



NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 14/11/2025.

Edwin tree Term dates:

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

Homework week: A

Diary Dates:


17/11/25	Maya Workshop 5A & 5B
18/11/25	Maya Workshop 6C & 6D
20/11/25	Maya Workshop 6A & 6B
21/11/25	Maya Workshop 5C & 5D
28/11/25	Lights of Love ceremony at the Manor House Buntingford - 6pm
04/12/25	Year 5 Christingle P4 and P5
05/12/25	Occasional Day
10/12/25	 Christmas Jumper Day &  Christmas Lunch Day
11/12/25	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Services (am)
12/12/25	Year 7 & 8 Christmas Services (am)
15/12/25	Freman / Edwin tree Christmas Concert (6pm tbc)
17/12/25	Lister Hospital carol singing
19/12/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
05/01/26	INSET Day
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term
13/01/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 5B English and Maths 5D English and Maths 8C English, Maths, Science
14/01/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 8A English, Maths, Science
15/01/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 7D English, Maths, Science 7B English, Maths, Science
20/01/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 5A English and Maths 8B English, Maths, Science
21/01/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 5C English and Maths 7A English, Maths, Science
22/01/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 7C English, Maths, Science 8D English, Maths, Science
03/02/26	Year 8 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
16-20/02/26	Half Term
24/02/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 6A Maths and English 6D Maths and English
03/03/26	Academic Consultation 4-7pm 6B Maths and English 6C Maths and English
04/03/26	Y7 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
27/03/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
13/04/26	Start of Summer Term
21/04/26	Y6 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
12/05/26	Y5 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
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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Neurodiversity message from Chris Packham to Edwin tree

Over the last couple of weeks all students have had a Collective Worship connecting neurodiversity, climate change and biodiversity loss. This was partly based around a five-minute video message that Chris Packham made especially for Edwin tree. We thought that the wider Edwin tree community might be interested in seeing the video itself.

In the school COWO we talked about the fact that often those of us who are neurodiverse are sometimes asked to think of it as a super-power, but sometimes it’s difficult to really see this in real life. However, Chris shares the fact that his autism means that he thinks differently to other people, he thinks *out-of-the-box*; indeed, for him there are no limits in terms of how he thinks and what he believes he can achieve.

Chris shares that it is his autism that drives him forward in terms of how he feels about finding a solution to climate change and biodiversity loss. It is his autism that makes him so determined both on TV and in his non-TV work. He invites our neurodiverse students to understand that people who think differently might be particularly able to use their thinking to solve some of these seemingly unsolvable world problems.

It’s a really inspirational message for us all, especially those who are neurodiverse.

The link to the video is here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=px9znNqVKhc

How are we promoting anti-bullying week in school?

Students will be looking at the definition of bullying, and how and why they should seek help if this is happening to them. We will publish the resources in next weeks newsletter. We will always advise not to let an issue fester if you feel your child is repeatedly being provoked, tell us, so together we can deal with it. Sadly, bullying incidences do occur in schools including ours, but our history tells us, that bullying occurs when we don’t know about it. ALWAYS report a concern to us, so together we can tackle it. Ignoring the situation never works.

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As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*

Why is the SENCO email response slower this week?

We apologise for the slower turn around in our response this week, we have had ill health in the team which has meant we have been short staffed. We should be back to normal from next week.

Academic Consultations and Foundation Evenings – All Years

We have added our parents' evenings dates to our newsletter. The Academic Consultations (core subjects) are held online with bookable appointments, books will be available to view online with the teachers. The Foundation Evenings are held in school and give you a chance to look at work and speak to teachers on a more informal basis.

We will share information on how to book the January appointments before we break up for Christmas.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

So lovely to see so many students following the health and safety rules with the correct uniform in the kitchen this week. We still have a few sets of false/gel nails after the holidays that I am hoping will be rectified before their next lesson, as most classes are cooking next week. Incorrect uniform will result in a no cook lesson.

- Please note that unless otherwise informed, if your child was absent from the demo lesson, they will not be cooking - alternate work is always provided.
- All ingredient requirements are on Satchel 1. Please remember to change an item if your child has an allergy/intolerance or food preference, as we want students to enjoy their own cooking creations.
- ALL INGREDIENTS to be named and dropped off first thing on the day of your practical outside the Food Room. No shopping bags are allowed in the fridge, so please label all ingredients.
- Please send in only the required amount of ingredient. There is only 1 fridge in the Food Room and if 4 classes are cooking on the same day, space is very limited.

Year 5: Now that we have completed pizza taste testing and seen what our preferences are; how different ingredients impact flavour and what different types of ingredients can be used, it is your turn to create your own favourite pizza. 5A, 5B and 5D please make sure you bring in your design and your ingredients for your pizza projects. Please remember the design is the most important. *As mentioned on Satchel 1 and in class, if the design is not brought in you will not be allowed to cook - the design is more important than the practical this week.* 5C will be looking at creating your design next week and cooking the following week.

Year 6: Scrumptious cupcakes were the order of the day. I certainly hope they managed to get home, and that parents/carers were able to have a taste. The Food Room has smelled like a bakery all week. It is quite thrilling to create something tasty even though the sugar content was reduced. The added nutrients upped vitamin, mineral and fibre content too!

Year 7: We are stepping away from Food and Nutrition for the next few weeks and will become Food Technologists. More specifically, Food Scientists and we will look at the impact of sugar on a baked item. School will be providing all the ingredients for this so there is no need to send anything in for the next practical session.

Year 8: We are taking a culinary adventure to the Far East and exploring Asian Cuisine. Year 8 has been tasked with designing their own Stir Fry, showcasing their cutting skills and ability to include a rainbow of colour, flavour and nutrients all brought together in a wok. Mrs van Wyk will be attending a Healthy Chinese Cookery Ambassadors Day on Saturday and will bring new ideas to the classroom with what she learns. **8C** remember your work booklets please.

Do remember that you are welcome to make changes and adaptations as necessary to recipe requirements so that you can enjoy the product you are creating. Please send through any questions via SatchelOne.

A PLEA: If anyone is replacing their working microwave at home, the Food Room would gratefully appreciate it. Our microwave is currently over 15 years old and has lost part of its display function making it difficult to use in class. With our budget being stretched longer than mozzarella on pizza, a donated replacement would be wonderful!

Mrs van Wyk



School Production

Second Round of Auditions – Limited Spaces Available

We are excited to announce a **second round of auditions** as not all parts have yet been assigned.

All year groups are welcome to audition, but please note:

- **Spaces are limited** and will be allocated on a **first come, first served** basis.
- Students must have **completed the consent form** and be **available and committed** to the rehearsal and performance schedule.
- **No backstage crew is required** for this production.

If your child is interested, please ensure they meet the requirements and respond promptly to secure an audition slot.

Thank you for your continued support!

[Star Wars: Revenge of the Umpire 2nd Round of Auditions – Fill in form](#)

Message from Buntingford Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's contacted Buntingford schools this week to ask us to give parents information about some changes they are making from Monday 17th November. They shared that, in the past year, they have had theft worth £5,000 from soft drinks and confectionary items alone. As part of their process in tackling this problem, they have asked us to let students and parents know that they are limiting the amount of school students allowed in Sainsbury's before and after school to 6.

We shared this message with students through the morning PPT this week.

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HFL Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached an online safety newsletter with helpful information.

Outside of the Box – Safe Space

The image contains two promotional posters for a safe space program. The left poster is for 'Teen Safe Space' and the right is for 'TWEEN SAFE SPACE'. Both posters provide details about the program's schedule, location, and booking requirements.

Teen Safe Space
In collaboration with Tina from Messy Minds

ESPP booking is essential - use the QR code or visit eoth.pendee.app !!

Every Monday
Starting 08/09/25
6-8PM

A space for neurodiverse teens to socialise in a safe environment with experienced supervision on hand to support as needed. The sessions are delivered in collaboration with Tina from Messy Minds

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3D The Lanterns, Melbourn Street, Royston, SG8 7DX

TWEEN SAFE SPACE

IN COLLABORATION WITH TINA FROM MESSY MINDS

STARTING 3RD NOVEMBER

EVERY MONDAY 4-5:30PM
3D THE LANTERNS, MELBOURN STREET, ROYSTON, SG8 7DX
ESPP BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: VISIT [EOTH.PENDEE.APP](https://eoth.pendee.app)

A SPACE FOR NEURODIVERSE 11-14 YEAR OLDS TO SOCIALISE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WITH EXPERIENCED SUPERVISION ON HAND TO SUPPORT AS NEEDED. THE SESSIONS ARE DELIVERED IN COLLABORATION WITH TINA FROM MESSY MINDS

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