



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 25/06/2026.

Edwinstree Term dates:

[Term Dates 2025-26 & 2026-27.pdf](#)

Homework week: B

Diary Dates:

01/07/26	Sports Day
04/07/26	Summer Fair
07/07/26	Year 6 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
09/07/26	County Transition Day
10/07/26	Year 8 Trip to Felixstowe / Camp out
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.
24/09/26	Year 6 Educational Visit – Whipsnade Zoo
01/10/26	Edwinstree Open Evening 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm

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Dear Parent,

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter from the Head and Governors outlining a change to the leadership team starting from September 2026. You will have an opportunity at 5.45pm on the 9th of July to visit the school to meet the head to hear more about the change and for her to answer questions. Having read the letter, if you have a question that you would like answered, either via the newsletter and/or at the meeting, could you please use the link below to complete in advance. Thank you.

[Update on Leadership at Edwinstree September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

How did we manage the heatwave and what are our reflections on this new hazard?

Thank you to parents, students and staff for managing the red alert calmly this week. In particular, the departure of so many students is a safeguarding exercise, and we were grateful to the parents who were collecting that were patient in the queue. We also thank parents for supporting their children to stay safe at home in the afternoon.

By offering the opportunity to go home at 1pm, we were able to protect our most vulnerable staff and house the remaining students in the coolest rooms.

How hot did it get?

By 12pm rooms were 30+ in our south and west facing areas. We also learnt that keeping the windows and doors shut to block heat did not work for the school as our CO2 levels were affected. Humidity in most classrooms by 12pm would be classified as uncomfortable at best.

Sports Day – 1st July

Sports Day is split into two parts. In the morning, students will take part in a variety of round-robin activities, which are designed to engage all students and abilities in activities, competing in tutor groups and houses.

House relay races in the afternoon. This is the event where our finest runners get a chance to compete for their houses, while the remainder of the school cheers them on.

This year, we will be inviting parents of pupils who have signed up and been selected for the relay races to attend and watch their child compete, should they wish.

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Year 5 News:

Whipsnade Visit Postponed

Due to the heat last week, we made the difficult decision to postpone this visit. The new date for the visit will be 24th September 2026.

There will be no additional payments, however, a new consent form will be sent out in the new academic year for your completion. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers for this visit, we will be in contact with you nearer the time as we will still need you in September.

Year 8 News:

Felixstowe visit and Camp Out – 10th July

We are very much looking forward to spending time with year 8 on their camp over and midnight goodbye ceremony, following their trip to Felixstowe on the 10th July 2026. Please find attached letters regarding both events.

Edwinstree Summer Fair - Saturday 4th July

We look forward to hosting a fantastic day filled with stalls, plants, books, baked goods, an art exhibition and more!

Mrs van Wyk



Edwinstree School Association

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Come and grab a bargain at the Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July. We have branded school jumpers, PE hoodies and rugby tops £3 each, along with brand new school shorts (still with tags) only £1. Also, a selection of preloved uniform trousers. We would also really appreciate a volunteer to help look after the preloved uniform stall between 2pm & 4pm.



Longer term we need someone to take over the running of the preloved uniform as our current volunteer will be leaving at the end of the next academic year. This involves collecting donations from school, updating the online Sum up shop, making ready orders, dropping the orders at school and letting parents know the order is ready for collection. You will need space to store the stock as there is no storage at school. This is currently managed in 9 boxes.

ESA Committee 2026/27

In September the ESA committee will have 3 members (half the committee) facing their final year with children at Edwinstree. We therefore really need new volunteers to join the ESA to help organise and run things if not we will be unable to provide 2 school discos a year and support the school plays, Christmas concert and summer fair. Getting involved now means you can work alongside the current committee members gaining support and insight into what's involved before they leave with all their knowledge and wisdom! Please do email edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com if you would like to find out more.

St Peter's Church Christian Youth Club

As part of St Peters Church work to support young people you will be familiar with the offer of hot chocolate in the winter months on a Thursday and alternative refreshments on a Thursday. It is a drop in space on Thursday after school to meet and chat. All staff involved are DBS checked.

St Peters are creating a young people space in their mezzanine area as part of their refurbishment and are keen to offer children the change to shape and decide what it should look like, how it should be resources and what activities might take place there. They are asking students who are interested in sharing their ideas to attend a session from 10am to 12 noon on the 1st of August. Students will be introduced to this in COWO. Please use this link if your child is interested in attending.

[St Peter's Church Christian Youth Club – Fill in form](#)



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