



The Emmanuel Eye

We see you and all the amazing things you do!

Spring 1 – Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Emmanuel Families,

Over the past two weeks of the new term, our pupils have returned to school with immense courage and bravery, throwing themselves back into their learning with determination and positivity. It has been wonderful to see our new collective worship value of **Courage** already shining through in the way pupils support one another, try new challenges and face their work with confidence.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your patience and understanding during the difficult weather last week. Your support helps keep our school community safe and strong and we are truly grateful. It has been a fairly quiet start to the term, but there is plenty to look forward to. Please continue to keep an eye on Class Dojo and the weekly newsletter for updates and upcoming events taking place in school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership.

Mr Backhouse

An Eye on Upcoming Events for your Diary:

- ✓ Friday 6th February – NSPCC Number Day
- ✓ w.c Monday 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- ✓ Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- ✓ Wednesday 11th February - Family Communication Seminar – 1:30 - 3:00pm - *more information below.*
- ✓ Friday 13th February – End of Term
- ✓ Friday 27th February – s20 Food Bank Collection
- ✓ Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

An Eye on Attendance

Class	Attendance
Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	94.8%
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	97.1%
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	98.4%
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	98%
Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls	95%
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	97.86%

Our whole school attendance this week is: 95.9%

The class with the highest attendance and winning extra playtime this week and extra football time, are Y3/4HH with 98.4% - well done!





An Eye on Success...Going for Gold!

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

Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	Kaya	<i>For showing friendship, kindness and care.</i>
	Kai	<i>For having super attitude across all lessons.</i>
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	India	<i>For being the best she can be at all times.</i>
	Jahream	<i>For being courageous in his learning.</i>
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	Ernie	<i>For having a super week and trying hard in his reading.</i>
	Muireann	<i>For always showing courage with her learning.</i>
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	Teddy	<i>For showing respect and courage.</i>
	Reuben	<i>For showing courage in class and speaking out.</i>
Y5 SW – Amazing Axolotls	Archie	<i>For trying hard to understand fractions.</i>
	Georgia	<i>For growing in confidence and speaking out in class.</i>
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	George	<i>For showing brilliant behaviour on the trip to Crucial Crew.</i>
	Gabriel	<i>For producing a thoughtful piece of writing about Antarctica.</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 **90%** 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: Scarlett, Tom, Savannah, Finlay, Jaswin, Alfie, Zach, Eliza, Morgan, Gracie and Leo.

This term, we are exploring the value of **Courage** in collective worship. Last week in worship, we learned about the story of **Moses and the Burning Bush**. Moses showed courage by stepping forward when God called him, even though he felt unsure and afraid. We reflected on how Moses’ brother, Aaron, encouraged him to be brave — reminding us that courage often grows when we support one another.

This week, we retold the story of **Esther the Brave Queen**. Esther displayed remarkable courage when she chose to do the right thing, even when it felt scary. Her story helps us think about how we can be courageous in our own lives, especially when standing up for others.

Reflection at home this week:

- *Where have you shown courage recently, even in a small way?*
- *Who helps you to be brave when you feel worried or unsure?*
- *What can we learn from Moses and Esther about trusting God when things feel challenging?*

Courage is...

Carrying on when things are difficult
Overcoming fear
Understanding and facing a challenge
Risking being out of your comfort zone
Always believing in God’s promises
Going for a goal
Empowered by encouragement



An Eye on Out-of-School Achievements

SPOT LIGHT

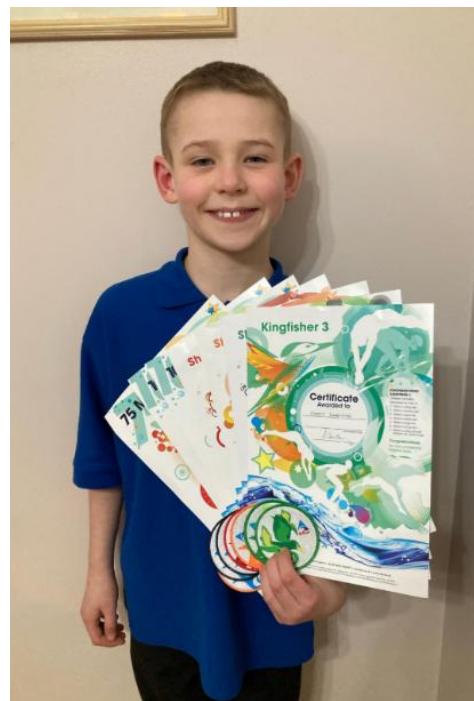
We love seeing our pupils shine beyond the classroom! Take a look at some of the incredible **Out-of-School Achievements** that have taken place in our community over the past week.



A brilliant start to the new year for Toby, who has achieved his 25m Swimming Award! He's absolutely thrilled – and so are we. Well done, Toby!



A huge well done to Ernie, who was incredibly proud to score a perfect 25/25 on TT Rockstars for the very first time! Fantastic effort, Ernie!



We are immensely proud of Harry, who completed his Stage 7 Swimming Award just before Christmas. He has worked incredibly hard to master all the required skills and he is now beginning his training to become a junior lifeguard. Well done, Harry — what an outstanding achievement!

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! 🎉 🎉

A practical seminar for parents and carers of school aged children. Why communication quality matters to your child's education and how to create the best relationship environment for your children. This seminar covers the following helpful topics:

- Setting a good example for your child.
- Home and school environments – how to help your child.
- What we do and say – the difference it can make.
- Learn simple effective skills of being assertive to improve communication in your relationships



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