



Edwinstree Term dates:

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Diary Dates:

18/11/24	NHS Mental health Support Team Sleep Workshop 9am 6A/6C Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
19/11/24	6B/6D Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
21/11/24	5C/5D Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student) 8A and 8C – Online Academic Review
22/11/24	Non-Uniform Day (Bottle/Teddy donations) 5A/5B Greek Workshop (£14.00 per student)
25/11/24	7B Non-Uniform Day for merit competition
28/11/24	8B and 8D – Online Academic Reviews
05/12/24	Fullness Day – Mental Health/Wellbeing more details to follow
06/12/24	Occasional Day.
11/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch £3.35
20/12/24	End of Term 1:20pm.
06/01/25	INSET Day
13/01/25	Year 8 HPV Vaccination
14/01/25	7A & 7C - Online Academic Review
16/01/25	5A & 5D - Online Academic Review
21/01/25	7B, 7D, 5B - Online Academic Review
23/01/25	5C - Online Academic Review / Year 8 In Person Foundation Evening
03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
14/02/25	Last day of Term
17-21/02/25	Half Term
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
10/03/25	6A Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6B Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
11/03/25	6C Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6D Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
20/03/25	Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening
04/04/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
22/04/25	Start of Term
05/05/25	Bank Holiday
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
26-30/05/25	Half Term
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening
27/06/25	INSET Day
10/07/25	Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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What have we been exploring in Collective Worship (COWO)?

As the nights draw in, COWOs in the hall take on a greater spiritual feeling as the candles burn, and the darkness outside wraps around the students. COWO is different from an assembly, as students and staff come together to explore, reflect, and learn together.

At the start of this term, we have been *living life in all it's Fullness* which is part of our vision. We have been exploring the true meaning of Hallows Eve and then spending time thinking about Remembrance Day.

Students learnt that Hallows Eve is the night before Hallows Day, where saints are celebrated and the day after this is all Souls Day. We reflected on the Mexican tradition for celebrating Hallows Eve, All Saints and All Souls Day by having the fun of Halloween, but also in taking time to remember their family and friends who have passed away, and what a difference they made to their lives.

Remembrance Sunday last week, saw our Year 7 student laying a wreath for Edwinstree at the Buntingford ceremony. Students again spent time exploring Remembrance Day and its meaning. Once again, we thought about our loved ones who fought in the wars. Lots of our students wanted to share their stories about their Great Grand Parents.

Life skills lessons have been giving students the opportunity to cheer up a grey morning with a moment to reflect, write and then post around the school what they are grateful for. This is a helpful strategy for when we are feeling a little low. It was lovely to see so many students post up how grateful they are for their families and the time and care you give them.

Next week we begin our focus newsletters – with Mental health. On Monday 18th November the NHS Mental health Support Team will be in school to deliver a workshop on sleep and answer any sleep related questions you may have around your child. The workshop begins at 9am, please arrive at our main Reception.

The following weeks will include:

- General introduction
- Mental Health Awareness and invite to our Foundation Evening.
- Attendance
- Behaviour – Home School Agreement
- Curriculum
- Preparation for Christmas and COWO

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Non-Uniform Day to support the ESA.

Friday 22nd November

In exchange for non-uniform, students are asked to support the Edwinstree School Association, by bringing in teddies/soft toys in good condition or bottle donations, (plastic not glass) - squash, fizzy drinks, shampoo, sauce etc for us to sell at the Buntingford Christmas market on the 29th of November.

7B non-uniform day

As winners of the half term merit competition, 7B have chosen their non-uniform day reward to be on Monday 25th November.

Year 6 SATs

Mock SATs 3/02/2025 - 6/02/2025

Official SATs 12/05/2025 -15/05/2025

This week the year 6 students have been completing practice SATs papers in class. Their completed English and maths papers will be sent home with them over the next week. Please have a look through the papers with your child. During the week, we noticed that some of the children sitting the practice papers became quite anxious. If you have noticed any anxiety in your own child this week, and are concerned about this, please do let us know.

Are you able to support us with the mock and/or official SATs?

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 able to help on any of the days please email the school office, admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk stating your name, contact email and the days that you are able to support.

Year 8 - 'We will Rock You' at Freman

Year 8 have been offered the opportunity to go up to Freman College to watch the dress rehearsal of this musical on Monday 25th November. They will be walked up to Freman and will be back just before lunchtime.

Year 8 Parent Evenings

Please note, core subject parent evenings are taking place online on the following dates:

8A and 8C – Online Academic Reviews – 21st November.

8B and 8D – Online Academic Reviews – 28th November.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

***PLEASE RETURN ALL BORROWED TUBS.** I lent 14 tubs out this week – please return them so that others can use them as needed.

Year 5: Now that we have completed pizza taste testing and seen what our preferences are, how different ingredients impact the flavour and different types of ingredients that can be used, it is our turn to create our own favourite pizza. **5B, 5C 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 part of the project. *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** we will be looking at creating your design on Wednesday and will be cooking 27/11.

Year 6: Who knew that a fruit cupcake could be as delicious as one full of sugar? I hope you enjoyed your wonderful baked goods. It's great to know that we can use fruits to colour, sweeten and flavour our end products. Well done!

Year 7: Wow! I am positive that we had some very happy families this week. Excellent results from **7C and 7D** with the Spaghetti Bolognese products. **7A and 7B** don't forget your ingredients on Wednesday. Please remember a container BIG enough for your end-product. A sweet tub is about the right size for this dish.

*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 ingredients - there is only 1 fridge in the Food Room, and as we have 2 classes cooking on the same day, space is very limited.

Year 8: Healthy Eating Projects are due next lesson. Please make sure you hand it in either before next lesson or at the start of the lesson - there are no extensions. This project makes up a large proportion of the Food theory mark going up to Freman. Unfortunately, you will not be able to take part in the next practical if your project is not handed in on time – you have had 4 hours allocated to produce a poster all about Healthy Eating. I look forward to being dazzled by your projects.

Gardening Club

Whilst we have lost the light for the club to continue after school, background work continues...the rhubarb has been covered to protect it from frost, a leaf mulch layer has been added to beds and we have used the last remnants of the topsoil to top up all the beds. As soon as we have the first frost, we will dig up all the leeks and start using them. Year 7's had the opportunity this week (and will also next week) to make use of the tomatoes we grew, picked, prepared, and froze. It is wonderful that we can grow ingredients for our school to use in Food and Nutrition lessons – a real life example of from field to fork with zero carbon emissions!



Edwinstree School Association

Thank you to everyone who supports the ESA by using EasyFundraising £80.88 has been raised over the last three months. Money is raised every time you shop online from groceries to insurance, holidays and

Christmas presents at no extra cost to you. Please sign up if you can at www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Many thanks also to all those who have purchased Stikins name labels over the past year. We receive 30% commission if you provide our fundraising number 6671 at <http://www.stikins.co.uk> This year we received £50.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

ESA members will be at the school gates on the morning of Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November to receive your Christmas jumper donations. For each Christmas jumper or top you donate you will receive a ticket. Keep these tickets safe!

On Thursday 5th December the outdoor classroom will become our Christmas Jumper Swap Shop at the end of the school day. Only students with tickets will be allowed to choose a new to you Christmas jumper to take home.

Any jumpers which do not find a new home for Christmas will be advertised via our sum up online shop and can be purchased for £3. Jumpers will go on sale Saturday 7th December and any purchased by midnight on Monday 9th December can be collected from school on Tuesday 10th ready to wear at school on Christmas Jumper day Wednesday 11th December.

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