



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of
England School

**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &
CARERS**

Week Ending: 16/02/2024

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework Week: A

Diary Dates:

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
19-23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	6A & 6C Academic review via SchoolCloud
29/02/24	6B & 6D Academic review via SchoolCloud
07/03/24	World Book Day Book Swap
13/03/24	Fullness Day (details to follow)
18/03/24	Year 5 Foundation Evening in person
28/03/24	End of Spring Term 1:20pm
15/04/24	Start of Summer term 08:40am
22/04/24	Year 6 Foundation Evening in person
23/04/24	Year 5 Whipsnade Zoo trip (details to follow)
26/04/24	Year 8 Thorpe Park trip (details to follow)
06/05/24	Bank Holiday
13-16/05/24	Year 6 SATs Week
20/05/24	Year 7 Foundation Evening in person
21/05/24	Year 8 Shakespeare's Globe trip (details to follow)
27-31/05/24	Half Term
17/06/24	Year 8 Foundation Evening in person
12/06/24	Year 7 Shakespeare's Globe trip (details to follow)
28/06/24	INSET Day
11/07/24	County Transition Day
17/07/24	Year 5 Queens Park trip (details to follow)
19/07/24	End of Summer Term 1:20pm



Hertfordshire Association of Secondary
School Headteachers
(HASSH)

Please find attached a joint letter from all the Secondary Headteachers in Hertfordshire regarding Vaping.

DDG Bake Sale and Non-uniform Day – Thank you!

The DDG would like to thank everyone for showing their support by helping to raise an amazing £536! The contributions of cakes, biscuits and treats from parents, carers and students alike, was incredible. Those who extended their culinary skills to create vegan, gluten free, egg free and milk free options, were all very inspiring. It was a wonderful demonstration of the continued support from our whole school community.

We thank you, this will go a long way to support our Fullness day that will take place on the 13th of March and will help us to celebrate and explore diversity. This year we will be considering neurodiversity.

How can I access my child's timetable updates?

Attached is our timetable changes for next half term, please look out for technology changes that take place on the 2nd week into the week after half term, the swap of Freman French and Edwinstree French. Mrs Mayne our Deputy moving in to teach year 6 English as Miss Bull leaves for maternity and Mr Byrne arrives to teach year 7 English.

Why might it be difficult to contact us over half term?

We are planning to update our server systems in school and this requires a complete shutdown of our system which may impact our communication system. We should be fully up and running for the Monday we return to school and we apologise for the inconvenience.

PE after Half Term

Attached is our Spring PE timetable, please note Year 5 & 6 will be doing hockey after half term. Pupils will need a mouth guard/gum shield as well as shin pads. Year 7 boys are moving to football and will require football boots and shin pads. If you are struggling to provide these, please contact s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

If you have any old boots or shin pads you no longer need, the PE department would be grateful to have donations.

Half Term merit winners

Congratulations to 7C who have won this half term's merit challenge. Mr Wainwright-Meekins and the form will decide when they want their non-uniform day next half term and we will let you know via Parentmail. Well done also to 8D (2nd) and 5B (3rd).

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Family Quiz

Thank you to everyone who came to the Family Quiz last Friday night and a special thank you to Mr Funnell for stepping in last minute and being the quiz master. It was a great evening and £487 was raised! We are considering spending this money on the PE department (especially in this an Olympic year) but if you have any suggestions on how we should spend the funds raised we would love to hear from you.



Friday Night Treat - 15th March 7pm

Our next event is an adult only 'Friday Night Treat'. Tickets must be purchased in advance from our on-line shop where you can also book pampering treatments. Please note that sharing platters and more treatments will be available to book soon.

[Products | Edwinstree School Association \(sumupstore.com\)](#)

training programme and required checks, volunteer mentors are matched with young people based on personality and interests but also by location. As a volunteer mentor you would gain trust from the young person you are working with and provide valuable support in being able to help them work towards goals, overcome challenges, give advice or just provide a listening ear. You will be supported by a Mentoring Co-ordinator and ongoing training and support groups are provided.

Upcoming Training Dates:

Cohort 1

- Friday 24^h Feb 10-4
- Monday 27th Feb 5-7pm
- Tuesday 28th February 5-7pm
- Saturday 4th March 9-12.30

Cohort 2

- Saturday 4th March 9-12.30
- Friday 11th March 10-4
- Saturday 12th March 10-12.30

If you are interested, please download an [application form](#) and send to mentoringmailbox@hertfordshire.gov.uk Any questions should be sent to mentoringmailbox@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Community news:



ADD-Vance
ADHD and Autism Trust

Please find attached details for Parent & Carer Training courses.



Families First News

Become a Safe Space volunteer mentor

Would you like to become a Safe Space volunteer mentor for young people in Hertfordshire and support them to overcome challenges, achieve their goals

and reach their potential? Safe Space provides mentoring for young people aged 11-19 (25 if they are care leavers or have a learning disability) who live or go to school/college in Hertfordshire. Mentors are given training before being matched with a young person who would benefit from 1:1 mentoring support to help them reach their potential. [See more opportunities by Safe Space](#)

Role of the mentor

As a volunteer mentor you would meet with your young person once a week for up to an hour, at a time and place in the community convenient to you both. Usually the mentoring relationship is for 6 months but can be longer or shorter depending on the need. Following an initial 2-day



Are you interested in a provision for 2-year olds at Millfield?

We are keen to find out if there is any interest within the Buntingford community for 2-year olds to attend a Nursery provision at Millfield starting in

September 2024.

Potentially, we would be able to offer up to 15 hours per child from 11:45am - 2:45/3:15pm every day with a qualified teacher and early years practitioners. It is anticipated that there would be a minimum of 2 sessions attended per week (term time only).

Please complete this short survey to register your interest: <https://forms.gle/PgCnguBEwVR62B7b6>

Please feel free to share this survey with anyone you consider may be interested. Kind regards
Millfield School Office

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