



## Diary Dates

School Day – 8:40am – 3:05pm	
29/05-02/06/23	<b>Half Term</b>
06/06/23	Year 8 HPV vaccination
08/06/23	Year 5 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
09/06/23	ESA Family Fun Night 6pm
24/06/23	*Save The Date 2.00-4.30pm @ Edwinstree An afternoon “Tree’ t” More info to follow...
29/06/23	Year 6 Foundation Subject Parents Evening in person 5-7pm
03/07/23	Year 6 Felixstowe trip rescheduled
13/07/23	County Transition Day
21/07/23	<b>End of Summer Term 1.20pm</b>
01-04/09/23	INSET Days
05/09/23	Year 5 induction Day
06/09/23	<b>Autumn Term Begins for all Years</b>
18-20/09/23	Year 7 Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit

A huge thanks to the parents and volunteer staff who helped us house 240 students at our outdoor disco on the field last Friday. They had a great time.

## Y5 Foundation and Science evening

This re-arranged evening will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm to 7pm. No booking required. We really encourage you to bring your child so they can show you their books and the learning journey they have been on since joining us in September.

## Year 6 Science

Over the last fortnight I have had the pleasure of joining the year 6 classes for their lamb’s heart dissection. It was amazing to see the pupils learning with such respect, determination and working scientific skills.

## Year 7 Science

From after half term, 1 science lesson each week will be based around outdoor learning and the pond area. For these sessions it is a good idea for the pupils to have some old, spare clothes in school and some sturdy footwear. These should be items that are okay to get muddy and messy.

- 7A - Thursday P5
- 7B - Tuesday P1
- 7C - Tuesday P2
- 7D - Tuesday P5

This will help the pupils to develop an understanding of how the biology learning we have completed fits into the world around them. It will also give them some ownership of the pond area and allow them to be part of its journey. There is lots of evidence that time outside improves our physical and mental health so these are other positives.

## Year 7 Trip

We apologise for the delay in securing a trip for year 7. After speaking to the students, they are very keen to go to the seaside and when we look at costings compared to theatre trips etc, this seems the most reasonable price for a day out in the Summer. We are therefore looking to take them on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June to Felixstowe. Information and a letter will come out early on our return from half term and we will run the payment window for as long as we can up until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. The cost of the trip will be £25.50.



## Year 8 Early Transition

Year 8 early transition visits to Freman have started for those students who are feeling vulnerable. All students were given an assembly outlining the changes at Freman and what happens over the next 7 weeks of the half term.

## Year 8 HPV Immunisation

The immunisation 2<sup>nd</sup> session is due to take place on **Tuesday 6th June 2023**. Every child in Year 8 will be seen by our nurses on the day. You will not receive a consent link for HPV2 sessions, when you completed the consent form, you consented for the full HPV course. Anyone wishing to commence the HPV course can call the team on 01727 732062 to give verbal consent. Please make sure your child is fit and well and encourage them to eat breakfast. To maintain the privacy and dignity of students, we advise your child wears a short sleeve shirt.

## Food and Nutrition All Years

**Year 5:** Well done to you all for going out of your comfort zones trying new pizzas last week! I hope it has given you some inspiration for your upcoming design and practical Pizza Project. **5A, 5B and 5D** are cooking the week after half term. *Please remember your design.* Great results from **5C** this week!

**Year 6:** No practical's next week. I hope everyone enjoyed their pasta salads and create another version over the half term.

**Year 7:** It was wonderful to meet so many parents last week. No practical's next week. We are embarking on our Food Science project when we get back from half term. School will provide the ingredients for this.

**Year 8:** I hope everyone enjoyed their stir fry - if they made it home! Lots of noodle slurping happened at lunchtimes this week. We are conducting a web-based research project on

Healthy Eating straight after half term, so no ingredients are needed until the end of June. Please would you return any borrowed dishes.  
Mrs van Wyk

## School Uniform

Students are required to come to school in full school summer uniform and bring their PE/Games kit with them on the day to change into. Thank you for your support in getting your children ready for school.

If we are lucky enough to find ourselves in a hot period, we will notify you of a change to the uniform and we will move students to PE kit for the period of time it is hot, please wait till the school notifies you of this change.

Don't forget from September we will be moving to a new sweatshirt as the main item to purchase from our uniform suppliers, the tie will go, a white polo, black or grey trousers etc are purchasable from any clothes retailer. Please ensure that students have a hard toe shoe of sorts and/or trainer that is black. If you are struggling financially and/or have a lot of hand me downs from brother and sisters we are giving you the year to move your child into the sweatshirt from the navy-blue jumper. Our only exception is our new Year 5's joining in September, our first-time uniform buyers.

## PE Clubs afterschool

If your child signed up to a club at the beginning of the Summer term, it will continue after the half term break. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please can you email [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) to let us know.

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### **Gardening Club:**

What a joy to walk out of the main building at the moment, our intrepid gardeners have created a wonderfully coloured bed. We will add more flower plants to this bed and eventually remove all grass. This will result in a patchwork of colours and shapes of differing plants, grasses and flowers. This week we focussed on sowing directly into our new big bed - carrots, radish and other salad veg seeds have been planted and we've started potting out the tomatoes. It was a wonderful surprise to have another donation of soil and compost - *thank you very much!* This is going towards another big bed and we are very grateful for any further donations. Mrs van Wyk



### **Pond Area update:**

A huge thanks to the ESA and families who have given up huge amounts of time to support the development of the pond area. We now have a small shed, a decked platform for pond dipping, a wooden shelter and some wildflower planting. We are always open to volunteers who can offer their time to support this area and the learning so please contact Mrs Barrett through the school office. If anyone has any pond plants or bog loving plants they could donate to us, we would be most grateful as this would develop the pond habitat and develop it further.

### **Road safety**

We had a near miss outside the gates on Thursday, where a group of children tried to cross behind a van and almost ran out in front of a car. Along with you reminding them, we would appreciate your support in really getting this message through to them. Thank you.



### **Edwinstree School Association**

#### **Photography Competition**

Please keep sending your entries for the wildlife photography competition to

[ESA@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ESA@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) with your name, class and a title for your photo. 1st prize is 'skip the dinner queue' passes for the winner and 3 friends!

#### **Family Fun Night**

Please join us on the 9th of June at 6pm for a family fun night to raise funds for the outdoor classroom. We are having a pirate themed (dressing up optional!) Escape room style challenge. Will you be the quickest team to find and solve all the clues and escape with the pirate's treasure? Entry fee and pre order drinks at [edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com](http://edwinstree-school-association.sumupstore.com).

Please see flyer attached.

***Enjoy your half term!***

***Mrs J Gant – Headteacher***

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