



Edwinstree Term dates:

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Diary Dates:

03-06/02/25	Year 6 Mock SATs
17-21/02/25	Half Term
25/02/25	6A & 6D - Online Academic Review
04/03/25	6B & 6C - Online Academic Review
05/03/25	Year 6A & 6B Cambridge Science Centre Visit £19.90 per student
06/03/25	Year 6C & 6D Cambridge Science Centre Visit £19.90 per student
10/03/25	6A Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6B Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
11/03/25	6C Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 1) 6D Parent meeting to look at SATs papers (Period 2)
20/03/25	Year 7 In Person Foundation Evening
04/04/25	End of Term 1:20pm.
22/04/25	Start of Summer Term
05/05/25	Bank Holiday
08/05/25	Year 6 In Person Foundation Evening
12-15/05/25	Year 6 SATs
26-30/05/25	Half Term
05/06/25	Year 5 In Person Foundation Evening
27/06/25	INSET Day
10/07/25	County Transition Day Parent Transition Evening 5-6pm
18/07/25	End of Term 1:20pm.

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Accompanying this newsletter is our first dedicated sports newsletter – we hope you enjoy hearing about the sporting events your children have been involved in. It is also an opportunity to thank our PE team, Mr Kitto and the other volunteer staff who commit to helping our children shine in their various sports.

[How was the Holocaust 80th memorial covered this week in school?](#)

As a Church of England school, we are steered to cover *Life in all its Fullness*, and your children were remarkable at the start of the week in their respectful and reverential approach to the holocaust memorial. They learnt the following from two survivors John and Stephen from a BBC video, about their experiences. The key message was:

If you allow one bit of racism to go un-checked, this is not acceptable and can grow.

The video links are here if you would like to view and discuss as a family:

KS 3 [Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 – 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau - BBC Teach](#)

KS 2 [Holocaust Memorial Day - BBC Teach](#)

[Non uniform and Bake sale for Air Ambulance](#)



Thank you so much for your contributions to the air ambulance team, we were delighted to have raised over £800.

Is your child an avid horse fan?

We have been offered an exciting opportunity to visit Newsells Park Stud to see how they work, and the foals being born in May. I am really keen that this opportunity is given to those children who are avid horse riders.

If your child is one such individual, would you please email into admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk with their name, tutor group, and a little blurb about why you think they would like to spend the day at Newsells Park Stud. Thank you.

School Runs and Parking at School

Can we ask that you continue to be mindful of the pressures on Bowling Green Lane at the start and end of the day. Please be aware the lollipop man is doing a great job of helping to keep your children safe, he will always allow a bus to pass him on the crossing but will stop cars. He waits until there are a group of children wherever possible before allowing them to cross. Please respect the role he is doing we are so very grateful to have him here.

Please also note that several parents who have parked on the zig zag lines outside of school were fined this week. We must advise that parking on the zig zags outside of school is illegal, and unsafe and that the Sainsbury car park is free before 9.00am and after 3pm.

[Bowling Green Lane | East Herts District Council](#)

Year 6 News:

Year 6 SATs exam request for volunteers

A plea for help and support during the mock SATs week and the actual SATs week.

Like all schools nationally, we have seen a significant growth in children with Special Educational Need. So much so that we are looking to support 36 children with extra time and/or reading support for their SATs exam.

Can you help us? We have relied on volunteers in the past who have been willing to give up a Monday to Thursday morning to come and assist our most vulnerable students.

Thank you for those people who have already volunteered, even if you are only able to help for one or two days from 8.45am to 11.30am from Monday to Thursday during 12th-15th May, any help would be so gratefully received.

Year 6 Mock SATs week – 3rd to 6th February

This is an opportunity for staff and students to have a run through before they take their exams in May. The practice tests take place from Monday to Thursday during periods 1 & 2, students will then continue with their normal timetable for the rest of the day.

Please ask your child to arrive at school at 8.30am, we will provide your child with a small snack. Please ensure that your child has plenty of rest the night before and goes to bed at a reasonable time.

Sports Newsletter

Please find attached our Sports Newsletter first edition, celebrating the fantastic sporting achievements and opportunities for our Year 5-8 students!

Tesco Blue Token Boxes

Please would you support our campaign by asking for blue tokens whenever you shop at Tesco and placing them in the Edwinstree token box. The boxes are in store at both the main Tesco store in Royston and the Tesco local store on Market Hill. Please check out our Edwinstree Middle School Facebook page for more details.

Attendance Badges in Satchel

100% attendance badges have been issued in Satchel One for the autumn term. Congratulations to every student who was awarded a badge this week. Please check your child's Satchel account under the behaviour icon. Badges will be issued again after Easter for the spring term, which will give students further opportunities to receive the badge if they didn't get one this time.

City Academies Cycling Afterschool Hub Sessions

Here is the link, it is still not too late to sign up for the academy, the start date has been delayed for one more week while we wait for the delivery of the bikes and so will now begin on the 17th of February.

If you would like your child to attend there are twenty places. The team are providing 10 bikes that students can use, but we are also allowing students to bring their own bike onto site, that day if they would like to participate. **They will be able to store their bikes in the shed area, near the DT block for the Monday**

session. Helmets and equipment will be provided if they do not have their own. The course is for any Edwinstree student.

Please sign-up via Spond (<https://group.spond.com/SMDKB>)



Children in Need

A big thank you for helping us raise funds for Children in Need, we raised a total of £379.44.

*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.*

Family Lives Herts & Beds

Family Lives are delivering 3 parenting groups and 6 workshops, funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by the helpline, live chat and website.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 9.30am - 11.30am Via MS Teams

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 7pm - 9pm Via MS Teams

Getting on with Your Pre-Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 27 February 3 April 9.30am – 11.30am Via MS Teams

Workshops - Online via MS Teams

Anxiety around ADHD

Monday 10 February 7pm – 9pm

Sibling Rivalry

Thursday 14 February 9.30am – 11.30am

Empowering Parenting

Tuesday 11 March 9.30 am– 11.30am

Reducing Conflict

Tuesday 18 March 7pm – 9pm

It's a Dads Life

Thursday 20 March 7pm – 9pm

Navigating the Storm – Teens

Tuesday 25 March 9.30am – 11.30am

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for our online referral form.

You can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call us on 0204 522 8700 for more information.

Free confidential helpline on **0808 800 2222**

Email us for support at askus@familylives.org.uk

Talk to us online via our [Live Chat](#) service

Online advice, peer support and information on all aspects of family life

at www.familylives.org.uk

Face to face support groups and workshops

Find us on social media @FamilyLives @BullyingUK

www.facebook.com/FamilyLivesHertsandBeds



Hertfordshire's Families First

Families First is the name of the Early Help services run by Hertfordshire LA. Families can access help and support for all sorts of issues e.g. parenting advice and courses, school attendance and anxiety, money advice, domestic abuse, SEND Local offer and much more.

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