



Edwinstree Term dates:

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Diary Dates:

30/04/25	Air Ambulance presentations to Year 5 & 6
05/05/25	Bank Holiday
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
16/05/25	ESA School Disco (more details to follow)
26-30/05/25	Half Term
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening
27/06/25	INSET Day
10/07/25	County Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

We are very much looking forward to working with you this term. We hope you had a restful holiday.

Our COWO value this half term is to explore the value of thankfulness in our lives. Please remember you are always welcome to attend a COWO from 2.45pm and/or a hymns session on a Friday. Just alert the office that you are coming.

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Afterschool Enrichment Clubs

Further to our Parentmail on Wednesday, please find attached our list for afterschool enrichment clubs for the summer term.

Links went live on Thursday 24th at 6.30pm.

Clubs start the week beginning 28th April and finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated.

Air Ambulance Visit for Years 5 & 6

In January some year 7 boys ran a Fullness Day for the Air Ambulance, which is particularly close to their hearts as an amazing service.

Representatives from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance came into school to present to Year 7 & 8 students about what they do, and how they got involved in this charity. They are now returning on Wednesday 30th April to present to our Year 5 & 6.

Wow Year 5!

What a wonderful visit to 'Faith in Queen's Park'- you all represented Edwinstree beautifully and hopefully took away a lot from these communities coming together to educate. A big thank you to our parent/carers volunteers too, without whom these visits would not be possible- thank you. Mrs Kelly

Year 6 SATs – Student Exam Stress Workshop assemblies

Pupil exam stress workshops will be taking place on the following dates, pupils will be given strategies to help prepare them for the SATs.

Monday 28th April

- 6A SATS workshop- 8:50-9:50
- 6B SATS workshop- 9:50-10:50

Tuesday 29th April

- 6C SATS workshop: 8:50-9:50
- 6B SATS workshop- 9:50-10:50

Year 6 in-Person Foundation Parents Evening

As you will have seen from the Newsletter dates, we have a Year 6 Foundation Evening on 8th May from 5pm until 7pm, this is held in school and is a chance for your child to bring you into school, take you to their classrooms and show you the work they have been completing in their subjects. Foundation subject teachers will be in their classrooms for any questions you may have. You are not required to book a time slot.

A slight change from last year - and in response to parent feedback - we will ensure that your child's core books (English, Maths and Science) will be available for you to look at during the evening.

Year 8 Transition

We look forward to working with you in the last term as our students transition to Freman, an information letter will be out soon to explain the process and to ask you to alert us if you think your child may need additional support for transition. Freman are excellent at offering additional sessions at the school post half term for those students feeling extra nervous about the change.

Food and Nutrition:

It was so lovely to see so many pupils following the health and safety rules with the correct uniform in the kitchen this week. There were still a few sets of false/gel nails and incorrect shoes which I am hoping will be rectified before their next lesson as most classes are cooking next week.

- Incorrect uniform will result in a no cook lesson.
- Please note that unless otherwise informed, if your child was absent from the demo lesson, they will not be cooking - alternate work is always provided.

- All ingredient requirements are on SatchelOne
 - Please remember that if your child has an allergy/intolerance or food preference, to change an item, we want pupils to enjoy their own cooking creations.
- ALL INGREDIENTS to be named and dropped off first thing on the day of your practical outside the Food Room. No shopping bags are allowed in the fridge, so please label all ingredients.
- Please send in only the required amount of ingredient. There is only 1 fridge in the Food Room and if 4 classes are cooking on the same day, space is very limited.

Year 5: Now that we have completed pizza taste testing and seen what our preferences are, how different ingredients impact the flavour, and different types of ingredients that can be used, it is your turn to create your own favourite pizza. **5B** and **5D** please make sure you bring in your design and your ingredients for your pizza projects. Please remember the design is the most important part of the project. As mentioned on SatchelOne and in class, if the design is not brought in, you will not be allowed to cook - the design is more important than the practical this week. **5A** and **5C** will be looking at creating your design next week and cooking the following week.

Year 6: **6B**, **6C** and **6D** ingredients needed for sugar alternate cupcakes – remember a more ripe, spotty or brown banana is much sweeter and easier to use if it has been frozen. If you are bringing in butter, please leave it out of the fridge the night before, or it will be too hard to use. Please ensure you are bringing in a suitable a container to take your completed products home in. Make sure your eggs are wrapped carefully as you don't want broken eggs. School will provide the cupcake cases.

Year 7: Spaghetti Bolognese. Please remember a container BIG enough for your end-product. A chocolate tub is about the right size for this dish. Please remember to bring in the amount of ingredients you will use in your dish – do not bring in extra – 250g mince is more than enough to feed a family of 4/5 with all the extra hidden veggies you are putting in. If you were absent from our Classic Vegetable Cuts lesson, remember to prepare your carrot and onion at home as your time is limited in the classroom. School will provide tomatoes (for those who requested them via SatchelOne) as well as oil, pepper and herbs for each pupil.

Year 8: 8B will be the only class cooking. **8A, 8C and 8D** will have demo lessons and will cook in their next lesson. You will be creating a curry of your own choosing using a protein alternate – no beef, chicken, pork, fish etc. Spice pots will be made up for those who would like one – please let me know via SatchelOne if you require a premade pot – no chilli is included in the spice pot. Oil is provided, you do not need to bring this in.

REMEMBER you are welcome to make changes and adaptations as necessary to recipe requirements so that you can enjoy the product you are creating. Please send through any questions via SatchelOne. Mrs van Wyk

Gardening Club:

Our wonderful site team worked really hard over the holiday to get our greenhouse up.



We are looking forward to putting the staging in this week when Gardening Club starts up again. We have purchased 2 obelisks to grow peas on and an arch for squash. We will look at building these in the coming weeks as the plants get a little harder in our greenhouse. There are a few places left for the club, make sure you fill in the application form if your child is interested. <https://forms.office.com/e/6bf3wfembN>

A very big thank you to our wonderful gardeners last year as Year 7 is enjoying the fruits of their labour by using both tomatoes and leeks in their Spaghetti Bolognese next week. Fresh produce makes all the difference!

Our new team will be planting in pots this week so that we can get seeds germinating for the summer fair on the 5th of July. If you have any potting compost to spare, we would love to take it off your hands as we have lots of seeds to plant. It can be dropped off at the office. Mrs van Wyk

The Dynamic Diversity Group

The Dynamic Diversity Group is a collective of unique individuals from a range of backgrounds celebrating our cultures, religions and individuality – everyone is included and warmly welcomed. To ensure fairness and to allow everybody the space for their voice to be heard, we are offering a finite number of places to ensure that the DDG can function effectively.

If your child is interested, please complete a paper copy of the application attached including your full name and form and hand it to either Mrs van Wyk or Miss H Jackson by Wednesday 7th May. You will receive an email if we are able to provide a space for you. Paper copies are available from both teachers. The first meeting of the Diversity Collective will be on Monday 12th May at 3:15-4:00pm. If we have more people apply than spaces available, we will rotate them out on a termly basis.



Edwinstree School Association.

Pre-loved Uniform

Donations of preloved uniform are always welcome. (Branded jumpers, t-shirts, and hoodies only). They can be handed into the school office at any time. Our online shop will be updated upon receipt of donations, and you can order items ready for collection at the school office. [Edwinstree School Association Online Shop \(sumupstore.com\)](https://sumupstore.com)

Name Labels

If you are buying new uniform or equipment, please remember to label everything! We get 30% commission on labels at Stikins if you quote our fundraising number 6671 at <http://www.stikins.co.uk>

Buntingford VE Day street party and

commemorative service



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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.*