



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm	
02/09/24	INSET DAY.
03/09/24	Year 5 Induction Day.
04/09/24	Autumn Term Begins Years 6-8.
16-18/09/24	Year 7 Residential – Essex Outdoors Bradwell. £295.60 per student.
26/09/24	Year 5 “Getting to know you” Parents meeting 5pm
30/09/24	Flu vaccinations (all years)
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term.
06/12/24	Occasional Day.
20/12/24	End of Autumn Term 1:20pm.

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

[Home - Kooth](#)

[Mental health services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to
listen](#)

[Just Talk \(justtalkherts.org\)](#)

When do we return to school?

Staff return to school on the 2nd September for an INSET day. We will welcome Year 5 into school on Tuesday 3rd September. School starts for year 6,7, and 8 on Wednesday 4th September. All returning children are expected into school at normal time 8.40 am. Our finish time in line with Government requirements will be 3.10pm

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How are we supporting children who are extra nervous about returning to school in September?

If you feel your child will struggle coming back into school after the holidays, please book in for a visit.

Please contact Mrs Harris from 22nd of July onwards if you would like to book a transition appointment. Mrs Harris will show the students who have booked an appointment, the classroom they will be going into; can go through their new timetable and talk about any worries they may have. Please email Mrs Harris to arrange a time and date a.harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

Year 5 Trip to Queen's Park

Wow Year 5- you were exceptional examples of our school when we visited 'Faith at Queen's Park'. Your behaviour was respectful and your questions well considered!

We all thoroughly enjoyed learning about different worldviews and seeing how we can be different but still respectful and collaborative.

A big thank you to our parent volunteers and staff alike.

A lovely way to round off a great year, well done Year 5!

Mrs Kelly

What were our SATs results this year?

We are so proud of all our year 6s. Our end of KS2 data shows their resilience to change and commitment to learning. Every student has made tremendous progress since joining Edwinstree.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Edwinstree school*		Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally	Average scaled score: Edwinstree school		Average scaled score: nationally
	Data including only students who sat the test	Data of all students in the cohort, including those who did not sit the test.		Data including only students who sat the test	Data of all students in the cohort, including those who did not sit the test.	
English reading	74%	71%	74%	104	99	105
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	68%	65%	72%	104	99	105
Mathematics	75%	71%	73%	103	99	104
English writing (teacher assessment)	64%	N/A	72%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science (teacher assessment)	92%	N/A	81%	N/A	N/A	N/A

*We are required to report results including students who were withdrawn from, or, were absent from the tests.

What is our Uniform for next year?

Our uniform list is attached. Please do not forget the ESA offer a nearly new service for parents, please find the link here to their website: <https://edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com/>

Information and Preparation for next academic year.

When will I know my child's tutor and timetable?

Below is a table of the new tutor groups in September. Next year's timetable is on the website so you can begin (when appropriate for your family!) to prepare for September <https://www.edwinstree.herts.sch.uk/learning.aspx>. Timetables on Satchel One will not update until we are back in school.

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7*	Year 8
Head of Year Mrs Kelly	Head of Year Mr Galanides	Head of Year Mr Kelly	Head of Year Mr McCarthy
5A Mrs O'Neill	6A Mr Nash	7A Miss Jackson	8A Mrs Booth
5B Mrs Burches	6B Mrs Taylor	7B Mrs Barrett	8B Mrs Theroulde
5C Mrs Van Wyk	6C Mrs Thomas	7C Miss Mursell	8C Mr Funnell Miss Jackson
5D Mrs Hill	6D Mrs Knight	7D Mrs Brock	8D Mrs Bright

School Reports

School reports were sent on Thursday via Satchel:one. Reports can be viewed via **parent or 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 have not registered for a parent account or need assistance to open the report please

email: r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Please note that students who have recently joined Edwinstree will not receive a school report until the Autumn term.

PE Reminder

For PE next year, all classes will need a mouth guard, black football socks, shin pads and football boots to safely participate in hockey, football, and rugby lessons.

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 in September 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 (available to purchase at a discount from school)

You may wish to provide highlighter pens.

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

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Why are we asking students to bring in this equipment?

Firstly, during the pandemic, we moved to the school supplying students with basic equipment as a safety measure to prevent the spread of Covid. This has cost the school many thousands of pounds, which we simply can no longer sustain. Secondly, 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.

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.



New Afterschool clubs starting in September 2024.

Sign-up sheets for afterschool clubs will be sent out in September at the end of the first week of term, and clubs will begin in the 3rd week of the new term. The majority of clubs offered to students remain free to students. However, we do have some private tuition available from the Film Club, Boxing and a new dance class advertised below:

Edwinstree School Street dance classes

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS.

Christina Marks will be offering the students of Edwinstree School Street dance classes every Monday after school. Learn the latest dance moves to popular music, these lessons teach a mixture of styles and steps. Classes are taught by their team of passionate CMSOPA teachers who all have showbiz CVs and enhanced DBS.

Class times will run from 3:15-4:15pm

To register and book please follow the link below.

<https://christina-marks-sopa.classforkids.io>

Any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

The ethos which lies at the heart of the school is to dream, aspire, achieve, and excel. Christina Marks Email:

Christinamarksschoolofperformingarts@hotmail.com

Tel 07525850232



Edwinstree School Association News

New Sports Shed

Funds raised this year have been spent on purchasing a new storage shed for the PE department. This will be located on a concrete base left over from a mobile classroom many years ago. The shed was delivered flat packed on 18th July and requires assembly, but at 20 x 10 feet Mr Kitto (Edwinstree Site Manager) will struggle to assemble it by himself. Are there some handy parents/grandparents who would be able to help construct the shed in the summer holidays?

We also want to provide electricity to the shed to enable lights and an outdoor socket. This would be used for PA system for sports day and summer fair. A power source has been identified in the field (from previous classroom) and we are hoping that someone might have a mini digger to reduce the backbreaking work of digging a trench. Finally, if there are any electricians who might be able to source the necessary cables and parts at cost for us and even install at a friendly rate, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com or the school office if you can help.

Pre loved Uniform

Donations of pre loved uniform are always welcome. (Branded jumpers, t-shirts, hoodies and rugby tops only). They can be made at the school office, even during the summer holidays there is usually someone there. Our online shop will be updated upon receipt of donations and you can order items ready for collection during the holidays. [Edwinstree School Association Online Shop \(sumupstore.com\)](http://www.edwinstreeschoolassociation.co.uk/online-shop)

If you are buying new uniform or equipment for September please remember to label everything! We get 30% commission if you quote our fundraising number 6671 at <http://www.stikins.co.uk>

We have enjoyed hosting various events during this school year and our end of year report will be ready to read in September. We are always open to new ideas and new people to join the ESA or just volunteer at events. If you would like to get involved please get in touch. Edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com

Local Events

Coaching at BMX track

Buntingford has been fortunate enough to be designated a Hub for Herts, this opportunity allows students to have access to specialist training at both beginner and intermediate level for BMX and cycling. This will mean in the Autumn term children aged 7 to 14 will be able to apply to take part in the years training with specialist coaches.

As a launch event, students will be able to attend a day's taster session on the 19th August, and the links for more detail and applications are attached to this newsletter. There are limited places for the taster day. It will be first come first served to attend this event, so please be swift if you think your child is someone who would benefit from this day.

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East Herts LCWIP - Public Engagement Launch

As you may be aware, East Herts District Council and Hertfordshire County Councils are working jointly to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) to make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable to walk, wheel and cycle in East Herts.

You are now invited to access the public engagement hub, which features a series of walking and cycling network maps for you to review. We encourage all to give their feedback using the option on the webpage, and highlight amendments, addition, and ideas for interventions, such as a zebra crossing in Bowling Green Lane.

The engagement platform will be live from 8th July 10am until the 19th August. The link to the page can be found www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/EasthertsLCWIP

We have had strong early interest in this LCWIP and would like to encourage participation, so please share this news with colleagues, friends or family who live, work or travel in East Herts. If you would like to contact the project team, please email eastherts.LCWIP@hertfordshire.gov.uk

What is available for my child to participate in, during the Summer?

Summer Reading Challenge



Get ready for a summer of imagination and creativity at your local Hertfordshire Library!

The **Marvellous Makers** Summer Reading Challenge is here to spark the joy of

reading and creative arts, while addressing the dip in reading levels that can often occur during the summer holidays.

In collaboration with The Reading Agency and Create, a leading arts charity, we're celebrating creativity and storytelling for our young readers. This year's Challenge is an open invitation for children to explore books and stories, while taking part in free activities. From poetry and music to arts and crafts, there's something for every young creator.

The Challenge begins at all Hertfordshire Libraries from **Saturday 6 July**, and continues until **Saturday 7 September**. Children are encouraged to read six library books and collect exclusive stickers along the way. And that's not all—finishers of the Challenge will receive a medal and certificate, and a chance to win tickets to an interactive poetry workshop with the celebrated poet, Joshua Seigal.

Keep an eye out for pop-up Maker Stations at select libraries during the summer holidays, offering simple, engaging, and free activities designed to unleash the creative spirit in every child. Curious to learn more? Visit

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge for all the details on the Challenge and discover some marvellous makes to create at home.

Theatre Based Workshop at Edwinstree

Below is a flyer advertising an opportunity for students who would wish to engage in drama -with our local drama team, who have worked both nationally and internationally with children – providing meaningful drama.

From the 5th – 9th of August students will have the opportunity to participate in drama workshops based around thinking about what they would like to see and be in their future. At the end of the week parents and local dignitaries will be invited to view their drama pieces based around this discussion. To sign up for this event please contact rosey@peacechild.org



Mrs J Gant – Headteacher

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