



Edwin tree Term dates:

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

Homework week: A

Diary Dates:

13/04/26	Start of Summer Term
21/04/26	Y6 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
22/04/26	Y5 RE trip (all day) - Faith in Queen's Park
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
11-14/05/26	Year 6 SATs
12/05/26	Y5 Foundation Evening 5-7pm
15/05/26	ESA Spring Disco (more details to follow)
19/05/26	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation for Year 8.
25-29/05/26	Half Term
26/06/26	INSET Day
09/07/26	County Transition Day
17/07/26	End of Term 1:20pm.

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Afterschool Clubs

We will send out the link to the clubs for the summer term in the newsletter at the end of the first week. Clubs will begin two weeks into term once places have been confirmed.

We are trialling a different system with the clubs (usually Art and Computing) that get fully booked within seconds! We will be giving a 24-hour window to put your child's name forward and then, if necessary, complete a random name draw to allocate the spaces. We will then inform those who have been successful.

School Dinners

School dinner prices are increasing to £3.60 with effect from 13th April 2026.
Please log on to www.schoolgrid.co.uk to book your child’s dinners in preparation for the Summer Term.
See attached our new menu.

Spring School Reports

Spring term Individual attainment reports have been issued this week via Satchel:one. Reports can be viewed via **parent and student** Satchel:one accounts using a computer or mobile phone. Below is a short guide on how to open reports using an Android or Apple device:

Android

- Open the Satchel:one App and select the red tile labelled "Documents"
- Click on the name of the report (report titles are alpha numeric)
- Click on the grey box that has the letters PDF in it
- Click on the option "PDF reader"

Apple

- Open the Satchel:one App and select the red tile labelled "Documents"
- Click on the name of the report (report titles are alpha numeric)
- Click on the grey box that has the letters PDF in it
- This will open a white pop up with your contacts and sharing apps. At the bottom, click on the option "Quick Look"

Please note that the attendance data was extracted on the date highlighted on the report and therefore may be slightly different to the expected percentage. Current attendance data can be viewed at any time in the Satchel One app.

Buntingford Town Improvements

At Edwinstree School, keeping our pupils safe on their journeys is really important to us.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils recently took part in a special workshop with Hertfordshire County Council. They learned all about the plans to make Buntingford's roads safer. Including what a new zebra crossing outside our school could look like.

The children were shown CGI images and discussed how these changes could help everyone cross the road more safely. They also explored how car stopping distances work. Discovering that a car travelling at 30mph takes much longer to stop than one at 20mph. They acted out how a driver sees a hazard, the brain reacts, and the foot hits the brake. It showed them why slower speeds near schools make such a difference.

To finish the workshop, our pupils got creative with a rock-painting activity. They designed colourful rocks with road-safety themes. Each one represented how they feel about staying safe on the roads. Their designs were bright, thoughtful, and full of personality. We're really proud of how engaged and enthusiastic our pupils were throughout the session.

Thank you to Hertfordshire County Council for working with us. We encourage all parents, carers and local residents to share their views by responding to the consultation.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1HpbKRdLzf/>

Are you able to support us with the SATs exams?

Thank you, we have 34 helpers but **remain 12 short** of the target number, so that all students are supported in the SATs who need extra help, with movement breaks, reading and or writing. If you have the time to spare or know someone that can help, please fill in the form below and give a little back to your community. Thank you to all those who have already let us know they can help.

Official SATs Dates: 11/05/2026 -14/05/2026 - 8.45– 11.00am

Duties include supporting teachers in the classroom and working with students as a reader, scribe, or prompt. We will provide a short amount of training for this on the day. Many students require this support, and we are always incredibly grateful to anyone who volunteers, as this ensures that all students receive the support that they need.

If you can help on any of the days, please complete the following form. [SATs helpers for 2026 – Fill in form](#)

If you require any assistance accessing your child's report, please email Mrs Heywood: r.heywood@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.

School Equipment

Please may we ask that you check your child's equipment to make sure it is named and ready for a new term.

Thank you to all our parents who work hard to ensure that their child is ready for school with equipment. May we ask that where your child is missing or has lost an item, that this is replaced over the holidays.

To support your child to learn, please may we ask that you provide them with the following:

- Pencil case
- Blue or black pens
- Green pen
- HB pencils
- Ruler (30cm measured in cm and mm)
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Whiteboard pen/rubber
- Glue stick.
- A small pack of colouring pencils (basic colours)
- Year 7&8: scientific calculator - [Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator, Black: Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies](#)
- You may wish to provide highlighter pens.

Any parent struggling to manage this please contact s.marler@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk
Mrs Marler is there to help.

School Uniform

Please may we ask that you check your child's uniform to make sure all items are named and ready for a new term.

Thank you to all our parents who work hard to ensure that their child is ready for school. May we ask that where your child is missing or has lost an item, that this is replaced over the holidays.

Our uniform list can be found here [Edwinstree School](#)

Pre-loved uniform can be purchased here: [Edwinstree School Association Online Shop](#)

We have seen with the warmer weather, a small outbreak in very short skirts and although most are wearing shorts underneath their skirts, may we ask that you check that your child has an appropriate length which means they are comfortable, able to move freely without having to constantly pull their skirt down. Thank you.

If we are lucky enough to have warm weather in the Summer (over 25°C) we do offer students the opportunity to attend in PE kit and will notify you via Parentmail.

Year 5 News:

Year 5 RE Educational Visit Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

We are delighted to, once again, be able to offer Year 5 the opportunity to visit "Faith in Queen's Park" in Bedford.

The visit will entail a tour of a Church, Gurdwara and Mosque. Being able to see places of worship alongside different faiths working together is a wonderful learning experience for all our pupils. Many of our pupil visitors last year still reflect upon their visit (they particularly liked the bandanas in the Gurdwara and the ceiling in the Mosque!).

Payment deadline for the visit is 31st March 2026. Please log on to school gateway to complete the payment and click the link in the letter to provide consent.

If your child does not wish to attend, please let us know as they will be expected in school as normal. This will also help to plan the lessons for the day.

Year 6 News

Residential September 2026

The payment deadline for the deposit towards the Y7 Residential visit is **TODAY**. Please log on to school gateway to complete the payment and click the link in the letter attached to provide consent. Thank you to those who have already responded.

If your child does not wish to attend, please let us know as they will be expected in school as normal. This will also help to plan the lessons for students not attending.

Year 6 English Home Learning over Easter

Year 6 children have been given part of a CGP revision pack to complete over the holidays. We have found in the past that doing this keeps the brain ticking over and will give the children more confidence in the approach to their SATs in May. They can choose to do it in one go or break it up into smaller parts - whichever will help them best in their revision.

Please ensure they bring these back on the Monday we return to school. Thank you Mrs Doré

SHINE Year 6 Parent/ Carer Survey

Hertfordshire is partnering with researchers at UCL, Durham and Newcastle Universities to invite parents to take part in the SHINE Parent & Carer Survey.

[Click here to access the survey](#) This 20–30-minute survey is designed for parents and carers of Reception and Year 6 children. It focuses on their perspectives on children's health and wellbeing and explores their experiences with the National Child Measurement Programme.

Why Participate? The research is commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care to address concerns around child measurement in schools. By participating, the school has a chance to shape national policy regarding how children's health is monitored across the country.

Parents and carers can also enter a prize draw for one of four £50 shopping vouchers, awarded in your local authority area. For more details, [visit our website](#). If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk. Thank you for supporting this important research.

Year 8 News

Science does Thorpe Park

We were made aware that the recent change of date for the Thorpe Park visit coincided with an external football event which affected a number of Year 8 students. Due to this, we have been able to move the visit from the 1st May 2026 to **Friday 8th of May 2026**. Please find attached to the newsletter our revised letter.

If you are worried about your child's mental health over the holidays who can support you?

[Home - Kooth](#)

[Mental health services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Samaritans | Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy | Here to listen Just Talk \(justtalkherts.org\)](#)

Contact Details

We look forward to working with you, please remember no worry or concern is too small to share with us via one of these contacts:

If you are worried about your child's mental health:

a.harris@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Head of Year 5: hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Head of Year 6: hoy6@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Head of Year 7: hoy7@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

Head of Year 8: hoy8@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

School Office: admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

To report a student absent from

school: attendance@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk



Edwinstree School Association (ESA)

The ESA would like to congratulate Mrs Brock, Mrs Booth, Mrs Jackson, Mr Nash and all the children who participated, for putting on two great performances of Star Warts last week. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with refreshments and everyone who

brought one. The money raised helps the ESA to fund additional things to enhance the children's experience at Edwinstree.

This means that once again we have been able to provide all children with a little Easter treat, did your child manage to bring it home?

We are looking forward to our next event which will be the Spring Disco on Friday 15th May. We do need several volunteers to help at this event, serving refreshments and washing up. Please email the school or edwinstreeschoolassociation@outlook.com if you can help. Tickets will go on sale via our Sum Up shop after the Easter Holidays.

Community Events

Safer Street Rock

Safer Streets Rock - Buntingford Town Centre Improvements

We are proposing a series of improvements across the town centre to enhance safety, accessibility and community spaces. We're inviting families to a Rock Painting Drop-In where you can see the plans and children can enjoy a fun activity.



Event Details

Date: **Tuesday 7 April**

Time: **10am - 2pm**

Location: **Buntingford Library**



- Improve accessibility to make it easier to travel to and through the town centre;
- Make it easier to get around by providing a series of new and improved crossing points;
- Improve safety near schools and in the town centre;
- Provide safer access to Edwinstree School, Freman College and other community spaces on Bowling Green Lane; and
- Maintain the town's heritage and create welcoming and sociable spaces.

Scan here to see the plans and submit your feedback



Rock Painting Drop-in

Rock Painting Drop-in at Buntingford Library

Event Details

Date: **Tuesday 7 April**

Time: **10am - 2pm**

Location: **Buntingford Library**



Music Production Workshop

MUSIC PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

**Buntingford Cricket Pavilion,
Norfolk Road Playing Fields
Friday 10 April, 5pm - 7pm**

Ever wondered how your favourite tracks are made?
Ready to learn to mix like a pro?

Join a hands-on workshop with Everybody Loves Music and learn from experienced music producers.

- Free event for 11-16 year olds
- No experience needed
- All equipment provided



Many thanks to the following organisations who have contributed towards these activities: Buntingford Town Council, East Herts District Council and Everybody Loves Music. For information please contact info@everybodylovesmusic.co.uk or telephone 07950 115507

*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.*

Student Film Showcase

BUNTINGFORD SHORTS Supporting Young Film Makers in Hertfordshire and Beyond

Saturday 11th April 2026
19:30 - 21:30

Student Film Showcase
Watch seven short films followed by Q&A with directors

FREE ENTRY
NO TICKET REQUIRED

Christ Church URC
Opposite Budgens, Baldock Road

@buntingfordshorts

NUTWOOD THE WOODMAN INN yellow Buntingford Cinema

Family Lives Workshops

Groups and workshops Summer 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group
Thursday 14th May to 25th June, 7pm - 9pm
If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 13th May to 24th June, 7pm - 9pm | Monday 1st June to 6th July 9.30am to 11.30am
Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group
Friday 5th June to 10th July, 9.30am to 11.30am
Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop
(Date to be confirmed)
This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop
(Date to be confirmed)
This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop
(Date to be confirmed)
This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information about our programmes, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.

We build better family lives together

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Breeze Families Healthy Lifestyle Support

Beezee FAMILIES FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person programme starts on 27th April 2026, with an intro call beforehand

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	CHESHUNT Oakview Primary School EN7 6LB 5:00 - 7:00pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:00 - 7:00pm	WATFORD Chater Junior School WD18 0ND 5:00 - 7:00pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	BOREHAMWOOD St Michael's & All Angels Church Hall WD6 SEQ 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

Scan to find our online timetable!

info@breezefamilies.org.uk
01707 246 646 Hertfordshire

Save the Date - 17 April - Climate Emergency Film, Buntingford

Peace Child International
empowering young people

Buntingford Cinema, Peace Child Intl. and - we hope - Churches Together Buntingford, are jointly hosting one of 600 local screenings to be held across the UK of the Scientists' Warning Climate Emergency Film here in Buntingford on **Friday 17th April at 7:30pm** in Benson Hall.



PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING
- on the Climate and Nature Crisis -
Benson Hall
Station Road, Buntingford (opposite the Co-op)
Friday 17th April - 19:30

The [National Emergency Briefing](#) in Central Hall Westminster on November 27th 2025 brought together 1200 delegates including 100 MPs, Peers, environmental experts and academics + activists and journalists for a 3-hour, fact-based briefing about the state of our planet. It also outlined the policies we need to pursue to secure the survival and prosperity of our own, and future, generations. This 50-minute film captures the essence of that Briefing. Our Buntingford Screening - like 600 others already planned across the UK - will be followed by a Discussion with local experts and elected officials about what we can do locally to address the concerns and implement the answers that the film proposes.

Tickets are FREE - so book your place [HERE](https://buvtickets.at/buntingfordactiononclimatechangesustainability/2116220) now:
<https://buvtickets.at/buntingfordactiononclimatechangesustainability/2116220>

Co-organised by Peace Child International and Buntingford Cinema

The film is due to be released on Tuesday 7th April so we will send you more information about it once we have been able to preview it and confirm guests to respond to your Questions / Comments during the discussion afterwards. Meanwhile, below is a flyer - and, as places are limited, invite you to book your [FREE ticket by clicking HERE](#).

If you agree that our Planet is in desperate need of better leadership to avoid the climate and environmental catastrophes that face us - and future generations - do join us to watch this ground-breaking film and help us generate a constructive discussion about how best we can respond locally to its policy proposals
David R Woollcombe, Founder and President

Mrs J Gant - Headteacher
admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk

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