



Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
24/06/23	An afternoon “Tree’ t” 2.00-4.30pm
26/06/23	Year 7 Felixstowe Trip
28/06/23	Colours of your flag day Non-Uniform & Bake Sale
29/06/23	Year 6 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
03/07/23	Year 6 Felixstowe Trip
04/07/23	Sports Day
05 & 07/07/23	Strike Action
07/07/23	Year 8 Essex Outdoors Harlow
11/07/23	Reserve Sports Day
12/07/23	Fullness Day
13/07/23	County Transition Day
19/07/23	Evening School Production - The Island that Rocks
21/07/23	End of Summer Term 1.20pm
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day
06/09/23	Autumn Term Begins for all Years
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit

Will students be in PE kit next week?

The forecast as of today is telling us that it is still set to be warm, therefore on Monday students can continue to wear PE kit and we will review. Sunglasses, hats and unperfumed sun cream all welcome.

What are you doing this Saturday?

Have you got time between 2.00pm and 4.30pm to pop into Edwinstree via our Lower Gate? Students and staff are running a number of stalls, to sell products they have made, and show skills they have learnt such as how to look after your bike and classic fundraising games such as the tombola? The students would really appreciate a quick visit with a small cash donation in

order to help them fund their King Charles Coronation Tree Walkway.

There will be a raffle with prizes donated by several High Street Businesses.

'Foodie Prize' - £20 Falcon Voucher, £10 Cheese Plate Voucher and a bottle of white wine

'Gents Prize' - The Cage Barbers voucher, £15 Oops IT Voucher, Torch and cash stash keyring

'Pamper Prize' - Massage voucher from Beauty by Kathryn, Impulse body spray set & Boots 'Hogwarts' toiletries

'Kids Prize' - 2 Mech Motor construction kits and Teddy Bear

Y6 Foundation and Science evening

Our Year 6 Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 29th June from 5pm to 7pm. No booking is required. We really encourage you to bring your child so that they can show you their books and the learning journey they have been on since joining us in September.

Fun Swims

Please give consent on the link below for your child to attend.

Quin House win KS3 -Tuesday 27th June

<https://forms.office.com/e/nJXFfuJUup>

Quin House win KS2 – Tuesday 11th July

<https://forms.office.com/e/h08G2tweDW>

Please note that for the fun swim's we are capped at 40 students for health and safety, and therefore will be based on a first come/first served basis. We unfortunately do not have the capacity to make calls home on the day, therefore any forgotten swimwear means your child will be unable to attend.

What is happening on strike days (5th and 7th of July)?

I have the right as a headteacher to ask staff to let me know if they are striking or not, but staff also have the right not to tell me. If I do not receive any information, I will plan based on the last strike and how many of the staff took this action. So please prepare for children to be at home on both Wednesday and Friday. Live lessons

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will be available from those teachers not striking and distance learning available for all. I will confirm next week but please have a back-up plan ready. If you are a key worker and/or vulnerable family who is going to really struggle to manage this, please email admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to try to support, but please be aware that numbers are limited.

If you are a Year 8 parent, the Leadership team and HOY have already committed that whatever happens on the Friday, the Year 8 trip will go ahead.

Food and Nutrition:

Year 5: Please remember your 5 different fruits for your fruit salad. Ensure your container is water-tight (ideally a clip seal so that the juice doesn't leak).

Year 6: Please remember your ingredients for Broccoli Salad. If you are wanting to eat some at break or lunch, remember your spoon and smaller container to dish some out.

Year 7: Great baking for the alternate sugar cake experiment. Next week we get to try all the cakes and analyse the results.

Year 8: Some interesting results in our enzymatic browning food science experiments! Demo next week - no ingredients required.

Please remember your containers for your end product for all those cooking as well as your Health and Safety requirements.

What are the key events happening as we lead up to the end of term?

Year 6 and Year 7 Felixstowe trips

Please come dressed for warm weather with sun cream, a hat and sunglasses. Students can bring a packed lunch. Students can have fun crabbing, fishing, and enjoy the large park area. Activities you may wish to pay for – a small fairground with rides and a pier with all the slot machines you would expect from a seaside beach

area. Opportunities to buy ice cream, candy floss and traditional seaside food etc.

Please note students do not need money to enjoy the trip, there are enough activities for them to do. But if you are providing them with some, please no more than £20.

Colours of your flag day – Wednesday 28th June

Non-Uniform Day and Bake Sale will take place on Wednesday, 28th of June.

The theme will be 'Colours of Your Flag'

This will include the Pride Flag of the LGBTQ+ community.

The colours of your flag can be from your own cultural/heritage or one you want to represent.

A contribution of £1 cash on the day for Non-uniform and money raised from the Bake sale will go towards Fullness Day.

This is to celebrate difference- Our Dynamic Diversity group who celebrate individuality and difference and work hard to help us to be an inclusive school.

How about demonstrating your culinary skills by baking goodies to sell at the Bake Sale?

Cupcakes, brownies, cookies, whole cakes ready to slice, pies, rice crispy bars, fudge bars, or surprise us with something special.

Please remember we have nut allergies, dairy and gluten intolerance, so please do not bring food with any nut products and do mark up if dairy and/or gluten free bakes so we can get these to the right children

Sports day – Tuesday 4th July, 12.45pm

Parents will have the opportunity to attend the afternoon relay races with the different houses. You are welcome to have a picnic lunch with us first on our field before coming to watch the competition.

Year 8 fun day and camp out evening – Friday 7th July

We are currently committed to supporting the day despite the strike. We are in discussions regarding the camp out and aim to have more information out early next week.

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Fullness day – Wednesday 12th July

Students will be continuing to look at how we can as a school and a community, make our lives better whilst maintaining and improving the environment. Before Christmas our day revolved around reducing energy, for this day the students voiced they would like to consider wildlife and habitats and how we look after them. The key theme is always that we can all do a little something to make a difference. Students will be in normal lessons but will be able to volunteer for one of the free talks and activities available on the day. Here is a list of some of the talks they have on offer:

In the evening our eco warriors will be presenting to parents and Buntingford dignitaries on what they have learnt about what we can do to protect our local wildlife habitats. See the advertisement below:

INVITATION

to

Edwinstree Middle School's

Intergenerational Conversation Café – 12th July 2023

(18.30 to 20.30pm)

On this Collapsed Curriculum Day, we are asking our students one of the Key Questions of our time: ***“How can I make a difference to make our local area more sustainable?”***

We are taking groups of students to learn from local farmers, nature reserve wardens, the local chalk stream society and many other sustainability activists so that by the end of the day, hopefully they will have come up with some good answers.

To assess their answers, and to add some of their own, we are hosting, in partnership with Peace Child International, an “Intergenerational Conversation Café” – which allows you to have serious conversations with your children about the most effective answers to this crucial question.

Safeguarding talks with outside agencies

To prepare students for the long Summer – In the last weeks of term we have invited various outside agencies to come and talk to KS3 on the following topics:

- Knife crime.
- County lines.
- Cyber safety.

Apart from County lines we have experienced a student or two falling foul of these issues and we think it is important to provide this education prior to our Year 8's leaving.

School Production - The Island that Rocks

The school production will take place on the 19th of July for one night only. More information to follow.

End of term walk to a local Church

The last day of term will involve a trip to a local church hopefully Wyddial. If you have good walking shoes and are willing please help us by volunteering to get the school there and back safely.

SchoolGrid

Please ensure your SchoolGrid account for Year 8's is in credit/cleared prior to the end of term.

Edwinstree School Association

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our local businesses who have been donating to our Outdoor Classroom Campaign. Morvend, PMC Polythene Ltd, Blakeney Motorsports, Gareth White Electrical Services, Steve Rolt Home Improvements, M&K Electrical Services, PJ Flooring and Rib Valley Gymnastics Club between them have donated £550!

Despite a little rain shower the Spring Disco also raised £1100 for the outdoor classroom.

However, we still have a way to go to reach our target of £12000 and we have been busy setting up a Just Giving page which we hope to share with you next week. In the meantime please do visit our Facebook page [Edwinstree School Association | Facebook](#) for details of fundraising with Stikins name labels and EasyFundraising.



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