



**Edwin Term dates:**

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

**Homework week: B**

**Diary Dates:**

19/05/26	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation for Year 8.
21/05/26	MND Fullness Day – Bake sale / suggested £1 donation for non-uniform
25-29/05/26	Half Term
02/06/26	NSPCC Visit to Year 5 & 6 - <i>Speak out, Stay safe Programme</i>
17/06/26	Year 7 Educational visit – Globe Theatre
24/06/26	Sports Day
25/06/26	Year 5 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
26/06/26	INSET Day
04/07/26	Summer Fair
07/07/26	Year 6 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
09/07/26	County Transition Day
10/07/26	Year 8 Trip to Felixstowe / Camp out
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.

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**SATs this week**

A massive thank you to all those parents, carers and community members who helped with the SATs this week. Year 6 were calm and determined. We could not support all the SEND children in the exam as we would wish, without your amazing volunteering. Thank you.

**What is our Fullness Day about next week?**

A group of year 8 students have had family experience of the illness MND over the last few years and have asked to complete a Fullness Day to raise funds for this. The day will take place on Thursday of next week.

If you are one of our wonderful bakers, or are able to buy a cake or biscuits that we can sell, we would really appreciate you donating them by Thursday morning. **Please remember we have nut allergies, dairy and gluten intolerance, so please do not bring food with any nut products and do mark up if dairy and/or gluten free bakes so we can get these to the right children**

Students are asked if they will contribute £1 for non-uniform and then a little money for a bake sale and raffle. The raffle prize will be a trip to the park for their tutor group. Thank you for helping support this charity.

**What have we been covering in COWO?**

We have been looking at friendship through our relationships with nature and animals, and in particular this week, we have focused on the campaign for No Mow May. We were saddened to hear how bird song in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire has reduced more than anywhere else in the country. We learnt that allowing our gardens to grow weeds and flowers in our lawns this time of year, can nurture the insects that create bird food. We are hoping that your children might persuade you to join in.



## Timetable changes after half term

Next half term is when we start to look towards September and to write next year's timetable. Whilst this isn't usually something that impacts on Mr Rowlands ability to continue teaching, as a school we are also changing our Management Information System from Satchel to Arbor (more about this change after half term), and Mr Rowland leads both these important projects.

To provide some capacity for him to complete these tasks, we are reducing his teaching. Year 5 will not have music after half term but will instead have a 7-week drama course taught by Mrs Brock. Because of this, there will be some very minor changes to the timetable on a Friday affecting 5A, 6B and 7B. These changes will appear on Satchel over the holiday. We will talk this through with students next week

## NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe programme -Year 5 & 6

On 2nd June the NSPCC will be delivering the Speak out, stay safe Programme to years 5 and 6. We are extremely fortunate to have the NSPCC delivering this face-to-face as year groups.

This will consist of a session led by the NSPCC and a related video beforehand in a Life Skills lesson. More information is in the attached NSPCC letter. There is an anonymous survey that the children fill in and the attached letter explains that you may withdraw if you wish.

## Are you wishing to monitor what your child is watching ?

TikTok - 20 second video to set up Family Pairing !  
TikTok remains one of the most popular platforms for young teens, yet like all social media, contains both valuable and inappropriate content. This short, jargon-free video from *Parent Zone* will walk you through how to start to set up TikTok Family Pairing:  
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-set-tiktok-family-pairing> .

We would be interested to hear of your experiences in how easy it was to set up and whether it helped on  
[admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

## Year 8 News

### Year 8 - HPV Vaccine

The immunisation team will be visiting our year 8 students on 19<sup>th</sup> May. The HPV vaccine helps protect against human papillomavirus (HPV). It is recommended for children aged 12 to 13 years old. Please keep an eye out for correspondence via email/text which contains a link to the consent form. **You will need to respond even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine - there is an option to decline.** Correspondence from the vaccination team will be sent to parents via the following: [vaccinations.in.schools@notifications.service.gov.uk](mailto:vaccinations.in.schools@notifications.service.gov.uk) (email) NHSUK (text message). If you have any queries, please contact the vaccination team directly on 0300 5555 055.

Students will be shown a factual video from the PSHE association explaining why they are offered the jab, and what it protects against. The video does include information on the fact that it is usually spread by sexual contact, not necessarily penetrative, and there is also mention of condoms. It explains that the disease can cause cancer/warts.

## Year 8 History

8B and 8C - To conclude the Suffragettes unit of work before half term, 8B and 8C will watch the 2015 film 'Suffragette' in their history lessons next week. Please be aware the film is rated 12A due to infrequent strong language, moderate violence and a scene of force-feeding. Miss Mursell

## Food and Nutrition – All Years

So lovely to see so many pupils following the health and safety rules with the correct uniform in the kitchen this week.

A reminder regarding footwear – especially the boys, astros are not permitted in the Food Room. Please ensure correct footwear as 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 that if your child has an allergy/intolerance or food preference to change an item, you can send that in as we want pupils 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 extremely 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 One 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 Monday after half-term.

I have been informed by a number of pupils that they are going on holiday and will not be in their regular lesson next week, please would parents/carers ensure that all designs are handed in before they go, as it is an assessed piece of work and forms part of their mark for the year.

**Year 6:** Layered pasta salads are on the menu next week, just in time for the warmer weather over half term. 6A practical on 19/5, 6B practical on 01/06, 6C practical on 5/06 and 6D – well done on your session yesterday!

**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:** Some amazing results in the stir fry cookery sessions held this week. Again, the aromatics filled the air and left everyone wanting a stir fry. 8C you will be cooking next Friday. Six Containers are still outstanding; please can these be returned. Mrs van Wyk

### Gardening Club:

A huge thank you to the 3 families who have given us a whole variety of seeds to plant and for the tomato plants. Majority have been planted with the last few going in next week. We look forward to a bumper crop of tomatoes for Year 7 to use next year. Photos to follow next week once they've all been planted. We planted two rows of colourful carrots too and we're looking forward to harvesting these in 4-6 weeks.

We've had to do some slug and snail guarding as we lost 6 pea plants over the weekend.

Food and Nutrition classes collected all their eggshells for Gardening club to crunch and use as a natural repellent. Fingers crossed they work and keep them at bay.

Mrs van Wyk

### School Fair – Saturday 4th July 2-4:30pm

We've started working on this and a few classes have decided what stalls they will be running, once everyone has decided, we'll publish the information. After half term each class will be spending some time working on their plans for the day. A whole school competition has also been launched for the Fair in the form of "The Edwinstree Bake Off – A Victoria Sponge Challenge".

Unfortunately, Mary and Paul have other commitments, but we will find alternate judges for the day and look forward to all the marvellous creations that the pupils bake.

Excitement is building and we can't wait for you to join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun on the 4th of July.

Mrs van Wyk

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