



## Edwinstree Term dates:

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## Diary Dates:

26-30/05/25	Half Term
03/06/25	Year 8 Wellbeing Hub Invite
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening 5-7pm
12/06/25	Year 5 Felixstowe Trip - £26.10
17/06/25	Year 7 Globe Theatre Trip - £40.67
26/06/25	Year 6 Felixstowe Trip - £26.10
27/06/25	INSET Day
02/07/25	School Production Rehearsal
03 & 04/07/25	School Production Evening Performances
05/07/2025	Edwinstree Summer Fayre
10/07/25	County Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
11/07/25	Year 8 Felixstowe Trip Year 8 Camp Out (more details to follow)
18/07/25	Year 8 Leavers Ceremony <a href="#">End of Term 1:20pm.</a>
09/10/25	Open Evening 9th October 2024, 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm

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Thank you for working with us, we hope you as family find some respite time over the bank holiday and next week. We look forward to seeing the children when we return on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. If there are any more spells of hot weather forecast, we will send a Parentmail to alert you to the option for PE uniform, but for now we remain in our standard uniform.

## Equipment

If your child is missing a little bit of equipment, please may we ask that you replenish for the start of the new half term. Thank you.

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](mailto:s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)



## What is our next Fullness Day?

We have two fundraising events next half term, one at the start and one at the end of term.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of June students will be raising funds for The Phoenix Group for Deaf Children & Young Adults, with a sponsored silence and activities during the day. We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1 for non-uniform.

[About Us - The Phoenix Group - The Phoenix Group for Deaf Children](#)

## Year 5 In Person Foundation Parents Evening

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June the foundation subjects (all those other than maths, English and Science) will be open for you to come into school, meet the teachers and view your child's books. We encourage you to come with your child. We will also ensure that the books are available to view in their tutor rooms for English, Maths and Science, with request slips at the front of reception for anyone that has a query about something they have found in a core book.

## Year 5 Felixstowe Visit

We are really looking forward to our visit with year 5. This has been one of the most popular trips that we have taken children on in the past, so much so that year 8 have requested this again as their leavers trip. Students will have a chance to see the container ships and containers that come into the docks in the managed viewing area for visitors. As our largest docks in the UK, the site is well planned and has safe viewing points for children and staff.

They will then be transported to the pier at Felixstowe and will be given managed time on either the beach area, pier and/or outdoor ride area. These will all be monitored by adults and although I haven't measured it, they are around 400 metres apart. All of these sites will be managed by staff and parents. On the beach, Mrs Gant will closely supervise crab fishing and paddling.

Please allow the children to bring road trip/travel games for example UNO, Top Trumps and Monopoly Deal. Please remember that they are **not** allowed to bring mobile phones.

Please be aware, the trip will proceed in rain or shine so if the forecast isn't good, they will need a raincoat, but there are plenty of indoor opportunities at the pier.

If you are a parent who has volunteered for the year 5 trip, Mrs Hill will contact you to confirm in the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June when we have final numbers for the coach.

## Year 8 Readers at Millfield

Please see below a thank you from the Headteacher at Millfield First School to our Year 8 Readers.

Message from Mrs Kennedy-Weeks

Edwinstree Readers' Visit:

It has been a delight to welcome Edwinstree children to Millfield over this term. It has been such a positive experience for everyone involved! Millfield children have thoroughly enjoyed reading with their Edwinstree peers. The visits have not only fostered a love of reading but also provided a great opportunity for our children to meet staff from another school and strengthen the connection between our schools. We look forward to continuing to build our links with Edwinstree.

## Year 8 Wellbeing Hub Invite

The Wellbeing Hub warmly invites all Year 8 parents to visit on **Tuesday, 3rd June**.

This visit will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with Wellbeing hub staff and discuss any questions or concerns regarding their child's transition to Fremen. Visits will be between 2.30 and 5.00, if you would like to book a visit, please contact [a.Harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:a.Harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) or [c.Surrey@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.Surrey@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

This week we have been talking to students about the transition process and how to leave well. We will be offering year 8 a trip to Felixstowe and a camp out on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Students can sometimes let their behaviour drop a little as they leave us, and we use the trips to help focus them and to reward them for staying on task and working well with us to the end.

## Year 8 - final weeks

We have spoken to the year group about the final few weeks of their time at Edwinstree, the transition process, and how to 'leave well'. So that you also have similar information, here is an outline of what we have discussed.

### Transition process

- Joint Fremen/Edwinstree meeting to discuss each student in the year group (June)
- Early transition visits arranged with students who may benefit (June onwards)
- Transition day (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July)
- Part of the transition process is also the French lessons students have at Fremen. This really does help students get an early feel of the school.

### Celebrations

- Leavers' hoodies
- Year 8 Felixstowe trip / Camp out – 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 8 awards (last day of term)

Every member of the year group has an invitation to the end of year Camp out and, as part of an assembly on Tuesday, students are fully aware of what our expectations are of them in order to retain that invitation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email [HOY8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:HOY8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) and the most relevant person will be in contact.

*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.*



## Relationships and Sex Education 2025 – All Years

All year groups will soon be starting some RSE lessons in Lifeskills. We purposely adapt these lessons as best we can to meet the needs of our students, as well as meeting government requirements. We take a great deal of advice from the PSHE Association, who are the national body for PSHE education. This year we have again decided to primarily base our RSE lessons on those supplied by the PSHE Association with a few additions and changes. This helps us to ensure that lessons are appropriate and cover the necessary content.

The following represent the lessons that are planned within the specific RSHE section of the curriculum; the intention is to teach these lessons as a unit.

As we continue to adapt the curriculum, there will likely be further teaching and overlaps that refer to the *Relationships and Health* aspects of RSHE. Although this is not currently expected, in the event of any additional teaching or significant changes that refer to the *Sex* aspect of RSHE, parents will be pre-warned within the school's weekly newsletter.

The lessons that we define as "Sex Education" are highlighted in Red in the table. Within the detailed overview below you will find these lessons within:

- Relationships 2 - Unit 4 RSHE Year 6 – *How a Baby is Made*
- Relationships 2 - Unit 4 RSHE Year 8 – *Contraception and STI's*.

We also attach the Relationships, Sex and Health education (RSHE) Policy. This details your legal right of withdrawal which applies just to the lessons highlighted in red.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Time To Change	Puberty recap	Puberty and emotional changes	Relationship values
Menstruation and Wet Dreams	Puberty: Change and becoming independent	Menstrual wellbeing	Influences on Relationship Expectations
Personal hygiene	Positive, healthy relationships	Healthy and unhealthy relationships	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
Emotions and feelings	How a baby is made	Managing conflict	Consent – avoiding assumptions
Keeping My Body Safe (incl. age appropriate FGM preventative education)	Consent KS2	Introduction to consent KS3	Sexting
Boys Talk/Girls Talk on puberty		Body image	Pornography, Sexting and the Law
		Keeping My Body Safe (incl. age appropriate FGM preventative education)	Contraception/STI's

## Food and Nutrition – All Years

Thank you for the return of 2 more containers this week – we are still missing 15 chocolate tub containers which were lent out to Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. With our practical's this week we have lent out another 7 containers. Please return any borrowed containers the Monday after the half term.

A big thank you for sending the required amount of ingredients – we managed to get 3 classes worth of food into the fridge on one day this week.

**Year 5:** **5A, B** and **D** enjoyed taste testing 3 different cheeses in our lesson this week – who knew that vegan cheese had 13 ingredients. **5C** will taste test the week we return to school.

**Year 6:** **6B** and **6D** made a delicious pasta salad. **6A** and **6D**, please see SatchelOne for the requirements. Please substitute ingredients so that pupils can make a salad they will enjoy.

**Year 7:** The food corridor held an amazing aroma on Wednesday and Thursday as we baked bread rolls – I know that some did not even make it home! Note to self, a tub of butter for next bread making practical!

**Year 8:** **8A, B** and **C** made the most colourful and appealing Stir-fries – well done! This lesson is mainly pupil led to show off the skills they have learnt throughout their years at Edwinstree. **8D** will cook on Monday 2nd June.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries with regards to the recipes. We will have another few weeks of practical's after half term and some theory to go with the dishes we are cooking.

**Year 7** have a food science experiment and **Year 8** will begin their research project into Healthy Eating. I hope you have some fabulous fun in the kitchen over half-term. Mrs van Wyk.

## Gardening Club

Our plants are coming along quite nicely at the moment, and we are going to have a relatively small harvest this year on our root vegetables. We have unfortunately had an onslaught of slugs and have lost quite a few veggie plants. If you have any extra seedlings or semi mature plants, we would love to take them off your hands, so that we can cultivate a little more in our garden. We would appreciate both veg and flowering plants to look after.

We have used crushed eggshells as pest deterrents so that we don't harm nature with pesticides, but the slugs have been cunning this year and must be attacking on stilts!! Whilst the garden hopes for rain, and we prefer sunshine over the half term, let's hope for a good mix of weather. Mrs van Wyk

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Please find attached details regarding an opening for a Parent Governor for Edwinstree Middle School.





## Edwinstree School Association

The ESA Spring disco was another fantastic event. The weather was great, the music was pumping, and all the students were well behaved and polite. Surprisingly there were cookies left over, which were enjoyed by the staff who gave up their Friday evening to supervise the students, and the parent volunteers, who ensured the drinks were flowing and snacks were consumed responsibly. Thank you to everyone involved making it such a successful, wonderful evening. We raised a fantastic £871!


Raising this money helps us to fund the little Easter treats we have now provided for the past three years. £300 subsidised the Year 5 Faith in Churches trip, and the Year 6 students all had a well-deserved treat from the ice cream van last week to celebrate the end of SATs. We will also be able to fund a disco at the year 8 leavers event again this year.

Mrs Van Wyk has been instrumental in leading the Summer Fayre over the past 2 years, and money raised specifically at those events has now been spent on a new greenhouse, and lots of equipment for the growing garden, which enables the Food and Nutrition classes to be supplemented with freshly grown produce with zero food miles! We are currently planning this year's Summer Fayre on Saturday 5th July and hope to make it even bigger and better than last year but need your help to do so. Please contact [edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com](mailto:edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com) if you could volunteer for a couple of hours on the day, would like to donate a raffle prize or be involved in any other way.

## Welcome to Pedal and Play – Sign Up Now!


We're excited to invite you to join **Pedal and Play**, a fun and engaging **6-week cycling programme** designed to boost your cycling skills and confidence!

### Session Details:

 **Time:** 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

 **Duration:** 6 weeks, commences Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

 **Bring your own bike and helmet**


 **Bring a snack** to keep your energy up


If you **don't have access to a bike**, please email us at [cityacademyherts@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:cityacademyherts@britishcycling.org.uk), and we'll do our best to support you.

### How to Sign Up:

 **Only 16 spaces available – sign up now!**

 Parents must **download the Spond app** and join our group via this link: <https://spond.com/invite/AVBOC>

 Once joined, they will be able to register for the sessions

 Please complete the consent form for attending the sessions: - <https://forms.office.com/e/xzkfnsXqn5>

Sign up today and get ready to pedal, play, and have fun on two wheels!



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