



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

21/01/25	7B, 7D, 5B - Online Academic Review
23/01/25	5C - Online Academic Review Year 8 In-Person Foundation Evening 5-7pm
31/01/25	Fullness Day to raise fund for Air Ambulance Service
03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
17-21/02/25	Half Term
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
05/03/25	Year 6A & 6B Cambridge Science Centre Visit £19.90 per student
06/03/25	Year 6C & 6D Cambridge Science Centre Visit £19.90 per student
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 Summer 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	County Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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SATs exam request for volunteers

A plea for help and support during the mock SATs week and the actual SATs week.

Like all schools nationally, we have seen a significant growth in children with Special Educational Need. So much so that we are looking to support 36 children with extra time and/or reading support for their SATs exam.

Can you help us? We have relied on volunteers in the past who are willing to give up a Monday to Thursday morning to come and sit in a room with our most vulnerable children and a member of staff, as the ratio of adults to children increases under these conditions for the exams.

We have 10 volunteers currently but are short another 10. We don't have enough staff to cover this and keep the remainder of the school running. To bring in supply for the week at £250 a day, would be a huge hit on an already over stretched budget.

Do you know of a family member?

Would you be willing to support? It requires a commitment from 8.45am to 11.30am from Monday to Thursday during the weeks of 3-6th February and 12th-15th May. **Even if you are unable to commit to the full week**, any help would be so gratefully received.

If you can find a family member, friend or you are willing to help please complete this link form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/h6zemsxbej>

Timetable Changes – 6B, 7C and 8A.

We are making lesson swaps to these classes from next week (no teacher changes). Changes will appear on Satchel One over the weekend and students will be reminded during the week.

Tuesday

P1 - 8A English

P2 - 8A Maths

Friday

P2 - 6B Hums

P2 - 7C English

P3 - 6B English

P5 - 7C Science

What are the different type of parents' evenings that we host?

Academic reviews:

These are consultation evenings with the Core teachers of English, Maths and Science. They take place online during the winter. Teachers will have the students' books there for you to review. We are looking forward to meeting you and discussing your child's progress.

Foundation Evenings:

These are evenings where you can come into school with your child to meet the teachers of the subjects that are not core, we will also leave out your child's English, Maths and Science books in their tutor room, in order for you to look at their progress over the first term. We have a Governor representative and the Head of Year at the evening or an SLT member for any questions and/or concerns to be shared, so we can address these swiftly. You are not required to book a slot, please come to school with your child between 5-7pm.

What is happening on the 31st of January?

The Church of England asks us to promote the virtue of Courageous advocacy, the ability to see a wrong, feel passionate about an issue and/or make a change. We support students to understand that no change is too small and we can all make differences to causes and concerns.

On the 31st of January some year 7 boys are running a Fullness Day for the Air Ambulance, which is particularly close to their heart as an amazing service. We will be asking bakers to help us with a bake sale, there will be a non-uniform day and we are just waiting to hear what day of that week, the ambulance service will be in to talk to students about what they do, and how they got involved in this charity.

Newsletter Focus

Our newsletters for the remainder of the term will have a focus to them and the themes will be:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Attendance
- Sports celebration
- Curriculum

Year 6 News:

Year 6 Mock SATs week – 3rd to 6th February

This is an opportunity for staff and students to have a run through before they take their exams in May. The practice tests take place from Monday to Thursday during periods 1 & 2, students will then continue with their normal timetable for the rest of the day.

Please ask your child to arrive at school at 8.30am, we will provide your child with a small snack. Please ensure that your child has plenty of rest the night before and goes to bed at a reasonable time.

Year 6 Cambridge Science Centre Visits

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 6 the opportunity to visit Cambridge Science Centre. This educational visit will take place on the following dates: 6A & 6B on the 5th of March 2025 6C & 6D on the 6th of March 2025.

Your child will need to bring with them:

- Full school uniform with comfortable shoes or trainers.
- A snack and water bottle [no glass bottles please]
- A small backpack [to be carried throughout the day]
- Any medication [including travel sickness tablets] clearly labelled with their name, to be handed to the office by 28th February 2025

The cost of this visit will be £19.90 per student, which includes coach hire, parking and entrance. This is a voluntary contribution, however if we do not have enough to cover the visit then it will not be able to go ahead. Payment is non-refundable unless due to exceptional circumstances your child is not able to attend. Payment can be made via the school Gateway. Payment and consent form should be completed by Friday 21st February 2025.

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Year 8 News:

Year 8 Foundation Evening

As you will have seen from the Newsletter dates, we have a Y8 Foundation Evening next week on **Thursday 23rd January from 5pm until 7pm**, this is held in school and is a chance for your child to bring you into school, take you to their classrooms and to show you the work they've been completing in their subjects. Foundation subject teachers will be in their classrooms for any questions you may have. You are not required to book a time slot.

A slight change from last year - and in response to parent feedback - we will ensure that your child's core books (English, Maths and Science) will be available for you to look at during the evening. The likelihood is that these will be available in tutor rooms, but we will confirm that on the night.

Food and Nutrition – All Years

We are now back in the swing of practical's and over the next few weeks each year group will be making something tasty either to enjoy here at school or to take home.

Please make sure school shoes are hard topped/polishable/leather as there have been a number of pupils in the incorrect shoes.

There are still a few pupils with 'Christmas nails' on, please ensure these are taken off before your next lesson as they are not allowed in the Food room and are not part of the school uniform.

Our wonderful delivery of *Mighty Mussels from the Fish Heroes Programme* will be arriving on Wednesday. As only 1 of 250 schools in the UK, Edwinstree is very fortunate to have the opportunity to cook with the product at no cost to the pupils. Unfortunately, the delivery date means not all pupils will have the opportunity to experience this, but I will keep applying to all Fish Hero projects in the hope we are successful again in the future.

Please see Satchel 1 for full details of home learning and ingredient requirements for next week.

YEAR 5: Please remember your 5 fruits for your fruit salad. Only bring in what is required, we do not have fridge space for extras. School will provide the juice to stop enzymic browning so please ensure a clip seal or watertight container in which to take the product home in.

YEAR 6: Demonstration week for Grilled Chicken Wraps.

Year 7: Mighty Mussels will be arriving on Wednesday, so we will be learning about sustainability and how to cook this highly nutritious product.

YEAR 8: We have a varied week – please take note:

8D: Introduction to Chinese cookery.

8B: Stir fry practical – watch the video! All pupils to cook with stir fry ingredients of your own choice.

8A and 8C: Mighty Mussels will be arriving on Wednesday, so we will be learning about sustainability and how to cook this highly nutritious product.

Please do let me know if you have any questions,
Mrs van Wyk.

Fixed Penalty Notices

We know at this time of year families are planning and booking their summer holidays. Just in case you are not already familiar with the updated regulations introduced in September, we are including the information as a separate document for review.

Thank you.

Satchel One Student Logins

Please be aware that student logins in Satchel One now use Office 365. If your child gets logged out, or is registering on a new device, they just need to enter their school email address as their username and the password students use to access school computers. Edwinstree email addresses are all formatted the same with the year of entry into year 5 for the first two digits (even if your child joined us in a different year), followed by their first name and last initial. For example: A year 7 student called Joe Bloggs would be 22JoeB@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. If you have any difficulties and require assistance, please email Mrs Heywood r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Carers in Herts support session in Feb

Please find attached information regarding the support session for parents/carers on a HPFT CAMHS or Step 2 waiting list.

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