



# The Emmanuel Eye

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

**Spring 1 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Welcome to the end of another fantastic week at Emmanuel Junior Academy!

Today, it was wonderful to see everyone proudly wearing their numbers as we celebrated **NSPCC Number Day**. The enthusiasm across school was brilliant and it was lovely to watch children enjoying maths in such a fun and purposeful way while supporting an important cause.

Throughout the week, we have also been focusing on the joy of storytelling as part of **National Storytelling Week**. Our pupils have embraced the chance to tell, hear and create stories - showing great imagination, courage and confidence.

Looking ahead, next week we will be engaging in **Children's Mental Health Week**, providing opportunities for pupils to reflect on wellbeing, connection and the importance of looking after our minds as well as our bodies. We also invite you to join us for **Safer Internet Day**. We will be holding an open event in our school pod at 3pm to share helpful information and guidance on keeping safe online - a vital message for our children and our wider school community.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mr Backhouse

## An Eye on Upcoming Events for your Diary:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – s20 Food Bank Collection
- ✓ Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

## An Eye on Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<b>Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies</b>	<b>97.28%</b>
<b>Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes</b>	<b>88.89%</b>
<b>Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls</b>	<b>93.33%</b>
<b>Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs</b>	<b>94.29%</b>

Our whole school attendance this week is: **93.4%**

The class with the highest attendance and winning extra playtime this week and extra football time, are **Y3/4AM** with **97.28%** - 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	Evie	<i>For trying extra hard in maths and achieving her green lights.</i>
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	Jack D	<i>For always following the Emmanuel Way.</i>
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	Tom	<i>For working hard in The Hive especially in maths.</i>
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	Olivia	<i>For trying hard at all her learning and showing courage.</i>
Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls	Ben	<i>For being an amazing friend who can show kindness and care.</i>
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	Fran Paddy	<i>For working incredibly hard both in and out of school. For showing resilience and determination.</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 **76%** 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: Sadie, Roman, Amelia, Anais, Alexa and Maggie.

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

This week in collective worship, we celebrated **Candlemas**. Candlemas is a special time in the Christian calendar when we remember the moment Jesus was presented at the Temple as a baby. It's a celebration of **light**, reminding us that Jesus is the “*light of the world*” and that we can shine our own light by showing kindness, courage and love to others.

We thought about how light helps us to see, to feel safe, and to guide the way—just like the light of Jesus helps guide our choices every day.

- *How can you be a light for others this week?*
- *Who shines a light for you when things feel difficult?*
- *What small acts of kindness can brighten someone's day?*





# 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 well done to Archie, who has impressed us yet again with his darts skills!

He took part in an under-16 open tournament at the Yorkshire Terrier pub in Rotherham, securing a place in the final alongside his brother Tommy. Archie came out on top—without dropping a single leg all day.

We are incredibly proud of his achievement.



## Important Updates:

### Safer Internet Day Parent/Carer Workshops – Tuesday 10th February at 3pm

As part of Safer Internet Day 2026, we would like to invite parents and carers into our school pod at 3pm on Tuesday 10th February.

This year's national Safer Internet Day theme is:  
"Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI"  
We'll be talking in school about how AI tools—like voice assistants, chatbots and online algorithms—are becoming a big part of everyday life.

It's so important that we help our children make safe, sensible and informed choices when using them.

If you join us next Tuesday, it will be a chance to:

- ◊ Learn more about supporting children to stay safe online
- ◊ Take away information leaflets and resources to help at home
- ◊ Ask questions or share any concerns you may have

And of course...

Hot drinks will be available!

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible as we work together to keep our children safe online.

Safer  
Internet  
Day 2026 | Tuesday  
10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)

CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK

9-15  
FEB  
2026

# 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.

