



**Edwinstree Middle School**  
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School  
**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS**  
**Week Ending: 17/03/2023**

**Diary Dates**

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
23/03/23	Provisional Year 8 STEM Ambassador visit
24/03/23	ESA Family Quiz
30/03/23	Year 8 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
31/03/23	ESA Easter Egg Hunt – and Easter service – parents support required please. <a href="#">End of Spring Term 1.20pm</a>
03-14/04/23	<a href="#">Easter Break</a>
17/04/23	<a href="#">Summer Term Begins</a>
27/04/23	Year 5 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
28/04/23	Year 8 Thorpe Park Visit (more details to follow)
30/04/23	Herts Gala Music at the Royal Albert Hall (choir students)
01/05/23	<a href="#">Bank Holiday</a>
08/05/23	<a href="#">Additional Bank Holiday - Coronation of King Charles III</a>
09-12/05/23	Year 6 SATs
18/05/23	Year 7 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
19/05/23	ESA School Disco
22/05/23	Year 5 Felixstowe trip
24/05/23	Year 6 Felixstowe trip
29/05-02/06/23	<a href="#">Half Term</a>
29/06/23	Year 6 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
13/07/23	County Transition Day
21/07/23	<a href="#">End of Summer Term 1.20pm</a>
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day
06/09/23	<a href="#">Autumn Term Begins for all years</a>
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit

**What trips are taking place in the next 6 months?**

Attached are letters for Years 5, 6 and 8 for their next planned trips and the residential in the new school year for our current year 6. All trips have been costed and selected based on the parent survey to ensure that as

many children as possible can take part. Year 7, don't panic more information is coming out about a trip for you!

**What did the reading advisor report when they visited the school for learning walks in English and within the school, where they met and reviewed students work and listened to their voice?**

Our English advisor from County can see clear progress in the teacher's strategy and the impact it is having on engaging students in reading, supporting them to become more fluent and more focused on all subject vocabulary. Next steps to ensure that all teachers build up their competency in reading strategies and that these are designed to enhance subject knowledge across the school.

**What is happening at the end of term?**

Students are being offered the opportunity to take part in Edwinstree got Talent, they are signing up this week. Before the end of term, they will have the opportunity to record their act, which will then enter a competition at the end of term for the school to vote on their favourite act.

Interestingly this year a child asked if they could record their talent, horse jumping on a video and send in to show the school. We thought this was a brilliant idea. We would like to invite you to encourage your child, if they have a talent outside of school and would like to share it with the school, please send in a video to the [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) titled Edwinstree got Talent, please include the name of your child and their year group. I am really hoping that some of our silent superstars, dog trainers, national gymnasts, motocross and car racing, judo champions and skate boarders etc will come out of the woodwork and show off their talents.

**Is there a church service and do you need help?**

Yes, there is, this time at St Peters church and following this we will hold an Easter egg hunt in Layston gardens for KS2 and year 7 and 8 will hide the eggs. Once again, we are seeking parents and/or relatives who will help us on the last day of school and come in for the morning and take part in the walk. If you are able to help, could you please email [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

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## **NSPCC – Speak Out Stay Safe**

The NSPCC will be delivering hour sessions to year 5 and 6 about being safe, and will include aspects of neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and bullying. These will be fully age-appropriate and will be led by NSPCC volunteers with a teacher in the classroom to support. The sessions will include:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our [Childline service](#).

The dates are as follows:

Year 5 – Tuesday 21st March

Year 6 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

We would suggest that all parents visit the following website to find out more about this session.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe> When looking at this link please be aware that the school has chosen the option for the NSPCC to do the talk at the school rather than online.

## **Missing Books**

Please check at home for any copies of our English core books: The BFG, A Christmas Carol, Skellig, One thousand and One Arabian Nights, Trash, The Hunger Games. These books are the core texts for our English topics and need to be returned to school as soon as possible in order for them to be used again. These books have a sticker on the inside cover with the school's address and a number. Thank you.

## **What changes to clubs are happening next week?**

### ***Home Learning Club***

Due to staff training on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, home learning club will run on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### ***Netball Afterschool Club***

Will not be taking place on Tuesday 21st March, however will still be taking place on Tuesday 28th March.

### ***Year 8 Football Afterschool Club***


Will not be taking place on Tuesday 21st March.

## **Would you like your child to attend the Filmmakers Afterschool Club from next term? This is one of our most popular and successful clubs so get in early!**

Film Makers Club will be returning to school in the Summer Term starting on April 19th 2023 -THIS TERM IS A 12 WEEK TERM, EVERY WEDNESDAY. 3.15pm - 4.20pm.

*What we do?* We focus on BUILDING CONFIDENCE, being CREATIVE and learning everything to do with making films as well as your child starring in their very own film. Learning to SCRIPT WRITE, plan costumes, take on the role of camera operator, director & clapperboard operator. Working with GREEN SCREENS. All work is fully edited and given to each child.

*What films do we work on?* Films we work on include Hogwarts, I'm A Celebrity Get Me Outta Here, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, News, School of Rock, The Greatest Showman, Men In Black, Wizard of Oz and much more.

**To BOOK** your child on next Terms after school club click here 

<https://form.jotform.com/70862684255363> OR use the QR code on that attached Flyer. **SPACES ARE LIMITED** TO 16 CHILDREN PER TERM.

For more information contact Gill on [hertsbedsfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:hertsbedsfilmclub@gmail.com) or 07341305131. Payment is split into 3 equal Monthly Direct Debits (£28.66 per month) spaced 1 month apart.

**1st payment not due until 11th April 2023. PLEASE DO CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE TO SEE WHAT WE DO AT YOUR SCHOOL AND ALSO SEE RECENT PARENT FEEDBACK. CLICK ON THE QR CODE ON THE ATTACHED FLYER OR HERE <https://hertsbedsfilmclub.webstarts.com>**

Best Wishes

**Mrs J Gant - Headteacher**

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