



Edwinstree Term dates:
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Homework week: A
Diary Dates:

25/06/26	Year 5 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
26/06/26	INSET Day
01/07/26	Sports Day
04/07/26	Summer Fair
07/07/26	Year 6 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
09/07/26	County Transition Day
10/07/26	Year 8 Trip to Felixstowe / Camp out
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
01/10/26	Edwinstree Open Evening 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm

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Thank you for supporting the swim fundraising event today and the DDG yesterday. The students had a good day celebrating and learning about difference, we look forward to seeing their designs for a new flag for the school.

Hot Weather

Next week looks hot, so we are happy to support children by offering them the opportunity to attend in PE kit, this is the red top and then their shorts or skorts and trainers. We will do this for Monday and send a Parentmail if the current weather predictions come to fruition and the heat wave continues.

Sun hats, sunglasses and suncream are all welcome and supported during a hot period, along with a water bottle. Please be reminded that students are required to wear hard topped polishable shoes for Science, Food and Nutrition and DT lessons.

Trips continue at a pace this term, and we are very grateful to each and every volunteer who helps us.

What have we been up to in Collective Worship?

We have started a new value of Reverence - thinking about the awe and wonder of God, and we are beginning to consider where we find awe and wonder in nature. Students had a chance to vote for the bank note animals and to think about naming the Whipsnade elephant. [Help us celebrate the UK's wildlife | Bank of England](#)

Paul Dearman, our retired community police officer visited the school this week, to deliver Collective Worship on his trips to Senegal, and his volunteering in a school for homeless street children. Students listened well and were humbled like all of us, as to how we live compared to others. Paul beautifully modelled one of our values, *courageous advocacy*, and how each of us can make a difference.

DDG Day of Culture



A fantastic day was enjoyed across the school. From taste testing delights from Africa, The Caribbean and Middle East – we certainly had a mini feast of tastes. We learnt about racism in sport, looked at flags from across the world, answered a few cultural quizzes and created an array of colourful and diverse flag ideas – Mrs van Wyk and Miss Jackson will have a hard time sorting through these – they are just wonderful! We will choose from them and put it to a vote across the year groups. It will be awesome to have a flag designed by pupils that represents us all as a collective.

The colour run went down very well, with those not wanting colour finishing on a separate path to those who ended up rainbow! We will endeavour to have more colour next time. We hope your child/ren enjoyed their DDG Day of Culture!
Mrs van Wyk and Miss Jackson

Food and Nutrition

A good week getting ready with some summertime recipes. Dippy Divers and rainbow Broccoli Salads bringing delight to those who made and enjoyed them.

Year 5: Well done on all the marvellous creations. Some excellent knife skills and great health and safety work with those sharp knives. Apologies that not many went home, the pupils were so excited to have something they had made for break and lunch!

Year 6: A number of pupils have tried Broccoli raw for the first time and have now made a rainbow salad. We honed our grilling skills with our proteins and created a beautiful variety of healthy, crunchy salads – perfect for the coming weeks' warm weather!

Year 7: 7B and 7C you will be making your carrot cake next week. **7A and 7D** you will be making yours week commencing 29/6. A container for a small 1lb loaf cake will be needed.

Year 8: 8B – well done, there are some fabulous projects, and I look forward to marking these next week. **8A, 8C and 8D** your projects are due next week. Do not forget them as you will not be able to complete your final practical of choice if you do. **8C** yours will be collected in during registration on Thursday as we are not in on Friday.

There are a number of jewellery items being worn by both boys and girls, please do not allow pupils to wear jewellery as they can harbour germs and will need removal before coming into class. The school accepts no responsibility for lost items.

Mrs van Wyk



INSET Day – 26th June

Staff will be carrying out training on supporting reading across our whole curriculum and writing. We see year on year the entry students who are active readers and/or fluent readers shrink as the national trend to move away from reading continues.

Unless a fluent reader, students cannot access the curriculum, and therefore we are aware as staff that we all need to be responsible for this vital skill. We will also be spending time learning about our new MIS system Arbor that we move to in September 2026. Finally, we will be completing some mental health training on helping our students to emotionally regulate when we find they are not.

Year 5 News:

5D School Fair

5D are preparing for the upcoming school fair on Saturday 4th July and would love your support in making our tombola stall a success! We are kindly asking for donations of prizes – these can be anything new or in excellent condition that others might enjoy winning. Popular items include chocolates and sweets, small toys or games, toiletries or gift sets, books, candles and vouchers. Even small items can make great prizes when combined into bundles. Do you run a local business, or know someone who does? We would be very grateful for any donated prizes, vouchers, or services that could be included on our stall – it's a wonderful opportunity to support the school while also raising awareness of your business within the community. Thank you in advance for your support!
Mrs Hill (5D form tutor)

Year 6 News:

Year 6 Treat

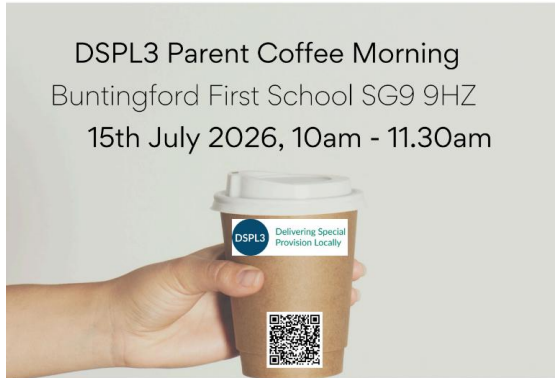
We have just finished the writing assessments for the end of Key Stage 2. A piece of writing that the students really loved was re-writing a dragon scene inspired by The Hobbit. Many asked if they could see the film.

As a special treat to thank the students for all their hard work, we would like to show The Desolation of Smaug (Hobbit 2) starting Monday 22nd June and then completing it over the next few weeks. The film has an age rating 12.

If you **DO NOT WANT** your child to watch this film, please contact us by Sunday 21st June using this link. [Year 6 Treat - The Desolation of Smaug \(Hobbit 2\) – Fill in form](#)

Mrs Mayne and Mrs Dore

DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning



DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning
Buntingford First School SG9 9HZ
15th July 2026, 10am - 11.30am

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.
Connect with other parents and carers
Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
Practical advice & emotional support
Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL
We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

Letter from our Director of Public Health

The number of children with measles has increased since the start of the year, with most cases in unvaccinated children aged 10 years and under. Measles is a very infectious illness which can make children very unwell and sometimes leads to serious complications. Sadly, two children in England have died from measles in 2026.

In Hertfordshire we have had outbreaks of measles in some of our schools and cases of measles are increasing. I am therefore asking that parents take the following actions:

- Check your child's red book or the NHS App to make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.
- If your child has missed one or both doses of MMR, please contact your GP practice to arrange an appointment.

You can also contact your local Community & School Aged Immunisation Service who run vaccination sessions for all ages. Details can be found here:

[Service details | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust](#)

- If your child is ill and you are worried it might be measles, check symptoms of measles here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>. If you need help, please phone your GP or 111 and follow their advice.

An alternative vaccine is available for those who want to avoid pork products. You can find out about this when booking an appointment. The MMR vaccination is safe and free in the NHS and highly effective in protecting children from three serious diseases, Measles, Mumps and Rubella."

Yours faithfully
Sarah Perman
Director of Public Health Hertfordshire County Council

Freman College Vacancy

Please see attached vacancy for a TA at Freman College

Warm Homes Local Grant

East Herts Council's Sustainability Team

Struggled with high energy bills Last winter?

Free home energy improvements with the Warm Homes Local Grant can help you stay warmer and save money this winter.

You may be eligible if:

- You are a homeowner or private tenant
- Your home has an EPC rating of D, E, F or G
- Your total household income is £36,000 or less
- Someone in your household is getting certain benefits

HOW TO APPLY: CONTACT US FOR FREE (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

0800 107 0044 Please use the correct number we will never pass on your details.

bhbh@nef.org.uk

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As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*