



Edwinstree Term dates:

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Diary Dates:

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| 17/06/25 | Year 7 Globe Theatre Trip - £40.67 |
| 20/06/25 | 7A non-uniform day for merit competition |
| 25/06/25 | Sports Day |
| 26/06/25 | Year 6 Felixstowe Trip - £26.10 |
| 27/06/25 | INSET Day |
| 02/07/25 | Reserve Sports Day School Production Rehearsal |
| 03 & 04/07/25 | School Production Evening Performances |
| 05/07/2025 | Edwinstree Summer Fair |
| 10/07/25 | County Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm |
| 11/07/25 | Year 8 Felixstowe Trip Year 8 Camp Out (more details to follow) |
| 18/07/25 | Year 8 Leavers Ceremony End of Term 1:20pm. |
| 01/09/25 | INSET Day |
| 02/09/25 | Year 5 induction day |
| 03/09/25 | Term begins for Years 6-8 |
| 24-26/09/25 | Year 7 Residential |
| 29/09/25 | Flu vaccinations – all years |
| 09/10/25 | Open Evening 9th October 2025, 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm |

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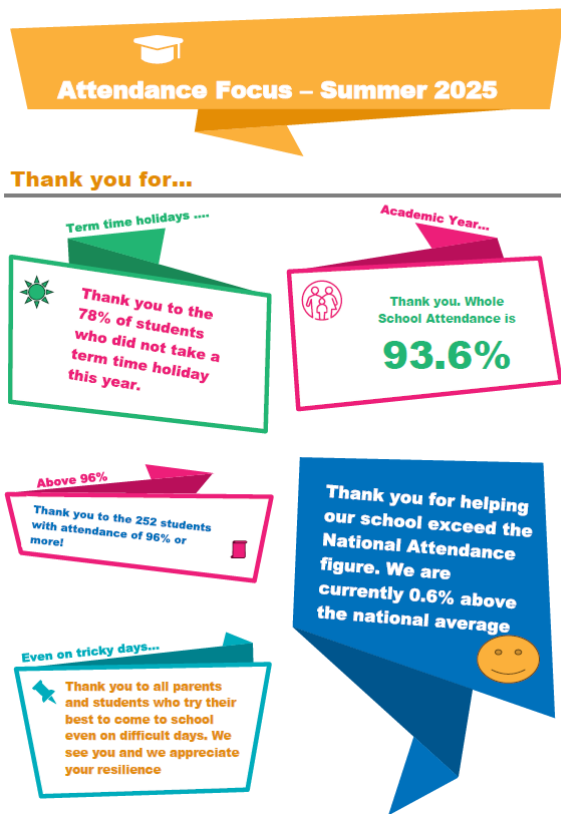
A large thank you to Parents/ Carers for all the support you give to us. We wanted to stop and thank the significant number of Parent/ Carers who have this year, and particularly in the last term, helped us with our trips and events. This means that students in school have less supply cover and for our vulnerable students it provides an extra security to any trip.

I was lucky enough to spend a lovely day in Felixstowe with some amazing Parent/ Carers who were so helpful and supportive. Thank you. All students and adults had a great day Thank you.

Afterschool Clubs cancelled on Monday

Due to preparations for our forthcoming SIAMS inspection taking place on Wednesday 18th, we regret that Music Tech Club, Netball Club and Cricket Club will be cancelled on Monday next week.

Attendance Focus



SIAMS Inspection – a message from the inspectorate.

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England. We will be inspected on 18 June 2025.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. As part of the inspector's evidence-gathering, they will speak with a range of people.

Following the inspection, they will write a report. Once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be approximately three weeks after the inspection. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school.

The report will be published on the school's website, as well as on the SIAMS website, and I would encourage you to read it.

Are you able to talk about the work of the church? do you see our vision at work, and in our values that we reflect about in our Collective Worship, in order to think how they might help us to live life in all its fullness? (see the footer of all newsletters)

If you are able to spare 30 minutes to speak to the Inspector about this during the afternoon of 18th June, please complete the form using the link below, we are looking for 4 or 5 volunteers. <https://forms.office.com/e/cFBkVTQYuU>

What is our value in COWO and what have we begun to think about.

Our last value for this term is *Compassion* and we are learning that this is not a value that just means sympathy, which is good but can lead to pedestals where we might look down on others. It is more than this, it is clothing yourself in someone else's experience, "**clothe yourselves, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**" (Colossian 3:12)

In the last two weeks, we have heard Years 7 and 8 talking about illegal immigrants, a topic of concern for all of us. We have been learning in COWO that no matter how difficult the problem, we should not forget compassion. These are humans who are taking huge risks in the boat crossing. Attached is the Collective worship that took place this week, if you would like to look at it. We know that this has sparked such a lot of thought in staff and students that we wanted to share with you.

Science Practical's – All Years

In Science we continue to complete a range of practical investigations until the end of term. Please support your child to take part in these practical learning experiences by ensuring they are in correct uniform and especially hard top, waterproof shoes. We frequently use hot liquids and glassware, and your child's safety is paramount. Thank you for your support.
Mrs Barrett - Head of Science

Sports Day (all years)

This year's sports day will take place on 25th June 2025 and will last the whole day.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits (PE shirt, black shorts, white socks, and trainers) and will not need their school uniforms or books.

As children will be outside for the full day, please ensure that they are suitably equipped for the weather. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, sun cream and a cap if it is sunny, and their hoody if it is cold.

The school day will begin and end at normal times. Parents are welcome to attend sports day from 11:00am. This will give you the opportunity to see your child compete in a minimum of four of the activity rotations. Access will be via the bottom gate only and the events will be taking place on the field and in the tennis courts.

During the day, children will rotate around activities in form groups competing against each other in their houses. Following the morning's activities, we will hold a picnic lunch on the school field from 12:45pm. Please remember we are a nut free school. Following the picnic lunch, we will host several relay races which the pupils have signed up to compete in. If your child signed up, you will receive an invite to stay after the picnic lunch to watch. Otherwise, we will ask you to leave at the end of lunch as your child returns to lessons.

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Year 5 English Feedback from Foundation Evening

You said: The Year 5 spellings are too hard for my child.

We did: We can confirm that there are differentiated spelling groups in Year 5, but if you feel your child is being set spellings that are too difficult for them, please let their English teacher know.

You said: You could not see a clear enough link between the Year 5 English Home Learning and the work they are doing in class.

We did: We are investigating how we can improve English Home Learning to more closely link it to their class work.

Year 8 Leaver Hoodies

Time is moving very quickly, and it will not be too long before we bid a fond farewell to our Year 8 students. We are making plans to ensure a smooth transition takes place between Edwinstree and the upper schools.

The pupils have expressed an interest in an exclusive leavers' hoodie. The price is £20.99 for child size or £22.99 for adult size per top, which includes all printing and will feature an embroidered school logo on the front and all the student's names on the reverse. Hoodies are available to purchase from an online shop, via the link below. <https://edwinstree2025.deco-apparel.com/>

The online shop is open now and is only available until **Tuesday 24th June 2025**. Orders after this date will not be included. Delivery will be to the school the week commencing 7th July 2025, we will notify students when they are ready.

Upon placing your order, click on either the child or adult hoodie image, which will then allow you to select the colour and size you require. You will be asked to insert the student's full name so we know who has ordered which item, as they will be delivered to school. You will be asked for shipping details, however, please note this is only for card payment verification and not for delivery. Please select the product carefully, as incorrectly ordered items are not eligible for return or exchange.

Should you have any questions, then please contact the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Gardening Club:

A very big thank you for the donations of plants so far. We would love more. We would like to have a very healthy plant stand at the school Fair, but we need some help in terms of plants. If you have any to spare, please bring them into the school office. Mrs van Wyk

Food and Nutrition

Year 5: - A wonderful week filled with the scent of baked cheese straws down the corridor, left many a pupil (and teacher) asking what was made. Well done to all, some excellent results. I will send the recipe card home on Monday via Satchel.

Year 6: We had a week of theory - no ingredients required next week.

Year 7: After taste tasting cakes over the past 2 weeks, we will start our alternate sugar project in earnest next week, when we make our batches of cupcakes. This is a food science lesson and school will be providing all the ingredients.

Year 8: Healthy Eating project has started. This project carries your theory mark for Freman. Please ensure you are fully utilising the time in class and your 2 hours of allocated homework to create your posters. Remember that there is a wonderful display of previous work you can get some ideas from outside the Food Room. This is a timed 2-week project for which there will be no extensions.

Kindly return any containers which have been borrowed as we are still missing at least 15. Majority are red Celebrations tubs and purple hexagon Quality Street tubs.

A reminder about nails and shoes - it is important health and safety rules are followed so that pupils are not injured in the Food Room.

School Summer Fair



Saturday 5 July 2025. 2-4:30pm

Please keep an eye out next week, as we will be asking Year groups for various donations to help us build a base for the Fair. There are still a few positions available for the table-top sale - if you would like to purchase a 'stall' it can be booked and paid for through the ESA Sum-up store using this link [Table top stall at the Summer Fair 5th July](#).

Our Fair will include stalls run by pupils, games to play, books, tombola's, plants, refreshments, raffles and a dog show. The choir will perform, and we will have an art exhibition this year.

School Production – Wizard of Oz How can you book tickets?

Ticket orders are now live using the following link:

[Wizard of Oz Musical Tickets 3rd & 4th July 2025](#)

Please may we ask that you pre-order your pre-show and interval drinks. This helps us to have the right amount of stock and speeds up things during the interval.

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Edwinstree School Association

Pre-loved uniform

As we are now in the final half term of the school year, if your child has outgrown any of their school uniform, or if you have a year 8 leaving us shortly, the ESA would love to receive any branded school items (Jumper, PE t-shirt or hoodies, rugby tops) to sell on as Pre-loved uniform. Not only does this provide good quality items to other parents at a fraction of the cost, it raises money for Edwinstree School Association, so we can provide little treats throughout the year, like Easter eggs and hot chocolate at Christmas.

Please donate any items via the school office, these are then published in our sum up shop for other parents to purchase.

[Edwinstree School Association Online Shop](#)

In 2024, £499 was spent in our pre-loved shop, which if the items had been brought new would have cost £2,435.45 thus saving our parents £1,938.45! We will have a pop-up shop including coats, trousers and shorts (including brand new items) at the Summer Fair on 5th July.

Summer Fair Saturday 5th July

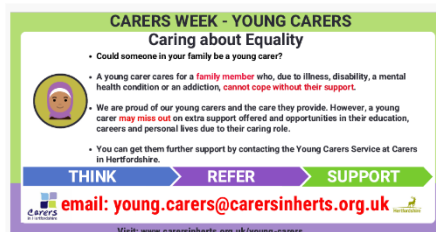
We have been planning with Mrs Van Wyk to make this year's summer fair even bigger and better than the previous years. To do this we need a few more volunteers to help for 1-2 hours either setting up, serving refreshments or helping to clear up. If you are able to help, please contact the school office:

edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com



Carers Week in Hertfordshire

This week is Carers Week. In Hertfordshire, we are celebrating the work and support that our young carers provide for their families.



The Carers Trust estimates that 1 in 5 school-aged children could be young carers. Yet in Hertfordshire, the January 2025 School Census found that 60% of schools reported no known young carers, Identified only 1,483 young carers out of approx. 200,000 pupils. The 2021 Census recorded just 2,525 young carers aged 5–17.

These figures show many young carers remain hidden and unsupported. Carers in Hertfordshire will offer an assessment and further support. Please get in touch:

young.carers@carersinherts.org.uk

Norwich City Girls Open Trial Details



This summer, Norwich City Football Club will be hosting a series of Girls' Football Development Trials across the region. See flyer attached.

These trials are designed for girls of all abilities who are passionate about football and eager to learn in a safe, fun, and supportive environment. Delivered by UEFA-qualified coaching team of high-quality coaching, the sessions have a specially designed syllabus which caters for all playing positions on the pitch and have opportunities for players to progress within the club's pathway.

Whether a player is new to the game or already showing strong potential, our goal is to help every participant grow. They focus on developing core skills, building confidence, and encouraging creativity, while also providing a clear progression pathway for players who show the desire and ability to push on further.

Girls Open Trial Details

Dates: Various dates across Summer 2025

Locations: Multiple venues near you!

Ages: 7-16 years old – with all abilities

Registration & Info:

Parents and guardians can find more details and book a place with us here:

[Norwich City Girls Football Development Trials 2025/2026](#)

If successful from the trial period, there is a small fee to take part in our pathway, but you receive a FREE Training Kit and there are opportunities to represent in games/fixtures, residential and training trips across the season.

Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

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