



The Emmanuel Eye

We see you and all the amazing things you do!

Autumn 1 – 24th October 2025

As we reach the end of this first half term, I want to thank all our parents, carers and families for the warm welcome you've given me since joining Emmanuel Junior Academy. It has been a privilege to get to know our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff and supportive community.

This half term has been full of learning, growth and joyful moments – from classroom achievements to celebrations like our Harvest Service and Prostrike Fundraiser. I've seen our school values – *Be Respectful, Be Courageous, Be Safe* – lived out in so many ways.

Looking ahead, we have much to look forward to: exciting new curriculum areas, festive preparations and opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you again for your support – I'm truly grateful to be part of this special school family.

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing half-term break. Mr Backhouse

An Eye on Upcoming Events for your Diary:

- ✓ Friday 24th October – End of Term
- ✓ Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – HALF TERM
- ✓ Monday 3rd November – INSET Day
- ✓ Tuesday 4th November – Pupils Return
- ✓ Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day & Antibullying Week
- ✓ Tuesday 11th November – Armistice Day
- ✓ Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November – Parent Consultation Evening
- ✓ Friday 14th November – Children in Need

An Eye on Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	88.4%
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	86.2%
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	84.8%
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	86.4%
Y5 SW – Amazing Axolotls	92.5%
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	91.8%

Our whole school attendance this week is: **88.3%**

The class with the highest attendance, and winning extra playtime this week, are **Y5SW** with **92.5%** - well done!

IF YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR... WAS 95% WAS 90% WAS 85% WAS 80% WAS 75%	YOUR CHILD WOULD HAVE LOST APPROXIMATELY... 9 DAYS FROM SCHOOL 19 DAYS FROM SCHOOL 29 DAYS FROM SCHOOL 38 DAYS FROM SCHOOL 48 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	OR THEY WOULD HAVE MISSED APPROXIMATELY... 50 LESSONS 100 LESSONS 150 LESSONS 200 LESSONS 250 LESSONS
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PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD DOESN'T MISS OUT



An Eye on Success...Going for Gold!

A huge well done to our amazing **Gold Award** winners this week:

Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	Bethany	<i>For showing friendship, kindness and care to everyone.</i>
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	Archie W	<i>For showing improvements in all areas of school life.</i>
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	Sully	<i>For stepping up and being a super role model in class.</i>
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	Jersey	<i>For working hard and making improvements everyday.</i>
Y5 SW – Amazing Axolotls	Ruby P	<i>For trying hard and following the “Emmanuel Way”.</i>
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	Theo	<i>For a brilliant attitude to his learning at all times.</i>

As well as receiving their “**Gold Award**” time, they will also have the chance to sit on the benches during Collective Worship next week.

The “Emmanuel Way” Class of the Week:

The class who had the highest percentage of pupils remaining on the Blue Door this week are the **Determined Dinosaurs** with **79%** of the children showing our “Emmanuel Way”. This class will get to sit on the benches in Collective Worship next week.

Gold Readers

Congratulations to our **Gold Readers** this week: Winnie, Archie B, Aaron, Victor, Charlie S and Maisie. They will get the chance to choose a reading book to keep from our donated book shelves.

This week in Collective Worship, we have been thinking about Harvest time. Harvest is a time to reflect on God’s generosity in his gift to us of creation – Creationtide is the time we thank him for all of creation.

The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest in churches began in 1843. Since then, Christians hold Harvest Festivals by decorating churches with home-grown produce and singing hymns.



How?

- *How can we give thanks to God for his creation and the land which we harvest our food from?*
- *How can we give to those less fortunate us?*

An Eye on Out-of-School Achievements

SPOT LIGHT

We love seeing our pupils shine beyond the classroom! Take a look at some of the incredible **Out-of-School Achievements** that have taken place in our community over the past week.



A huge congratulations to Sully and his team, who finished as runners-up in their cup competition this weekend against a much higher-ranked side. Sully put in an outstanding performance, making some fantastic saves that kept his team in the game. His efforts didn't go unnoticed - he was awarded both **Manager's Player** and **Parents' Player** of the match. Well done, Sully! We're all proud of you.

Congratulations to Noah and his football team for an incredible victory this weekend! After a nail-biting match, they secured the cup with a 3-1 win. What an amazing achievement - well done, Noah! We are loving your victory pose to celebrate!



Has your child achieved something amazing outside of school this week? Whether it's a sporting success, a creative accomplishment, or a personal milestone — we'd love to celebrate it in next week's Emmanuel Eye!

*Please send a photo and a brief description to Mr Backhouse, via Class Dojo, by **Thursday evening** to be included. Let's keep celebrating the courage, talents and achievements of our wonderful pupils! 🇬🇧 🙌*