



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

01/09/25	INSET Day
02/09/25	Year 5 induction day
03/09/25	Term begins for Years 6-8
24-26/09/25	Year 7 Residential
29/09/25	Flu vaccinations – all years
09/10/25	Open Evening 9th October 2025, 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
27–31/10/25	Half Term
05/12/25	Occasional Day
19/12/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
05/01/26	INSET Day
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term
16-20/02/26	Half Term
27/03/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
13/04/26	Start of Summer Term
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
25-29/05/26	Half Term
26/06/26	INSET Day
09/07/26	County Transition Day
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.

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We would like to thank you for entrusting us with your child this year.

We hope that you find time for respite and that you enjoy time with your children over the summer holidays, we look forward to working with you in September and thank you for trusting us to be part of your child's life journey.

Who can I contact if my child develops anxiety over the holidays and needs an additional visit before the start of term?

Our SEND team are in school the last two weeks of the holidays to provide additional support for any child who is anxious about returning to school. We have a list of students already who will need an extra visit, but if your child develops a worry, please let us know by sending an email to the addresses below after the 20th of August, and we will be in touch to arrange a reassuring visit. We have found in the last 3 years that these visits have been really reassuring and helpful. Please don't hesitate to ask for one.

a.harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk /
c.surrey@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Student Reports

Individual attainment reports have been issued via Satchel:one. Reports can be viewed via **parent and student** Satchel:one accounts using a computer or mobile phone. Below is a short guide on how to open reports using an Android or Apple device:

Android

- Open the Satchel:one App and select the red tile labelled "Documents"
- Click on the name of the report (starting with the surname of your child)
- Click on the grey box that has the letters PDF in it
- Click on the option "PDF reader"

Apple

- Open the Satchel:one App and select the red tile labelled "Documents"
- Click on the name of the report (starting with the surname of your child)
- Click on the grey box that has the letters PDF in it
- This will open a white pop up with your contacts and sharing apps. At the bottom, click on the option "Quick Look"

If you require any assistance accessing your child's report, please email Mrs Heywood: r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.

Message from Head of Year 5

I hesitated in writing this, afraid that my pride in you would overwhelm me.

You have all come so far, trusted us and worked with us, as you have navigated year 5, and I am beyond proud to have been your Head of Year. I wish you all every success as you continue your journey at Edwinstree.

Have a great summer, don't do anything I wouldn't do!
Mrs Kelly

Information for my Year 5 child's first day at Edwinstree?

Please remember, Year 5 students will start school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 8.40am, their normal school time. They will be asked to enter through the bottom gate and exit via the park gate at the end of the day. These are the entrances they will enter and exit all year. Students should come in their winter uniform. If it is hot, we will contact you beforehand and ask you to bring them in their PE kit. Please note that even if they have PE on the first day, no one will expect them to bring their PE kit on the first day.

From 8.25am staff will be ready to meet and greet them at the bottom (Main) gate on Bowling Green Lane. Collection will be at the side gate (Park side) at 3.10pm. Please wait outside school grounds if meeting your child, staff will be manning the gate, however, children are not registered out at dismissal.

Children are expected to arrive in Edwinstree school uniform and bring stationery (see listing below) and a water bottle daily. Please ensure you have either ordered a school lunch via SchoolGrid or provided a packed punch, some children also choose to bring a snack for break time.

Students will be registered on the first morning in fire drill lines, where they will be reminded of their form group and Tutor. Please remind them that for the first day they will be the only children in the school. The first hour of the day will be finding out their timetable and getting to know each other. There will be plenty of teachers on hand and in the classroom supporting them on their first day. Please reassure them, no one will moan if they get a little lost, staff will walk them to their next lessons for the first week and collect them from their fire drill lines after break and lunch.

What does my child need, to be ready for the start of a new year?

PE Reminder

For PE next year, all classes will need a mouth guard, black football socks, shin pads and football boots in order to safely participate in hockey, football, and rugby lessons. Charity shops and second hand online are great places to seek these items.

What is our Uniform reminder for next year?

Our uniform list can be found here [Edwinstree School](#). Please do not forget the ESA offer a nearly new service for parents, please find link here to their website: <https://edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com/>

What equipment are we asking students to bring into school with them next term?

To support your child to learn, please may we ask that you provide them with the following:

- Pencil case
- Blue or black pens
- Green pen
- HB pencils
- Ruler (30cm measured in cm and mm)
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Whiteboard pen/rubber
- Glue stick.
- A small pack of colouring pencils (basic colours)
- Year 7&8: scientific calculator -
- [Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator, Black: Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#)
- You may wish to provide highlighter pens.

Any parent that is struggling to manage this please contact s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk Mrs Marler is here to help.

Why are we asking students to bring stationery equipment?

We have found that students who are prepared for lessons are also prepared for learning. As we begin to introduce our new ethos of 'commitment' we will be asking students to be committed to their learning by being fully prepared. We appreciate your support with this.

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School Shoes

Please ensure you consider the safety requirements of footwear in the practical subjects. In order for pupils to be safe in Science, Food and Nutrition, and DT lessons they are required to wear hard topped, polishable shoes. This is to prevent them from being scalded by hot water, burnt by acid if dropped or injured from falling sharp objects. We have to plan for such events and ensure the safety of every child. Please support your child to take part in these practical subjects by ensuring their feet are safe. Here are some example shoes that will meet the needs of these subjects.



2025-26 timetables

Attached to the newsletter are the student timetables for next year. From the 2nd of September, you should be able to view these on Satchel One where you will also see which staff will be teaching them (although those in older years may recognise the room numbers!).

Sports Newsletter

Please have a look at the sports newsletter attachment, it details some of the excellent achievements pupils have made over the past term.



School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Missing School Sport Kit

Could we please ask you to check bags, wardrobes and corners of the home for any outstanding PE department co-curricular kit over the summer. We are missing football kits in particular.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are encouraging pupils to engage with the Summer Reading Challenge this summer.

Please see links below for details:

[About-the-challenge](#) | [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

If your child enjoyed taking part in a Challenge and you can help us share the experience with even more children, please consider donating to The Reading Agency by clicking here. If you would like to make a larger gift, legacy pledge or can support our fundraising in any way, please email Rebecca.Kendall@readingagency.org.uk. The Reading Agency receives 100% of your donation. Obtain bill ... summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

We will be offering merit rewards in relation to their engagement with the challenge.

I will also post the link as a flexible task on SatchelOne, but the task is only encouraged so is optional! I hope you all have a fantastic summer! The English Department

Carambar's Fund

Thank you to Jasmine 5A for contributing to the Carambar's fund by bring some back from their trip to France.

Mrs Theroulde



ESA

It has been another successful year for the ESA. We hosted two discos, a quiz, tombola stall at Buntingford market and supported the school at the production of Wizard of Oz and the Summer fair. All these events, along with pre-loved uniform sales, EasyFundraising and Stikins have generated funds to help enrich our children's time at Edwinstree. This has included subsidising Greek workshops, RE trips and the Year 6 ice cream treat after SATs. Treats at Easter, a greenhouse and other gardening equipment has been funded for the growing garden along with equipment for forest school.

We wish the year 8 students every success as they move onto Freman College or other institutions, and hope they enjoyed the disco and ice pops at the Camp Out last week which we were happy to fund. Along with the year 8 students leaving, we will also be saying goodbye to one of our valued members, Emma Russell. However, it is not long until we return and look forward to welcoming the new year 5 students. We are already planning a 'New Friends Disco' for September!

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If you are worried about your child's mental health over the holidays, who can support you?

If you or your child is in need of urgent help, please speak to:

Single Point of Access (SPA) Mental Health Helpline on: **0800 6444 101** (SPA provides 24-hour mental health support)

If you are not sure what to do or are unable to speak to SPA, please call NHS **111** and select **option 2** for mental health services.

Emergencies: If someone's life is at risk, please call **999**

Healthy Young Minds in Herts

Is a website that contains information on many services that can provide help for children and young people who may be experiencing emotional or mental health difficulties and has separate sections for young people and parents & carers

Herts Mind Network

Herts Mind Network have launched a new early intervention and prevention helpline for children and young people aged 10-17 in Herts. The helpline will provide a safe, non-judgemental space to talk to a Young People Advisor or Mentor who will provide emotional support, advice and information and discuss coping strategies. For opening hours and more information please visit the [Young Peoples Helpline](#) website. Helpline number is 01923 256391.

Just Talk

Information and support for young people and parents with concerns regarding Mental Health.

Chat Health

Chat Health is a confidential texting service offered by the Hertfordshire School Nursing Team. It's safe and easy for you to speak to a qualified health professional. We provide advice, help and support to teenagers, with any health issues such as mental and emotional health, sexual health, healthy eating, bullying, alcohol, drugs, and stopping smoking. Whatever's on your mind, we can help. Even if you just need someone who understands or want advice for a friend. Chat Health: 07480 635050

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service offer support to children, young people, their parents, families and carers and can be contacted on: 0300 123 7572. They are open Mon-Fri, 8am - 6pm.

The [Family Service Centre](#) is made up of three different teams:

[The Family Support Service](#) from pregnancy to 11 years old

[The Health Visitor Team](#) from pregnancy to 5 years old

[The School Nursing Team](#) from 5 to 19 years old

NHS Wellbeing Service

The Adult Community Mental Health Services provides a Wellbeing Service that offers free and confidential talking therapy and practical support for Hertfordshire residents (over 16) experiencing a wide range of mental health problems such as: worry, low mood, insomnia and stress. If you feel that you would benefit from the service, are over 16 years and are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire, you can self-refer via this website.

Sandbox Homepage (mindler.co.uk)

The Sandbox is an NHS-funded service to support children and young people in Hertfordshire with their mental health and well-being. The Sandbox is a central place for resources about common mental health issues, with information on how to access additional support or emergency services.

WithYouth

A digital service that provides support to young people who are experiencing mental health needs or would like support with their emotional wellbeing. The service is open every day from 2pm-10pm.

Financial Support Resources

Bishop's Stortford Food Bank

Providing help to anyone in Bishop's Stortford and the surrounding villages experiencing a food crisis.

Buntingford and Villages Food Support

Providing food for those in need in the town of Buntingford and the surrounding villages. Anyone who is struggling to buy food for themselves or their family can be referred to a Foodbank.

Food bank – Referral Service

You can [ask Citizens Advice to refer you to a food bank](#). They'll usually make an appointment for you to discuss your situation with an adviser first.

If you can't go to Citizens Advice, you can ask for a referral from another organisation - for example your GP, housing association or social worker.

Your local council might be able to tell you how to get a referral to a food bank. You can [find your local council's contact details](#) on GOV.UK

NHS Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>

See flyer attached.



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