



Edwinstree Middle School

A Voluntary Controlled Church of England School



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.

In Collective Worship this term, we have been exploring the Christian value of friendship and what makes a good friend. We have had the opportunity to make new friends with several visits from outside speakers:

Sir Oliver Heald visits Edwinstree



A selected group of students who volunteered themselves, were delighted to meet with Sir Oliver Heald MP. They engaged in a 'question and answer' session, and certainly gave Sir Oliver a run for his money. Their questions were very topical and showed maturity beyond their years. Students really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with a real live 'Sir' and Member of Parliament, we hope that he will return to visit in the not too distant future. Sir Oliver thought he might have spotted at least one future Dame in our group of budding future MP's.

Our next visitor was the Archdeacon of Hertford



We were delighted to welcome Archdeacon Janet Mackenzie to Edwinstree Middle School accompanied by Reverend Ian Hill. The Bishop of St Albans appointed the Revd Janet Mackenzie as successor to the Venerable Dr Trevor Jones in September 2016. A group of students had the opportunity to take part in a 'Q & A' session with her, asking questions about God, what was it like to be a female leader in the church, and who inspired her to work in this role. The Archdeacon held a Collective Worship and explained about her

work to the rest of school community. The Archdeacon had previously visited Edwinstree eighteen months ago with Bishop Michael. She was delighted to see the growth of the school and the transformation in students' wellbeing and happiness. She was particularly impressed with the question groups' ability to challenge and reflect.

Year 8 Sports Leaders take to the water!

We have discovered that part of the Christian value of friendship, is to offer support and acts of kindness. The Edwinstree Leaders played the role of team managers, motivators and officials at a Swimming Gala at Ward Freman Pool for first schools Layston, Sandon and Jenyns. The enthusiasm of the swimmers and leadership of the Edwinstree students made for an exciting event with an electric atmosphere inside the pool.

Results: **1st-Layston, 2nd-Sandon 3rd-Jenyns.**
Well done to everyone who took part.



After the SATs we felt we all needed some fun, and as we had become caught up in the excitement of the Royal wedding on Friday 18th May 2018, Edwinstree celebrated the forthcoming marriage of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. Everyone dressed up in their finery and our lunch included an American and English themed wedding breakfast. Students took part in the celebration 'cake bake off' and in the afternoon, as we picnicked with our cakes, we watched the brave volunteer dancers from each house, battle it out for the '*Edwinstree Strictly come Dancing*' House challenge.

Year 6 and Year 5 spent the evening hopping and bopping at the Disco organised by Edwinstree School Association. Lots of fun was had with the Fun Photo Booth and the party props!

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