



The Emmanuel Eye

We see you and all the amazing things you do!

Spring 1 – Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Emmanuel Families,

As we finish the half term, it has been lovely to reflect on a positive and purposeful few weeks this term. This week, we marked **Children's Mental Health Week**, exploring the theme of belonging. We also took part in **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday, thinking carefully about staying safe online and the responsible use of A.I.

Thank you for your support throughout this half term. We hope you enjoy a restful break and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Tuesday 24th February 2026** (as the Monday is an INSET day). Next half term may be shorter, but we look forward to brighter evenings, warmer weather and the opportunities that spring brings.

Warm regards,
Mark Backhouse

An Eye on Upcoming Events for your Diary:

- ✓ Friday 13th February – End of Term
- ✓ Monday 23rd February – INSET Day
- ✓ Monday 23rd February – Parent/Carer Survey Deadline
- ✓ Tuesday 24th February – pupils return to school
- ✓ Friday 27th February – s20 Food Bank Collection
- ✓ Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- ✓ 18/19th March – Spring Term Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

An Eye on Attendance

Class	Attendance
Y3/4 AM – Beautiful Butterflies	93.05%
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	88.89%
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	93.39%
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	94.8%
Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls	93.33%
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	93.88%

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 **Y5RC** with **94.8%** - well done!

<p>IF YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR...</p> <p>WAS 95%</p> <p>WAS 90%</p> <p>WAS 85%</p> <p>WAS 80%</p> <p>WAS 75%</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD WOULD HAVE LOST APPROXIMATELY...</p> <p>9 DAYS FROM SCHOOL</p> <p>19 DAYS FROM SCHOOL</p> <p>29 DAYS FROM SCHOOL</p> <p>38 DAYS FROM SCHOOL</p> <p>48 DAYS FROM SCHOOL</p>	<p>OR THEY WOULD HAVE MISSED APPROXIMATELY...</p> <p>50 LESSONS</p> <p>100 LESSONS</p> <p>150 LESSONS</p> <p>200 LESSONS</p> <p>250 LESSONS</p>
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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	Rosie	<i>For trying super hard with her writing this week about Pompeii.</i>
Y3/4 SB/CJ – Fantastic Foxes	Archie W	<i>For including everyone and being a fantastic friend.</i>
Y3/4 HH – Marvellous Meerkats	Reggie	<i>For working incredibly hard in The Hive – especially in phonics.</i>
Y5 RC – Powerful Panthers	Sofia	<i>For working hard across all her subjects this week.</i>
Y5 JH – Amazing Axolotls	Rhylee	<i>For trying hard to make good choices and being focussed.</i>
Y6VA – Determined Dinosaurs	Braeden	<i>For working hard especially in maths.</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 **Amazing Axolotls** with **81%** 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: Kiera, Cassius, Oscar M, Ana, Ruby P, and Grace.

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

This week in our worships, we have been thinking about **courage** and how our words can make a big difference. We learned the difference between **encouraging** words that lift people up and **discouraging** words that can make someone feel sad. We talked about how encouraging words help our stars shine bright and help us be brave.

- What encouraging words can you say to someone at school or at home?
- How do you feel when someone encourages you?
- How can you help someone else’s star shine this week?



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.



Number Day 2026

Important Updates:

Uniform Donations Welcome!

We would be very grateful for any new or clean, good-quality unwanted school uniform items you may have at home.

These help us keep a supply of spare uniform ready for pupils who may need it during the school day.

We are also happy to accept good-quality underwear and socks (new or nearly new only, please!)

All donations can be handed in at the school office

Thank you so much for your kindness and support in advance.

Parent/Carer Survey – We Value Your Views

At Emmanuel Junior Academy, we are always striving to ensure that our school is a happy, safe and nurturing place where every child can thrive. To help us continue improving, we would really appreciate your feedback.

We have put together a short parent/carers survey to gather your views about how well you feel the school is doing since the start of the Autumn term (September 2025). The questions are similar to those asked during an Ofsted inspection and will help us celebrate our strengths and identify any areas where we can further develop for the benefit of our pupils and wider community.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qdA9bybTWV>

A few important points about the survey:

- > It can be completed anonymously.
- > You may include your child's name if you wish, but this is optional and only helps us follow up if needed.
- > If you have more than one child in school, you only need to complete the survey once.

All comments are confidential and anonymised unless you choose to include your child's name. If you would like a member of staff to contact you about your responses, there is a space within the survey where you can request this.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views—your feedback really does make a difference. This survey will remain live until the first day back of term.