



**Edwinstree Term dates:**

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

**Diary Dates:**

31/01/25	Fullness Day to raise fund for Air Ambulance Service – <b>Bake Sale &amp; Non-Uniform</b>
03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
<a href="#">17-21/02/25</a>	<a href="#">Half Term</a>
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
05/03/25	Year 6A & 6B Cambridge Science Centre Visit £19.90 per student
06/03/25	Year 6C & 6D Cambridge Science Centre Visit £19.90 per student
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
<a href="#">04/04/25</a>	<a href="#">End of Term 1:20pm.</a>
<a href="#">22/04/25</a>	<a href="#">Start of Summer Term</a>
<a href="#">05/05/25</a>	<a href="#">Bank Holiday</a>
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
<a href="#">26-30/05/25</a>	<a href="#">Half Term</a>
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening
<a href="#">27/06/25</a>	<a href="#">INSET Day</a>
10/07/25	County Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
<a href="#">18/07/25</a>	<a href="#">End of Term 1:20pm.</a>

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[SATs exam request for volunteers](#)

A plea for help and support during the mock SATs week and the actual SATs week.

Like all schools nationally, we have seen a significant growth in children with Special Educational Need. So much so that we are looking to support 36 children with extra time and/or reading support for their SATs exam.

**Can you help us?** We have relied on volunteers in the past who have been willing to give up a Monday to Thursday morning to come and sit in a room with our most vulnerable children and a member of staff, as the ratio of adults to children increases under these conditions for the exams.

We have 10 volunteers currently but are short another 10. We don't have enough staff to cover this and keep the remainder of the school running. To bring in supply for the week at £250 a day each, would be a huge hit on an already over stretched budget.

**Do you know of a family member?**

Would you be willing/able to support? It requires a commitment from 8.45am to 11.30am from Monday to Thursday during the weeks of 3-6<sup>th</sup> February and 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May. **Even if you are unable to commit to the full week**, any help would be so gratefully received.

If you can find a family member, friend or you are willing/able to help please complete this link form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/h6zemsxbej>

## What is happening on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January?

The Church of England asks us to promote the virtue of Courageous advocacy, the ability to see a wrong, feel passionate about an issue and/or make a change. We support students to understand that no change is too small, and we can all make differences to causes and concerns.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of January some year 7 boys are running a Fullness Day for the Air Ambulance, which is particularly close to their hearts as an amazing service. We will be asking bakers to help us with a bake sale, and there will be a non-uniform day. Representatives from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance will be in school to present to students about what they do, and how they got involved in this charity.

## What is our newsletter focus for this week? Attendance – January 2025

Please find attached to this newsletter our Attendance Focus for January 2025.

## Year 6 News:

### Year 6 Mock SATs week – 3rd to 6th February

This is an opportunity for staff and students to have a run through before they take their exams in May. The practice tests take place from Monday to Thursday during periods 1 & 2, students will then continue with their normal timetable for the rest of the day.

Please ask your child to arrive at school at 8.30am, we will provide your child with a small snack. Please ensure that your child has plenty of rest the night before and goes to bed at a reasonable time.

The mental health support team will be delivering sessions on Monday 28th April P1 and P2, Tuesday 29th P1 and P2, to help with anxiety before SATS:

1. Wellbeing PowerPoint
2. Ask the Year 7s Q and A's
3. Emotions – write emotion onto stone; throw the stones into the pond.

There will also be an online parent workshop for all year 6 parents, this will give them strategies on how to support their children through the sats. It should be ready to go in the next couple of weeks.

## Afterschool Clubs

### Fitness Club

We have been offered the opportunity to use Freman's sports hall to practice for our upcoming Sports Hall Athletics competition. For the next two Wednesdays, we will walk children to Freman and then bring them back for 4:15pm. If you collect your child after the club, please note the later pick-up time.

## Sports News

### Year 7 Boy's Football

Congratulations to our Y7 boys who have cruised into the quarter finals of the National Cup following a 4-1 win and an excellent performance.

## City Academies Cycling Afterschool Hub Sessions

Would you like your child to take part in BMX bike training? The first session is Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February at Edwinstree school.

If you would like your child to attend there are twenty places. The team are providing 10 bikes that students can use, but we are also allowing students to bring their own bike onto site, that day if they would like to participate. **They will be able to store their bikes in the shed area, near the DT block for the Monday session. Helmets and equipment will be provided if they do not have their own. The course is for any Edwinstree student.**



**Please sign-up via Spond (<https://group.spond.com/SMDKB>)**

## Understanding my Autism and ADHD - February course

Understanding my Autism and ADHD (delivered by Autism Oxford) is a free virtual service designed to support children and young people aged 7-16 in Hertfordshire who may be autistic or ADHD as well as those with a confirmed diagnosis. See flyer attached.

There are places available on the following 10 week courses:

- Weekly sessions for children aged 11-16 on Thursdays 7pm-8pm running 6<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Weekly sessions for children aged 7-10 on Mondays 4pm-5pm running from 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> April.

## Millfield First and Nursery School Vacancy

Please find attached details regarding a cleaner vacancy.

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*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.*