



# The Emmanuel Eye

*We see you and all the amazing things you do!*

Spring 1 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Emmanuel Families,

Welcome to the end of another busy and rewarding week at Emmanuel Junior Academy!

It has been truly lovely to see some of the wonderful learning taking place across the school this week. We have been focusing on building strong foundations, particularly encouraging our children to take real care with their spelling, punctuation, and handwriting in every subject - not just within the core lessons. It has been encouraging to watch pupils showing pride in their presentation and aiming for their very best.

Looking ahead next week, we are excited to be celebrating **National Storytelling Week**, a fantastic opportunity to immerse ourselves in the power of stories and the joy of sharing them together. We will also be taking part in **NSPCC Number Day**, joining thousands of schools across the country to promote a love of maths while thinking about a very important cause.

Have a lovely weekend. Mr Backhouse

## An Eye on Upcoming Events for your Diary:

- ✓ w.c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – National Storytelling Week
- ✓ Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day
- ✓ w.c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week
- ✓ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- ✓ Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Family Communication Seminar – 10:00am - *more information below*.
- ✓ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term
- ✓ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – INSET Day

## An Eye on Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	88.46%
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	90.14%
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	94.8%
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	98.4%
Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls	98.33%
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	91.43%

Our whole school attendance this week is: 92.72%

The class with the highest attendance and winning extra playtime this week and extra football time, are Y5RC with 98.4% - well done!

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

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE





# An Eye on Success...Going for Gold!

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

Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	Dhanush	<i>For always showing our Emmanuel Way!</i>
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	Daisy	<i>For showing courage in her learning – particularly in P.E.</i>
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	Rocco	<i>For being an amazing role model.</i>
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	Alicia	<i>For showing determination with her work on fractions.</i>
Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls	Lailah	<i>For having courage to ask for help and have the courage to “have a go”.</i>
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	Gabriel	<i>For excellent attitude to his learning and writing.</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 **80%** 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: **Daneeka, Ethan, Isla, Lilly, Winnie and Harvey**.

They will get the chance to choose a reading book to keep from our donated book shelves.

This week during our worships, we have continued to explore the value of **of Courage**.

When we are afraid, sometimes it's important we do it anyway – show courage - or we'd miss out on enjoying life.

In the Bible, it teaches us: “**Perfect love casts out all fear.**” – [1 John 4.18]

**Reflect:** think of a time in your life when you have been scared, nervous or worried.

*How did you overcome this fear?*

*How did you show courage?*

**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

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 well done to Ethan, who passed his Stage 6 swimming this evening and is now moving on to Stage 7 (purple hats).

## Important Updates:

We are excited to be supporting **NSPCC Number Day** this year, on Friday 6th February!

To help us celebrate the fun of maths and raise awareness for a wonderful cause, children are invited to come to school dressed up in a number themed outfit on Number Day. This could be anything from a favourite sports shirt with a number, a T shirt decorated with numbers, or a creative maths-themed costume! We are also encouraging pupils to take part in the fundraising aspect of the event to help support the NSPCC's efforts to keep children safe. Donations would be greatly appreciated to support our fundraising efforts.

If you would like to find out more about Number Day and the work of the NSPCC, please visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk).

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of number fun and learning!

# SPOTLIGHT



How about decorating a plain t-shirt or wearing your favourite sports top with a number?

# Number Day

**Dress up for Digits  
'Be Inspired'**



Could you be a human calculator, dice, domino or playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits!  
#numberday

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# Family Communication Seminar

**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



**For more information please contact  
Sheffield Parent Hub**

\*\*\* Family Communication Seminar - 11th February 2026 - 10:00am \*\*\*

Just a reminder that our second Family Communication Seminar is taking place on 11th February 2026 at 10:00am.

With it being the second one to be held this year, we have changed the focus to 'Understanding children's behaviour and feelings'.

This workshop is for co-parenting couples to attend together who are either living together or apart. This is an opportunity to reflect on what is working well in the family, putting the children's needs first and what areas could be further developed or changed. The workshop aims to improve child development and outcomes, parenting, family resilience and family relationships. The Being a Parent Together workshop course creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported.

