5

There were some gorgeous looking fruit salads from 5C this week - full of lovely colour and a range of vitamins and minerals. 5A will be making theirs on 15/7 and 5B & 5D on 18/7.

Year 6

Rainbow Broccoli Salad was on the menu for 6C today - some great recipe adaptations and good alternatives used. Well done for adapting to your taste! 6A & 6B will cook on 16/7.

Year 7

Now that we have concluded our Food Science experiments, we have discovered in the majority of cases that by changing the sugar source, there is quite a remarkable difference in the end product.

Year 8

Some excellent examples of research have been handed in for the Healthy Eating Project. I am sure Mrs Malone (Food and Nutrition teacher at Freman) would be pleased to see some of them. Gingerbread biscuits are creating a stir in the Food corridor. Recipes will be sent home via SatchelOne should the pupils wish to make them at a later date. 8D & 8C will be making these on Monday 15/7.

Please remind your child to collect any containers they have left in the Food Room - there is quite a collection of small pots. Please encourage washing up, peeling and prepping veggies, reading recipes and experimenting with new flavours and foods over the next few weeks. Have fun in the kitchen over the holidays, Mrs van Wyk.

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Year 5 news:

Y5 Queens Park Visit- Wednesday 17th July.

My child is attending- what do I need to know?

Your child will need to bring with them:

- Full school uniform with comfortable shoes (that they can remove independently).
- A packed lunch- this must be Vegetarian, no eggs, meat, or fish –Because the Sikhs have a strict ‘vegetarian only’ rule inside the Gurdwara [no glass bottles please]
- A small backpack [to be carried throughout the day]
- Clothing: Head scarves or beanie style hats are worn by everyone inside the Gurdwara and by females inside the Mosque. Where possible pupils will need to bring their own headscarf, although they have some available, if required. Shoes will need to be removed inside the entrance of both the Gurdwara and the Mosque.
- Any medication [including travel sickness tablets] clearly labelled with their name to be handed to the office.

On the day of the visit, students need to arrive at school by 8:00 am-**please go straight to the gym**- for a prompt departure at 8:15 am. We will leave the venue at 13:30 pm and arrive back at Edwinstree at approximately 2:30 pm, pupils will be dismissed at the end of the school day in the normal manner.

My child is not attending-what do I need to know?

Pupils remaining in school will be in either group 1 or 2 and follow the timetable below.

Group 1- Pupils from 5A and 5B

Group 2- Pupils from 5C and 5D

YEAR 5	REG	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	COWO
Remaining Class 1	MRS RUSSELL ROOM 6	MR GEORGIU COMPUTING	MUSIC MR W-MEEKINS MUSIC	ENGLISH MRS BROCK	MISS NICHOLS- ENGLISH FUN LESSON?	MRS BURCHES ART	MRS RUSSELL ROOM 6
Remaining Class 2	MRS EARNSHAW ROOM 12	ENGLISH MRS BROCK	ART MRS BURCHES	MRS RUSSELL HUMS	MISS BROCK - FUN LESSON?	MR W-MEEKINS MUSIC	MRS EARNSHAW ROOM 12

All Y5 pupils will have a meeting on Monday also.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Kelly

Year 6 news:

SATS

Congratulations to year 6 on receiving their SATs results so maturely. Students were guided that not all students have reached standard yet, so celebrations if they have are for friends and family. They wisely used the value of compassion to avoid making those that aren't there yet feel bad.

What do these results mean for your child? Unlike the end of primary these results have very little impact on the way we manage your child's learning next year. We do not set in year 7. However, if your child has not reached the standard expected in year 6, they are tracked by the staff and Governing Body and monitored until they do. For many that haven't quite reached standard and so many were one or two marks away, we have a history of seeing them tip by Christmas.

Year 7 news:

Leadership Roles

Mr McCarthy and Ms Gant will be meeting year 7 students next week to talk to them about potential leadership roles next year and how they can apply. A short application letter is required. All the information about how to do this will be posted on Satchel One for both you and them to look at. We are hoping like other years to have a lot of volunteers to support the school and the lower aged students.

Year 8 news:

Pre-loved uniform

Do you have uniform that you would be willing to donate to the nearly new ESA sales? If you do, please drop off at reception before the end of term and or during the holidays. Thank you in advance for any donations, it really helps.

Would you like to be there as the school say goodbye to your child. We will be at Aspenden Green, weather permitting on Friday at 11am for a service and award ceremony. You can either walk with us at 10 am as a volunteer, if so please email admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to sign up, or you can meet us there.

SchoolGrid

Please ensure your SchoolGrid account for Year 8's is in credit/cleared prior to the end of term.

Information and Preparation for next academic year.

When will I know my child's tutor and timetable?

Below is a table of the new tutor groups in September. We will be publishing next year's timetable on the website next week so you can begin (when appropriate for your family!) to prepare for September. Timetables on Satchel One won't update until we are back in school.

*New tutor groups will be confirmed next week

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7*	Year 8
Head of Year Mrs Kelly	Head of Year Mr Galanides	Head of Year Mr Kelly	Head of Year Mr McCarthy
5A Mrs O'Neill	6A Mr Nash	7A Miss Jackson	8A Mrs Booth
5B Mrs Burches	6B Mrs Taylor	7B Mrs Barrett	8B Mrs Theroulde
5C Mrs Van Wyk	6C Mrs Thomas	7C Miss Mursell	8C Mr Funnell Miss Jackson
5D Mrs Hill	6D Mrs Knight	7D Mrs Brock	8D Mrs Bright

If you are worried about your child's mental health over the holidays who can support you?

[Home - Kooth](#)

[Mental health services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen](#)

[Just Talk \(justtalkherts.org\)](http://justtalkherts.org)

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When do we return to school?

Staff return to school on the 2nd September for an INSET day. We will welcome Year 5 into school on Tuesday 3rd September. School starts for year 6,7, and 8 on Wednesday 4th September.

Extra Transition Visits to current Year 5,6 & 7.

How are we supporting children who are extra nervous about returning to school in September?

If you feel your child will struggle coming back into school after the holidays, please book in for a visit before the end of term. We would rather you booked one now and cancelled later, than attempt to book in the holidays. This helps us to plan before the break.

Please contact Mrs Harris from 21st of August onwards. From 27th August, Mrs Harris will show the students who have booked an appointment, the classroom they will be going into; can go through their new timetable and talk about any worries they may have.

Please email Mrs Harris to arrange a time and date a.harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

New Afterschool clubs starting in September 2024.

Sign-up sheets for afterschool clubs will be sent out in September at the end of the first week of term, and clubs will begin in the 3rd week of the new term. The majority of clubs offered to students remain free to students. However, we do have some private tuition available from the Film Club, Boxing and a new dance class advertised below:

Edwinstree School Street dance classes

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS.

Christina Marks will be offering the students of Edwinstree School Street dance classes every Monday after school. Learn the latest dance moves to popular music, these lessons teach a mixture of styles and steps. Classes are taught by their team of passionate CMSOPA teachers who all have showbiz CVs and enhanced DBS.

Class times will run from 3:15-4:15pm

To register and book please follow the link below.

<https://christina-marks-sopa.classforkids.io>

Any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

The ethos which lies at the heart of the school is to dream, aspire, achieve, and excel. Christina Marks Email:

Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com

Tel 07525850232

What is our Uniform for next year?

Our uniform list is attached. Please do not forget the ESA offer a nearly new service for parents, please find the link here to their website: <https://edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com/>

PE Reminder

For PE next year, all classes will need a mouth guard, black football socks, shin pads and football boots to safely participate in hockey, football, and rugby lessons.

What equipment are we asking students to bring into school with them next term?

To support your child to learn, please may we ask that you provide them in September with the following:

Pencil case

Blue or black pens

Green pen

HB pencils

Ruler (30cm measured in cm and mm)

Rubber

Sharpener

Whiteboard pen/rubber

Glue stick

A small pack of colouring pencils (basic colours)

Year 7&8: scientific calculator (available to purchase at a discount from school)

You may wish to provide highlighter pens.

Any parent that is struggling to manage this please contact s.marler@edwinstree,herts.sch.uk.

Why are we asking students to bring in this equipment?

Firstly, during the pandemic, we moved to the school supplying students with basic equipment as a safety measure to prevent the spread of Covid. This has cost the school many thousands of pounds, which we simply can no longer sustain. Secondly, we have found that students who are prepared for lessons are also prepared for learning. As we begin to introduce our new ethos of 'commitment' we will be asking students to be committed to their learning by being fully prepared. We appreciate your support with this.

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Local Events

What is available for my child to participate in, during the Summer?

Summer Reading Challenge



Get ready for a summer of imagination and creativity at your local Hertfordshire Library! The **Marvellous Makers** Summer Reading Challenge is here to spark the joy of

reading and creative arts, while addressing the dip in reading levels that can often occur during the summer holidays. In collaboration with The Reading Agency and Create, a leading arts charity, we're celebrating creativity and storytelling for our young readers. This year's Challenge is an open invitation for children to explore books and stories, while taking part in free activities. From poetry and music to arts and crafts, there's something for every young creator.

The Challenge begins at all Hertfordshire Libraries from **Saturday 6 July**, and continues until **Saturday 7 September**. Children are encouraged to read six library books and collect exclusive stickers along the way. And that's not all—finishers of the Challenge will receive a medal and certificate, and a chance to win tickets to an interactive poetry workshop with the celebrated poet, Joshua Seigal.

Keep an eye out for pop-up Maker Stations at select libraries during the summer holidays, offering simple, engaging, and free activities designed to unleash the creative spirit in every child.

Curious to learn more? Visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge for all the details on the Challenge and discover some marvellous makes to create at home.

Theatre Based Workshop at Edwinstree

Below is a flyer advertising an opportunity for students who would wish to engage in drama -with our local drama team, who have worked both nationally and internationally with children – providing meaningful drama.

From the 5th – 9th of August students will have the opportunity to participate in drama workshops based around thinking about what they would like to see and be in their future. At the end of the week parents and local dignitaries will be invited to view their drama pieces based around this discussion. To sign up for this event please contact rosey@peacechild.org

A blue flyer for a workshop titled 'Creating the Future You Want'. At the top left, it says 'BUNTINGFORD LIVE!' in white on a blue background. To the right, it says 'in association with Peace Child International and Kaleido Theatre presents:'. The main title 'Creating the Future You Want' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, there is a paragraph: 'A week of fun theatre based workshops for 8-12 year-olds to explore what they would like the world to be like when they grow up. Through games and improvisations the children will create a short performance that will be shared with friends and family at the end of the week.' Below the text is an illustration of five diverse children standing in a line with their arms around each other's shoulders. A red circular badge on the right says 'Scholarships Available'. At the bottom, it lists the dates and times: 'Monday 5th - Friday 9th August 10am - 2.30pm, Edwinstree School, Bowling Green Lane, Buntingford'. It also includes the cost: '£40 for the week (£20 deposit on booking)' and the contact information: 'To book please contact Rosey: rosey@peacechild.org'. Logos for Peace Child International and Kaleido Theatre are at the bottom right.

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

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