



Edwinstree Term dates:

[Term Dates 2025-26 & 2026-27.pdf](#)

Homework week: A

Diary Dates:

16/03/26	P1 - 6C SATs workshop for parents P2 - 6A SATs workshop for parents
17/03/26	P1 - 6B SATs workshop for parents P2 - 6D SATs workshop for parents Transport for Hertfordshire visit to Years 5 & 6
19 & 20/03/26	Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back School Production Doors open at 6, Curtain up at 6.30pm
26/03/26	Easter Services in school
27/03/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
13/04/26	Start of Summer Term
21/04/26	Y6 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
22/04/26	Y5 RE trip (all day) - Faith in Queen's Park
24/04/26	Y8 Thorpe Park Visit
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
11-14/05/26	Year 6 SATs
12/05/26	Y5 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
19/05/26	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation for Year 8.
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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Curriculum Newsletter Focus

This week our main focus is the curriculum and updating you on the learning that your child has been completing and will continue with post Easter. If we are getting things right at least once a week your child will spark a conversation about something that has triggered an interest and they will want to share it with you.

If you are asking daily about what did you do/learn at school and getting a pre teen, teen monosyllabic response try varying your questions:

- What surprised you most in your learning this week?
- What made you pause and really think?
- What did you disagree most with and why?
- What inspired you?

If you model the answers throughout your week, we have seen with our own families and children, this can encourage a response. Good luck!

If you have a concern or complaint?

When we first meet you at transition we tell you, and then repeat when we can that no problem is too small, do always email admin and/or Head of Year, if you have a problem or concern. We will always listen and respond. Talk to us. Thank you.

[Edwinstree School](#)

Am I able to instruct a named contact to collect my child from school?

To clarify, unless they have Parental Responsibility, a named contact will not be allowed to collect your child from school without your express permission via email.

School Production

Edwinstree Middle School proudly presents
Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March
Doors open 6pm
Curtain up 6.30pm



Tickets £4 each or group ticket for four £10 (max 3 adults)
To purchase tickets please use this link:
[Star Warts Musical Tickets 19th & 20th March](#)

If you have any access requirements, please let us know by writing in the 'Message for Merchant' box in the shopping cart or checkout order summary. All proceeds from ticket sales go towards the cost of putting on the next show.

Year 5 News:

Year 5 RE Educational Visit Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

We are delighted to, once again, be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit "Faith in Queen's Park" in Bedford.

The visit will entail a tour of a Church, Gurdwara and Mosque. Being able to see places of worship alongside different faiths working together is a wonderful learning experience for all our pupils. Many of our pupil visitors last year still reflect upon their visit (they particularly liked the bandanas in the Gurdwara and the ceiling in the Mosque!) Please see attached a letter and PowerPoint presentation regarding the trip.

Year 6 News

SATs Workshops

We would like to invite parents into school to look at SATs papers with children on the following dates. Teachers will be there to answer any questions you may have.

If you are unable to make the session we will be sending papers home.

- 6C 9-9:45am 16th March
- 6A 10-10:45am 16th March
- 6B 9-9:45am 17th March
- 6D 10-10:45am 17th March

Are you able to support us with the SATs?

Official SATs Dates: 11/05/2026 -14/05/2026 - 8.45– 11.00am

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 can help on any of the days, please complete the following form. [SATs helpers for 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 5 & 6 News

Visitor Next Tuesday for Year 5 & 6

Transport for Hertfordshire are preparing to launch the upcoming Buntingford public consultation during the week of 2 March. Alongside the consultation, they are running a pupil engagement activity where Edwinstree school is involved.

They are presenting to Year 5 & 6, a curriculum linked Upper KS2 lesson, designed to help pupils understand how walking, wheeling, and cycling can be made safer in Buntingford, and to give them a genuine opportunity to share their views on changes proposed for the town centre.

The session is fully delivered by their team. It includes:

- A hands up travel survey and discussion about active travel choices
- A look at proposed improvements to Buntingford's streets, crossings, and 20mph areas
- A practical activity on speed and stopping distances, linked to human geography and scientific enquiry
- A short creative task where pupils express what matters to them about safer streets, which will contribute to the consultation's wider community engagement

As part of this, up to 21 students will be selected from each year group to take part in a practical demonstration. Ideally, these would be students who are happy to be filmed while taking part in the activity and painting stones, as they would like to share the footage on Facebook and Nextdoor, and we would like to share with parents too on our platforms. This will help reach as many parents as possible about the proposed zebra crossing outside Edwinstree.

Below is a link to the photo-permission form. This will need to be filled out by parents before Tuesday to give consent for photos and filming to take place during the activities for the selected children. Please complete this if you happy for your child to be photographed and/or filmed.

Year 5 - <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/external-consent/?ref=colettelaw&event=EdwinstreeschoolYr5&ed=131025&eml=colette.law%40hertfordshire.gov.uk>

Year 6 - <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/external-consent/?ref=colettelaw&event=EdwinstreeschoolYr6&ed=131025&eml=colette.law%40hertfordshire.gov.uk>

This is a great opportunity for pupils to take part in meaningful, real world learning that links directly to the local area and national curriculum. It also allows their voices to be represented in the consultation in a way that is both age appropriate and impactful.

Year 8 News

Science does Thorpe Park – Friday 24th April 2026

All Year 8 Students are invited to Thorpe Park to look at energy transfers on the roller coasters. They also thoroughly deserve some fun to reward them for all their hard work in science this year.

The cost of this visit will be £46.45 per student, which includes coach hire and entrance to the park. Please see letter attached to the newsletter. Payment can be made via the school Gateway. Payment and consent forms should be completed by **Friday 10th April 2026**.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

Please remember our important health and safety rules to prevent cross contamination and bodily injury:

- Hair must be tied up and longer fringes clipped back,
- No jewellery or false/painted/gel or acrylic nails and
- Pupils must wear suitable shoes – *plain black, polishable and formal in style as per the uniform policy. Shoes must be of a sensible and safe design, fabric trainers and astro boots are not acceptable. Incorrect shoes will result in a no cook lesson* due to the danger of a dropped knife piercing the fabric or hot liquid scalding or burning the foot. If pupils have a non school uniform day on a day when they are cooking, they must bring in their suitable shoes and wear them during the cooking session.

It is important that if you have any dietary intolerances or allergies that your recipe is adapted accordingly. If no substitutes are available, please contact me to discuss an alternate recipe.

Please note that unless otherwise informed, if your child was absent from the demo lesson, they will not be cooking as they will have missed the health and safety training for that dish - alternate work is always provided.

Years 5, 6 and 8: are continuing with the introduction lessons for Food and learning about Health and Safety requirements. Cooking demonstrations will begin after the holidays.

Year 6: Remember your active minutes diary for our next lesson.

Year 7: after watching the demonstration this week, you have your first practical next week. Remember if you do not have bread making ingredients at home, the prepackaged bread mixes are the best and cheapest alternative. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about Food.
Mrs van Wyk

Gardening Club

I have had a few pupils come and ask about Gardening Club and when is it starting. I am very pleased with the enthusiasm and willingness to take part! We will be starting again when we return after the holidays - hopefully the weather will be a lot warmer then. We are hoping to start with some garlic and onions sets as well as seed planting. Keep an eye out for the links in the newsletter at the start of next term.

Mrs van Wyk

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning



**DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning, 18th March,
St Catherines School, Ware, SG12 0AW**

10.00 - 11.30

DSPL3 Delivering Special Provision Locally

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. Connect with other parents and carers, Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. We offer Practical advice & emotional support Meet and chat with others in a similar situation, Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL, ADD Vance and Angels
We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

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