



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework week: A

Diary Dates:

19/09/25	ESA School Disco
24-26/09/25	Year 7 Residential
29/09/25	Flu vaccinations – all years
30/09/25	Year 5 “Getting to know you” Parents meeting 5pm
09/10/25	Open Evening 9th October 2025, 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
27–31/10/25	Half Term
11/11/25	School Photographs
05/12/25	Occasional Day
19/12/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
05/01/26	INSET Day
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term
16-20/02/26	Half Term
27/03/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
13/04/26	Start of Summer Term
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
25-29/05/26	Half Term
26/06/26	INSET Day
09/07/26	County Transition Day
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.

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Homework timetable

Homework begins from the 15th of September.
KS2 (year 5 & 6) receive English, Maths and Science homework.
KS3 (year 7 & 8) receive the same and in addition the foundation subjects i.e. Music, DT, Geography, History once every two weeks.

All homework is set online via SatchelOne. If you or your child are having problems logging in, please contact
r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

This week is **Week A** and we will have a prompt of which week it is in the newsletter each week. Please take time to read the information from subject leads, so that you know what topic of homework will be set.

Afterschool Enrichment Clubs

Firstly, we are sorry that we've had to delay for a week. It is due to tying in the timetable with some externally provided PE clubs which has taken longer than anticipated. Attached to the newsletter is the timetable as it currently stands. Once we've finalised all the PE clubs, we will resend. **The sign up for after school clubs opens at 4.00pm on Tuesday 16th September.**

Unless you hear from us, or the club says it is full, your child will have a place in this club.

Sign up for clubs opens at 4.00pm on Tuesday 16th September.
Lunchtime Choir starts this week Friday 19th September.
All after school clubs start the week beginning Monday 22nd September 2025 and finish at 4.00pm, unless otherwise stated. Please click on the title of the club (hyperlinked) to sign up and give permission for your chosen club(s).

Satchel One

Student Accounts:

All students in Year 5 have completed their first computing lesson and have been issued an Edwinstree email address. Email addresses are in the format: 25firstname.lastinitial@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk (example John Smith will be 25JohnS@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

The password students have set up to use on the school computers will also be the password that they use for their Satchel One account. The easiest way to use Satchel One is via the mobile app, however, it can also be used on a computer or iPad. Next week, Year 5 students will be taught how to access and use Satchel One during their computing lessons.

If your child is in another year group, the number at the start of the email address will be the calendar year that their year group began at Edwinstree. For example, if your child is in Year 6, the prefix to their email will be 24, if they are in Year 7 it is 23 and Year 8 it is 22.

Parent Accounts

Year 5 parents with a linked email address have been sent a registration email. Please be aware that due to Satchel One's data protection policy, parent emails can only be used for one child, even if the other child attends a different school and they also use Satchel One. Unfortunately, this means that if you have a child who already uses Satchel One you will not have been sent the registration email if your school contact email is the same for both children. The solution to this is to provide an alternative email address or create an alias email address with your email provider. A small number of alias addresses are free to create and usually emails are directed to the same mailbox or a subfolder depending on the provider. Once you have created a unique email address to use in Satchel One, please contact Mrs Heywood r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk to link it to your child's account. You can use the same app for all children but will need to log into the account of the child you wish to view each time.

If your child has joined us in another year group and you need help setting up your parent account, please contact Mrs Heywood on the email above.

Costings questionnaire.

Can you help us to find out how much money would be appropriate to budget for a trip for this year please? Since COVID and in recognition of the cost-of-living crisis, we have been asking parents at the start of each year to complete a questionnaire to indicate how much we can charge for a trip? We hope to offer each group 2 trips per year. We then take the most common response, and we set our trips around this price, to maximise the number of students to attend.

We would very much appreciate you completing this questionnaire, which takes a few minutes to do, and is anonymous <https://forms.office.com/e/iz2MhB5NdQ> Once we have the cost limit, we will price up the potential trips to match your capacity to spend, then publish a calendar of trips and a payment window so that you can plan your expenditure, this was suggested by a parent last year.

Who are the team of people that work with SEND students?

We no longer use one SENCO to lead all the SEND students within the school, as the number of SEND students has increased. This is not unusual for a mainstream school post COVID. We now have a team of staff who lead the SEND support within the school. Here they are, with the areas they support in:

Mrs Gant is our named SENCO for this year and with the help of **Mrs Barrett** they will be supporting EHCP students, carry out termly touch based meetings and completing the annual reviews. If you are seeking an EHCP this is the team who will support you.

Mrs Harris is our Mental Health lead, and she works with the NHS Hub within the school to support students needing additional services. Ms Harris also leads the Alternative Provision programme for students on alternate curriculums and/or support programs within the school. This includes the role of line management of all the Learning Support Assistant's, who are called LSAs, she Leads the Wellbeing Hub that support all students who are struggling with their mental health for a variety of reasons.

Mrs Surrey works alongside Mrs Harris to support in the Wellbeing Hub and is our speech and language Learning Assistant.

Mrs Heywood has been seconded to support the SEND team with our communication, systems and structures and will be working with us for a term.

If you wish to contact a SEND lead please use the following email address sencoteam@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk We can receive up to 100 requests in a week, so please bear with us, we will get back to you. We meet every Tuesday afterschool, and our first agenda item is to check this email account and ensure that one of our team members has contacted you and is assigned to the work you require.

If you are a parent with an EHCP, you will have been sent a letter already informing you that we wish to hold a face to face and/or one line meeting with you, to confirm the provisions for your child, agree how we are meeting your child's needs and set targets for this year.

If you are a parent on the register, one of the team will be assigned along with the Head of Year and tutor to support your child in the first instance, still use this email address to contact us. We will be looking to discuss with you, their progress at our Foundation and Core evening events that occur throughout the year.

School Photographs

The school photographer is booked for Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Sibling photos will take place first, followed by individuals. Please may we ask that your child comes in with clean uniform wearing their Edwinstree School sweatshirt and hair has been styled if necessary.

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Year 5 News:

What is Year 5 Getting to know you meeting on 30th September about?

This is a time for Year 5 Parents to come and meet the tutor and hear how the tutor group are settling in. You will also hear from the mental health and SEND team and the Head of Maths, and English about what learning your child will be doing this year. Your child is welcome to attend with you.

Year 7 News:

Year 7 Residential – 24th to 26th September.

We are looking forward to spending time with the students. Attached to this newsletter is additional information for the residential. Please be aware that on certain activities clothing will get wet and muddy, and all items should be named to avoid loss.

Please ensure any medication is handed to Reception and a Med1 form completed.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Please find attached details regarding an opening for a Parent Governor for Edwinstree Middle School.

The Department for Education produces some useful guidance about being a school governor including a list of some of the 'soft' skills school governors need.

Committed – For instance, devoting the required time/energy to the role and ambitious to achieve best possible outcomes for pupils. Prepared to give time, skills and knowledge to developing themselves and others in order to create highly effective governance.

Confident – Of an independent mind, able to lead and contribute to courageous conversations, to express their opinion and to play an active role on the board.

Curious – Possessing an enquiring mind and an analytical approach and understanding the value of meaningful questioning.

Challenging – Providing appropriate challenge to the status quo, not taking information or data at face value and always driving for improvement.

Collaborative – Prepared to listen to and work in partnership with others and understanding the importance of building strong working relationships within the board and with executive leaders, staff, parents and carers, pupils/students, the local community and employers.

Critical – Understanding the value of critical friendship which enables both challenge and support, and self-reflection, pursuing learning and development opportunities to improve their own and whole board effectiveness.

Creative – Able to challenge conventional wisdom and be open-minded about new approaches to problem-solving; recognising the value of innovation and creative thinking to organisational development and success.

If any parents are interested in becoming a governor and have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email (chairgb@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) with your contact details and I will do my best to get back to you promptly. The deadline for expressions of interest is next Friday (20th September).

John Boulter – Chair of Governors

Family Lives – Free Parenting Groups



Family Lives

Free Autumn Term Parenting Groups

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group
Friday 26th September to 7 November 9.45am to 11.45am OR
Tuesday 14 October to 25 November 7.00pm to 9.00pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our free online group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group
Thursday 2 October to 13 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 5 November to 10 December 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Calling all Dads - join our free online group, come along and receive support from other dads and learn how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop
Autumn term dates to be confirmed

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop
Autumn term dates to be confirmed

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop
Autumn term dates to be confirmed



SCAN ME!

For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701, or email services@familylives.org.uk. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



Junior Parkrun

<https://blog.parkrun.com/uk/2025/08/26/latest-survey-results-showcase-continuing-positive-impact-of-junior-parkrun/>

Participants need to register before running, walking or volunteering; this is a once only free registration which provides a unique ID number barcode for the person to use at any event globally (around 20 countries currently), which is used to keep a record of progress and achievements:

www.parkrun.org.uk/register/

Our page also gives further information about the course and general guidelines for taking part.

www.parkrun.org.uk/norfolkroadplayingfields-juniors/

Every week we need at least 10 volunteers to help out with marshalling and other tasks, something parents can easily do while watching the event. No experience or particular skills required, for most people the whole event is over in around 30 minutes!



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East Herts LCWIP - Public Consultation Briefing

Officers from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and East Herts Council (EHC) are pleased to invite you to a briefing in advance of the East Herts Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) public consultation, which is due to launch shortly.

You may recall that EHC and HCC are working in collaboration on the draft East Herts LCWIP and that councillors and stakeholders were invited to attend workshops on this emerging work previously in 2023, 2024 and earlier in 2025.

As a recap, LCWIPs form a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks, which the Government suggests should ideally be over a 10-year period. To date, five LCWIPs have been adopted by the relevant Districts/Boroughs and HCC and the remaining 5 authorities are in various stages of development. HCC is working collaboratively with each authority to produce a document covering the relevant area which also considers cross boundary links, both within and outside the County. These documents not only form part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of utility trips made on foot or by cycle, but they also support our Development Management colleagues and allow greater access to possible funding streams, such as the Active Travel Fund. Details of all Hertfordshire's LCWIPs can be found [here](#).

The key LCWIP outputs are:

- network plans for walking and cycling which identifies preferred routes and core zones for further development.
- a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment; and,
- a report which sets out the underlying analysis carried out and provides a narrative which supports the identified improvements and network.

Following the public engagement in 2024 and input from the workshops earlier this year, the information received has informed further development of the walking and cycling networks. The LCWIP has now progressed and reached the stage where all three of the above key outputs have been achieved and we are heading towards full public consultation on these shortly. In advance of that, we would like to invite you to attend a briefing on **Thursday 18th September at 2pm** where the details of the consultation process will be explained to you so that you will be better informed about the project and assist if you have comments to make. There will also be the opportunity to ask the LCWIP team any questions you may have. The meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams and joining instructions will be available at the bottom of this email.

Public consultation is due to start on 25th September and run for 6 weeks until 5th November. As part of our communications strategy, we will be holding a series of in-person events to publicise the LCWIP and this will enable the team to raise awareness and interact with the public, answer their questions, and encourage them to participate by providing feedback through the online platform. We would like to encourage you to spread the word to attract attendance at these events and feedback views via the platform to help shape future cycling and walking opportunities in the district going forward.

Kind Regards,
HCC and EHC LCWIP Team.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 356 268 012 555 7

Passcode: kN78Aa7P

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