



**Edwinstree Term dates:**

[Term Dates 2025-26 & 2026-27.pdf](#)

**Homework week: B**

**Diary Dates:**

26/03/26	Easter Services in school
27/03/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
13/04/26	Start of Summer Term
21/04/26	Y6 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
22/04/26	Y5 RE trip (all day) - Faith in Queen's Park
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
11-14/05/26	Year 6 SATs
12/05/26	Y5 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
19/05/26	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation for Year 8.
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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**What is our vision and where did we see it in action this week?**

Our vision for the school remains to support all children to live life in all it’s Fullness, to flourish, and to encourage their uniqueness and wonderful.

We saw this in action this week with the great theatre performances that took place, that had us laughing out loud. Thank you to the large audiences that booked tickets to see the school production. The funds go to supporting the next one!



Sporting success this week in a number of events. On Monday, our Year 7 boys football team secured a place in the district league finals following a convincing 5-2 win. This was followed on Wednesday with our Year 8 girls Netball team winning the District Netball Plate. On Thursday, our Year 6 girls became district football champions via a penalty shootout win and an amazing and incredible 50 goals in 11 games, and today our Year 6 boys B team became unbeaten district champions.

## What was discussed in COWO?

COWO continued this week with the theme of small acts of generosity in the build up to Lent. In the hall students learn't about forgiveness as an act of Generosity. You don't have to forgive the act that has caused you harm, but to let go of the anger and to move on is an act of forgiveness to both the perpetrator and to yourself.

Next week a year 5 student who was helped by a year 7 student will be presenting a COWO around Ramadan, their faith and the celebration of Eid that happens today.

## What is happening with the Easter services this week?

Our Easter services take place in school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, and the ESA will present a small gift of an egg (we cater for all intolerances) to the children. If you would like a little faith in your life or a service you are very welcome to join us, you just need to sign in. The times are:

### 10.05am Tutor groups:

5A, 5B, 6A, 6D, 7B, 7D, 8A, 8B

### 11.25am Tutor groups:

5C, 5D, 6B, 6C, 7A, 7C, 8C, 8D

## What are our end of term dates and timings and start of term?

We finish term next Friday at 1.20pm. We begin the new term on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40pm and students return for a normal school day.

## A gentle reminder about summer uniform.

If the weather reaches 24 to 25 °C we will move children into PE kit for the length of time it remains relatively hot. For now, can we ask that your child attends in the main school uniform on a sunny day. Thank you.

## Afterschool Clubs

**These have now finished for the term**, with the exception of Maths Home Learning club on Wednesday that will run for a further week.

We will send out the link to the clubs for the summer term in the newsletter at the end of the first week, in the newsletter. Clubs will begin two weeks into term once places have been confirmed.

We are trialling a different system with the clubs (usually Art and Computing) that get fully booked within seconds! We will be giving a 24-hour window to put your child's name forward and then, if necessary, complete a random name draw to allocate the spaces. We will then inform those who have been successful.



## Comic Relief

Thank you for all your donations, last count we have raised £221.00, you are able to donate £1 on SchoolGateway.



## Have you had your say on the traffic measures coming into place?

This week, Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a special workshop with Hertfordshire County Council. They learned all about the plans to make Buntingford's roads safer. Including what a new zebra crossing outside our school and the potential 20 mile hour zone.

The children were shown CGI images and discussed how these changes could help everyone cross the road more safely. They also explored how car stopping distances work.

Discovering that a car travelling at 30mph takes much longer to stop than one at 20mph. They acted out how a driver sees a hazard, the brain reacts, and the foot hits the brake. It showed them why slower speeds near schools make such a difference. To finish the workshop, our pupils got creative with a rock-painting activity.

Each one represented how they feel about staying safe on the roads. Their designs were bright, thoughtful, and full of personality. Hertfordshire advisors commented on how proud of how engaged and enthusiastic our pupils were throughout the session.

The session spent time encouraging students to have complete as a family the consultation and to remind them their voice is important in this decision making.

**A public exhibition of proposals will be held on Saturday 21 March from 10am – 3pm at Manor House, High Street**

**Buntingford Town Centre Improvements**

**Have your say on revised plans!**  
Survey live Monday 16 March to Sunday 26 April

In 2024, we asked you to comment on proposals for Buntingford town centre. We have listened to your feedback and new proposals include keeping the tree by The Black Bull and minimizing the loss of parking. The new plans include pedestrian crossings, 20 mph streets and maintaining the town's heritage and sociable spaces. View the revised plans and complete a short online survey at <https://letstalktransport.hertfordshire.gov.uk/buntingford>

Logos for Hertfordshire, East Herts, and Buntingford are visible at the bottom of the poster.

*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.  
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*

## Year 5 News:

### Year 5 RE Educational Visit Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

We are delighted to, once again, be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit "Faith in Queen's Park" in Bedford.

The visit will entail a tour of a Church, Gurdwara and Mosque. Being able to see places of worship alongside different faiths working together is a wonderful learning experience for all our pupils. Many of our pupil visitors last year still reflect upon their visit (they particularly liked the bandanas in the Gurdwara and the ceiling in the Mosque!).

## Year 6 News

### Year 6 Journey to SATS.

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the SATS workshops this week. We hope you found this useful. Attached is the powerpoint we shared.

All children brought home with them a set of CGP maths practice papers and their English mock SATS papers, plus, a spelling list and writing Toolkit.

Before Easter, we will also send home English CGP practice papers. We hope that these resources support your child to complete some work over the Easter holidays to keep their brains ticking over.

### Are you able to support us with the SATs?

Thank you we have 34 helpers but remain 12 short of the target number, so that all students are supported in the SATS who need extra help, with movement breaks, reading and or writing. If you have the time to spare or know someone that can help, please fill in the form below and give a little back to your community. Thank you to all those who have already let us know they can help.

### Official SATs Dates: 11/05/2026 -14/05/2026 - 8.45– 11.00am

Duties include supporting teachers in the classroom and working with students as a reader, scribe, or prompt. We will provide a short amount of training for this on the day. Many students require this support, and we are always incredibly grateful to anyone who volunteers, as this ensures that all students receive the support that they need.

If you can help on any of the days, please complete the following form. [SATs helpers for 2026 – Fill in form](#)

## Year 8 News

### Science does Thorpe Park

Thank you to the parents that have alerted us that the date is clashing with various football tours, we are in contact with the coach company with a view of moving the date and will advise early next week of our revised plans.

## Food and Nutrition - All Years

It has been a week of bread making for Year 7 and the Food Room and corridor have smelled like a bakery! Well done for all the fantastic bakes. A lovely variety of both fruity and savoury bread rolls.

**Year 5** have learnt about hazards in the kitchen and how they can be prevented. Next week they will be introduced to the equipment they will be using as well as having a lesson on why it is important to wash up correctly.

**Year 6** had a recap session on the governments' recommendation for healthy eating, and we looked at the Eatwell Guide and why it is important to have a healthy balanced diet.

**Year 8** has looked into allergies, intolerances and guidance on food for religious faiths. Did you know that there are 14 allergens that have to be labelled in bold on ingredients lists for food items?

Please would you ensure your child has the correct uniform if we have a non-uniform day. Incorrect shoes and press on nails are not permitted in the Food Room on these days.

## Joint communication from the Director of Public Health and Executive Director of Children's Services

Understandably, you may be worried about the news of an outbreak of meningitis in Kent. This is affecting young people in the area and sadly there have been two deaths.

There are no confirmed cases of Meningitis in Hertfordshire linked to this outbreak and although this is a serious disease it is uncommon. Please see attached document.

## Family Lives Workshops



Family Lives are delivering the below online parenting workshops, funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

### Anxiety around ADHD - Online via MS Teams

*This 2- hour workshop is for parents and carers who suspect or have received a recent diagnosis that their child has ADHD. The workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.*

Date: Wednesday 18 March

Time: 7pm to 9pm

and

Date: Thursday 26 March

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

### **Empowering parents - Online via MS Teams**

*A workshop to equip parents with practical tools, resources and strategies to enhance their parenting skills and navigate parenting challenges effectively.*

Date: Friday 20 March

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

### **It's a Dads Life - Online via MS Teams**

*A workshop for dads to help build strong attachment and relationships with their child*

Date: Tuesday 24 March

Time: 7pm to 9pm

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for our online referral form or scan the QR code on the attached flyer

You can also email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call us on 0020 4522 8701 / 204 522 8700 for more information.

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