

**Edwinstree Middle School**  
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**NEWSLETTER for PARENTS &  
CARERS**

**Week Ending: 26/04/2024.**

Edwinstree Term dates:

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

Diary Dates:

| <b>School Day – 8:40am – 3:10pm</b> |   |
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| 03/05/24                            | Parent Sleep Workshop 9am   |
| 06/05/24                            | <a href="#">Bank Holiday.</a>   |
| 13-16/05/24                         | Year 6 SATs Week.   |
| 17/05/24                            | 6B non uniform for winning merit challenge last term.   |
| 20/05/24                            | Year 7 Foundation Evening in person.  |
| 21/05/24                            | Year 8 Shakespeare's Globe trip (details to follow).  |
| 23/05/24                            | Cambridge University Careers talk – Day in the life of a university Student Year 7 & 8 (details to follow). |
| 27-31/05/24                         | <a href="#">Half Term.</a>  |
| 12/06/24                            | Year 7 Shakespeare's Globe trip (details to follow).  |
| 17/06/24                            | Year 8 Foundation Evening in person.  |
| 28/06/24                            | <a href="#">INSET Day.</a>  |
| 08/07/24                            | Year 6 Whipnade Zoo trip (details to follow)  |
| 11/07/24                            | <a href="#">County Transition Day.</a>  |
| 16/07/24                            | Visit from Bishop of St Albans.   |
| 17/07/24                            | Year 5 Queens Park trip (details to follow).  |
| 19/07/24                            | <a href="#">End of Summer Term 1:20pm.</a>  |
| 02/09/24                            | <a href="#">INSET DAY.</a>  |
| 03/09/24                            | <a href="#">Year 5 Induction Day.</a>   |
| 04/09/24                            | <a href="#">Autumn Term Begins Years 6-8.</a>   |
| 16-18/09/24                         | Year 7 Residential – Essex Outdoors Bradwell.   |
| 28/10/24 – 01/11/24                 | <a href="#">Half Term.</a>  |
| 06/12/24                            | <a href="#">Occasional Day.</a>   |
| 20/12/24                            | <a href="#">End of Autumn Term 1:20pm.</a>  |

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[When will we get the sign-up sheets for new afterschool enrichment clubs?](#)

Sign-up sheets were sent out Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April via Parentmail for students to **sign up for new clubs, starting on Monday 29th April.**

Please note that Choir starts Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

[When will the next School data reports be issued?](#)

School reports will be issued week commencing the 29<sup>th</sup> April via Satchel One. Please check that you have access to your parent account as you will need this to view your child's report. If you are unable to access your parental account in SatchelOne and need a new parent PIN code, please email Mrs Heywood [r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

Once the reports have been uploaded to SatchelOne a Parentmail will be issued to confirm. Thank you.

[PSHE Update what are we learning next?](#)

Years 5 and 6 have already completed their unit of work on RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) whilst years 7 and 8 will be completing this shortly. The next units of work are planned as attached. If you have any queries, then do email the school office on [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

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### If I email or ring in for the SENCO, who will I talk to?

The SENCO role is now far too big for one person to deal with, so when you email the SENCO on [senco@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) (our easiest method of contacting us) or call in – your request will be filtered to one of our SENCO team. These include:

- Mrs Bailey - Lead for the Sunrise room
- Mrs Arnold - Lead for the Pupil Power Unit.
- Mrs Harris - Mental Health Lead and Manager of the Wellbeing Hub.
- Mrs Surrey - Mental Health Lead who works in partnership with Mrs Harris in the Wellbeing Hub.
- Mrs Carter - Autism Lead
- Mrs Gant – stepping in for the SENCO via her PA Sam Petty will pick up all other enquiries.
- Ms Campany – SENCO Lead is currently on Maternity Leave

### What opportunities are there for you to feedback and support the school to continue to improve? How do we respond to your advice?

During the year 5 and 6 Foundation evenings, Governors attended the evenings to hear and collate your comments and opinions on how the school can improve further to support your child. We have created a document that accompanies this letter with “**You said We did**” as its title for you to read.

Governors have agreed to continue this practice of attending Foundation parent’s evenings. Thank you for your ideas. One of the suggestions was to create header links to the newsletter which we have acted on straight away.

### Gardening Club:

We are looking forward to getting grubby hands in the garden again! We have a large number of seeds to plant this year and are hoping for a bumper crop. If anyone has any spare seedlings to donate, please would you bring them into school. It would be great to have a head start on tomato, chilli, cucumber, pumpkin etc plants. Many thanks in advance.

### Food and Nutrition (all years):

Wow! What an absolute tummy filling week we have had in Food - such an array of dishes, smells and lip-smacking foods!

We were incredibly fortunate to be one of 250 schools from across the UK to be chosen as part of the *Fish Heroes Programme* and had a donation of tinned salmon. Year 8 classes therefore had the opportunity to see how salmon is farmed and that it is a very sustainable food. Two classes had the opportunity to make Buddy Oliver's salmon fish

cakes. It was fabulous seeing pupils who have never tried or cooked fish recipes before creating a dish. Hopefully the rest of Year 8 will get the opportunity to cook these before the end of the year. A few photos will be on the webpage next week.

**Year 5: 5C only:** Please ensure you bring in your design and your ingredients for your pizza projects. Please remember the design is the most important. As mentioned on Satchel 1 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. **5B, 5C and 5D** - I hope you enjoyed being technologists and trying new products in anticipation of your Pizza Projects.

**Year 6:** Some excellent examples of Layered Pasta Salads! I hope parents/carers and siblings enjoyed the fruits of Yr6's labour. Please encourage washing up by hand at home - we had some messy pots and unclean utensils left after the lessons.

**Year 7:** The corridor around Food has had a marvellous bread baking aroma this week - Hope you have all enjoyed your freshly baked rolls at home. Some excellent choices of added fibre ingredients.

**Year 8:** We will be looking at protein alternates and seeing a curry demo next week. Ingredients will be required w/c 6/5 - look at Satchel 1 for more info. A reminder about shoes, nails and hair - please make sure you are following the health and safety rules - they are there to protect you, your classmates and those who eat the food you create.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.  
Mrs van Wyk

### Year 5 news:

Year 5 had a lovely day at Whipsnade and were an absolute pleasure to work with, they will now use this experience to continue to study Biomes and the animals and plants that live within these large ecosystems.

### Year 6 news:

Thank you to the parents that attended the residential trip information evening, we have extended the deadline by one more week. If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk)

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### Year 7 news:

Foundation evening save the date Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May. This is the evening where you are invited to attend with your child from 5pm to 7pm. Your child will tour with you around the school and to the foundation subject rooms, where you can meet their teacher and review their books. Please note this is an informal session with no booked appointments.

### Year 8 news:

Thorpe Park - Hopefully students are on their way home, and they have had a great day. Next week we will begin to speak to your child about the transition and next week's newsletter will alert you to how this now takes place. Please remember if your child has a concern or worry, and needs more visits than the transition day, you will be able to alert us, and we will help.



### School Production Programme Competition

Calling all artists! As you know the school production will be showing in June this year.

The cast and I would love to put something in the school newsletter to encourage people to come and see the production and have a lovely picture on the programme we give to the audience.

The production is called: "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies" which is a fun version of the legend of Robin Hood. Please see flyer attached.



### Mental Health Support Teams Parent Workshops

### Parent Sleep Workshop

**Are you struggling to support your child with healthy sleep patterns?** This is a growing concern for Parents nationally. Come and listen to the experts advise about what can make a difference.

3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am

If you would like to attend the parent sleep workshops, please email [a.harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:a.harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) to book your place.

### What opportunities are available for you and your family with the local area?

Attached are a series of flyers/links for various clubs and talks that are freely available to you.

- Buntingford Festival Choir
- Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events
- Hormead School Barn Dance
- Herts County Council Ford Ride London Classique
- Talking mental health with young people at secondary school [secondary-parents-leaflet-final-proofed-april-2020.pdf](https://secondary-parents-leaflet-final-proofed-april-2020.pdf) ([d1uw1dikibnh8j.cloudfront.net](https://d1uw1dikibnh8j.cloudfront.net))

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