



Edwinstree Middle School
A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School

NEWSLETTER for PARENTS & CARERS
Week Ending: 25/09/2026.

Edwinstree Term dates: Term Dates 2026-27

Homework week: - A

Diary Dates:

01/10/26	Edwinstree Open Evening 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm
12/10/26	Flu Vaccinations – All Years
20/10/26	School Photographs / Year 5 “Getting to know you” Parents meeting 5pm
23/10/26	Harvest Services at Aspenden Church (AM)
26/10-30/10/26	Half Term
06/11/26	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
11-12/11/26	Year 6 Lancaster Model
17/11/26	Flu vaccination Mop Up
19/11/26	Year 7 Hertfordshire Lieutenancy presentation
01/12/26	Year 5 Christingle (PM)
03/12/26	INSET DAY
04/12/26	Occasional Day
10/12 – 11/12/26	Christmas Services at St Peter’s
18/12/26	End of Term 1.20pm.
04/01/27	INSET DAY
05/01/27	Start of Term

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Attendance Focus Newsletter

Please find attached our Attendance Focus newsletter.

Edwinstree Open Evening

For prospective Parent/ Carers.

1st October 2026, 6pm - 8pm. Headteacher speaks at 6.15pm

We invite the community and prospective parents into the school to tour and hear the Heads speech.

If you are a parent of a year 6 or 8 student, we would like them to attend to help us with the tours of the school, and Year 5 and 7 to help with subject demonstrations. If you are able to support by allowing your child to take part between 6 and 8pm, please reserve the date. Letters and more information will follow early next week.

School Photographs

The school photographer is booked for Tuesday 20th October 2026. Sibling photos will take place first, followed by individuals. Please may we ask that your child comes in with clean uniform, wearing their Edwinstree School sweatshirt and hair has been styled if necessary.

Change to menu 1st October

Please note a change of menu option for school dinner on

1st October. Please place your orders via SchoolGrid.



*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.*

What is happening in COWO?

Last year, our Year 5 parents requested a little information each week about what was happening in COWO.

This week, Mr Rowlands has continued to explore our current value, 'Humility', using the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector and why it might be helpful in our lives.

The Dynamic Diversity Group introduced themselves to the school again. This is a group of students who help us to celebrate the diversity in the school whether that be, faith, ethnicity, SEND need and/or LGBTQ .

We have attached the slides from their presentation for you. Students are able to apply for a post.

In Friday singing, Year 8 helped to teach 'My Lighthouse' to the Year 5 students – actions included!

Year 5 News:

Satchel One – Year 5

Satchel One is the app that we use to set all home learning. Students in Year 5 have not been issued with Satchel One accounts yet and all home learning issued has been set on paper. During the next two weeks students will learn how to use Satchel One and set up passwords during their computing lessons. Parent registrations will also be issued once students have access.

'Getting to know you' meeting.

What is the Year 5 *Getting to know you* meeting about?

We would like to invite you and your child to the *Year 5 Getting to know you* evening on Tuesday, 20th October from 5-6.30 pm. This parent session is designed to allow you to meet your child's Form Tutor, view the work they've been doing and hear from our English, Maths and MFL department heads about the work they are completing this year and how you can help. Your child is welcome to attend with you. Our SEND team will be available on the night and will be based in the hall.

Doors will open at 5pm. English, Maths and MFL will deliver their presentations in the hall at 5:30pm. English and Maths books will be available to view in the Tutor Rooms. Either pop up before or after the talk, to meet the tutor and hear how they are getting on. Form tutors will be based in their form rooms- the pupils should know their way!

5A - Mr Murphy, Room E2,
5C – Mrs Burches, Art Room,
5B – Mrs Banner, Room C2,
5D – Mrs Hill, Room A10
(upstairs).

We look forward to welcoming our parent and carer community to our school.

Mrs van Wyk - Head of Year 5.

Year 6 News:

Year 6 Lancaster Model – 11th & 12th November

Questionnaire and measuring the height and weight of Year 6 students.

Please see attached, letters from the School Nursing Team regarding the Lancaster Model Questionnaire and Measuring the height and weight of Year 6 students which will be taking place on the 11th and 12th November 2026.

Please note If you **do not** want your child to participate in this questionnaire then please click [here](#) and complete: **School Screening Form** If they do not hear from you then they will assume you are happy for your child to complete the questionnaire.

Year 7 News:

Residential lost property

Please note we still have some items in the school office left behind from the residential. Please let us know if you are still missing items.

Year 8 News:

Spanish

Year 8 are now a few weeks into their introduction to Spanish. They have shown great enthusiasm towards the language as many of them have or will holiday there, in the knowledge that a few words turn you from a tourist into a guest. They are enjoying linking words and sounds from one language to another and adapting their skills to a new language. This linguistic gymnastic being beneficial for all forms of language studies whether be foreign or English.

S.Theroulde - Head of MFL

HERTFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY NHS TRUST

Please find link below to the latest School Nursing Newsletter.

The newsletter contains health and wellbeing information, practical advice, and details of local support services available to children, young people, and their families.

<https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/7BK1-CJ6/hct-school-nursing-a26>

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INTRODUCTION TO THE HERTFORDSHIRE SEND LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE

The Hertfordshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer website helps families, young people and professionals understand what SEND services are available across Hertfordshire and who can access them.

The Local Offer team is running a series of free webinars to introduce the website and demonstrate how it can be used to find relevant services, support and information.

What the webinars will cover

A member of the Local Offer team will:

- provide an overview of the website and its resources
- demonstrate how to search for services and support
- explain how professionals, families and young people can use the site effectively
- answer questions about accessing information and support
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For professionals and parent carers

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 8-8.45pm

Register via Microsoft Teams:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/1340331a-d050-4b3b-aafe-a27881da91f8@53e92c36-6617-4e71-a989-dd739ad32a4d>

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