



Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Homework Timetable: Week commencing 23/09/24 - B.

Diary Dates:

26/09/24	Year 5 "Getting to know you" Parents meeting 5pm
30/09/24	Flu vaccinations (all years)
10/10/24	Edwinstree Open Evening 5.45pm-8.15pm Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
16/10/24	Lord Lieutenant visit to Year 7
28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term.
06/11/24	Year 5 Duxford trip
18/11/24	6A/6C Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
19/11/24	6B/6D Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
21/11/24	5C/5D Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
22/11/24	5A/5B Greek Workshop (more details to follow)
05/12/24	Fullness Day – Mental Health/Wellbeing more details to follow
06/12/24	Occasional Day.
20/12/24	End of Term 1:20pm.
06/01/25	INSET Day
13/01/25	Year 8 HPV Vaccination
14/01/25	7A & 7C - Online Academic Review
16/01/25	5A & 5D - Online Academic Review
21/01/25	7B, 7D, 5B - Online Academic Review
23/01/25	5C - Online Academic Review / Year 8 In Person Foundation Evening
03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
10/03/25	6A Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6B Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
11/03/25	6C Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6D Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
20/03/25	Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening
04/03/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
22/04/25	Start of Term
05/05/25	Bank Holiday
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
26-30/05/25	Half Term
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27/06/25	INSET Day
10/07/25	Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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Please would you ensure you park safely when collecting your child after school. There are clear lines marked on the road and signs nearby indicating a no waiting zone. Please do not park, wait, or drop off on the zig zags either side of the school gates.

What changes are we proposing after the SEND consultation, regarding parents' communication last term?

The Wellbeing Hub, the Sunrise room and Pupil Power unit will be offering our most vulnerable children 3 days, during the year where parents are able to attend a meeting during the school day to discuss their child's SEND needs and set a plan for the next half term. This was requested in consultation with SEND parents and we are looking to support it.

The Wellbeing Hub will host between 2pm until 6pm. The first date for these consultation days will be Tuesday 22nd October. As a parent of a child who has an ECHP and/or is assigned to any of these rooms, we will be contacting you individually to invite you to your first session.

When and What is Open evening, and how does it involve my child?

Next week we will be asking children to help us host our annual Open Evening where the school comes together, and we invite prospective parents to view the school. Please note, current parents are welcome too. To help us showcase the school, we ask for volunteer students to work in the different departments for the night and/or tour prospective parents. Your child will have a chance to sign up next week. We will then send you a letter to confirm that they wish to attend, and a link for you to sign them up. Our Open Evening takes place on the 10th of October from 6.15 pm till 8 pm.

All Years Flu vaccination – Monday 30th September

Please note that Vaccination UK will be visiting school to administer the flu vaccination to all year groups. Please see flyer attached.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/hertfordshire>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

ESA Outdoor Disco – 27th September 5-7pm

Have you booked your child a school outdoor disco place? If not, this is your last chance. Tickets for the school disco will be on sale until midnight Wednesday 25th September. **Please note this is subject to a forecast for good weather.**

This year tickets need to be purchased via the **Sum Up shop** by clicking on the link below. You will need to add your child's details to the 'Message for merchant box' on the payment page. [School Disco - Please read instructions carefully \(sumupstore.com\)](#) Please remember to write your child's name, food allergies and consent to walk home in the 'message to merchant' box.

If you are a parent willing to provide 2 hours of your time to help us run the event, please email admin@edwinstree.herts.ch.uk

Satchel One dashboard

You may have noticed that your child's dashboard on Satchel One currently reads as having no positive points (or very few if some were added today).

We have updated our internal systems to increase the different types of merits we can give, to align with the school's vision and values and to give you more information about why the merit was given. This has had an impact on what is currently being displayed on the Satchel One dashboard, although you can still see the merits and reason in the 'points breakdown'.

We do have internal records of the merits your child has received; we will make sure that the merit charts in the tutor rooms are updated to reflect their up-to-date totals. We will also look for a different solution if the dashboard doesn't reflect the points totals correctly in the coming days/weeks.

What are our Term dates?

We try hard to match our holiday dates to that of Freman, to support parents with children at both schools. We also try to offer an opportunity for an early start to the Summer break to capitalize on cheaper holiday prices. We have placed our dates on the school website for both this and next year's dates, and there is also a link at the top of our weekly newsletter.

Safety in Practical Subjects

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.



A reminder that nail polish/false nails are also not permitted in the Food Room. No fabric trainers will be allowed, and long hair needs to be tied back.

What is our year 5 'Getting to know you' meeting about?

We would like to invite you and your child to the Year 5 Meet and Greet evening on 26th September 5-7pm. This parent session is designed to allow you to meet your child's form tutor, view the work they've been doing and hear from our department heads of English, Maths and Science.

Doors will open at 5pm and Form tutors will be based in their form rooms- the pupils should know their way! (5A-Room 6, 5B-Art Room, 5C-Room 29, 5D-Room 12)

English, Maths and Science Heads of Department will deliver their presentation in the hall at 5:30pm. If you have seen everything you need to, you are welcome to leave after the update talk.

We look forward to welcoming you all.
Mrs Kelly- Head of Year 5.

Year 5 Duxford Visit – 6th November 2024

We are looking forward to taking our Year 5 students to Duxford IWM on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

Your child will need to bring with them:

- Full school uniform with comfortable shoes or trainers.
- Outdoor clothing appropriate for a winter's day out.
- A packed lunch [no glass bottles please]
- A small backpack [to be carried throughout the day]
- Any medication [including travel sickness tablets] clearly labelled with their name to be handed to the office.

Students need to arrive at school by 8:40am for a prompt departure at 9:30am. We will leave Duxford IWM at 2pm and arrive back at Edwinstree at approximately 3pm. Therefore, we will be back before the end of the school day. Please find letter attached.

Year 6 Lancaster Model – 9th & 10th October

Questionnaire and measuring the height and weight of Year 6 students.

Please see attached letters from the School Nursing Team regarding the Lancaster Model Questionnaire and Measuring the height and weight of Year 6 students taking place on 9th and 10th October 2024.

Please note If you do not want your child to participate in this questionnaire then please contact the school nurse team as soon as possible, Email: hct.shwbswh@nhs.net / Telephone: 0300 123 7572 If they do not hear from you then they will assume you are happy for your child to complete the questionnaire.

Year 7 Residential

Year 7, it was lovely to hear such positive reports on your children and their conduct and joy at the residential this week. The centre stopped to thank and praise your children.

Would you be willing to support the school by agreeing to be a Parent Governor?

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor – would you be willing to devote your time and expertise to support the Governing body? If you are interested in the position, please email s.petty@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk.

If we have more than one applicant, we are obliged to ask parents to nominate their candidate, and candidates will be asked to complete a small pen portrait. Please find attached a detailed letter.



ESA

Annual General Meeting Thursday 10th October 5pm

Just a reminder that our AGM will be held at school on Thursday 10th October 5pm, and anyone is welcome to come and find out more about the ESA. Our annual report for the last school year is attached and details all the events and enrichment the ESA has provided.



How to help your child overcome emotional eating

30th September 2024, 6-7pm

This free one-hour online session by our nutritionists can help you:

- Understand the complexities of emotional eating.
- Get practical tips to create a balanced approach to food.
- Learn how to empower your child.
- Manage their emotions in healthier ways.



National trust

Are offering free family day tickets using the link below.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>

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