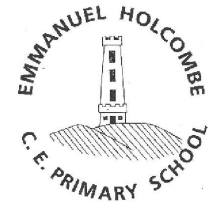


# Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



**Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.**

**March 2025**

Welcome to the March Newsletter. We trust you all had an enjoyable half term. We are now in the second half of the academic year and we continue to be very proud of the progress our children are making. This half term, we have plenty of fun-filled activities planned. Please do take the time to read the newsletter and find out what is happening.

## MUSIC AND CULTURE WEEK

During the last half term, the whole school enjoyed a fabulous week of Music Through Time, led by Katie Geelan. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning new songs and instruments. The final showcases were absolutely wonderful and we would like to thank the children for their effort and enthusiasm and all of our parents who came to support us.

## STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that we have welcomed a new member of staff to our team: Mr Ste Ball, who has been employed as our sports coach. Mr Ball is a very experienced coach and will be in school every Wednesday and Friday afternoon to teach lessons and deliver sports clubs to children from Year 1 to 6. Mr Martin is our PE lead in school and working alongside Mr Ball, they are eager to further develop our curriculum offer and start to link our extra curricular clubs to tournaments and league matches that we aim to enter.

## CARPET TILES

As I often share, school budgets are incredibly stretched. Jo Venn, our Chair of Governors, has been able to secure some high quality carpet tiles, free of charge. Our caretaker was hoping to fit them, but unfortunately he has experienced a period of ill health. Therefore, we are asking if any of our parents and carers have any skills in laying carpet tiles or know someone who would be willing to donate their time. Our caretaker can direct you, we just need volunteers who are eager and willing! Please contact the office if you feel able to help.

## PEELERS VACANCY

We are excited to announce that we are expanding our Peelers after school club staffing and provision. We are looking for someone who would like to work in our afterschool club, 3.00pm—6.00pm, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate must be passionate about providing high quality wrap around care, be reliable and be willing to support our nurturing ethos. Please contact the office if you, or somebody you know, is interested and we will send you the recruitment pack.

## PARENT EVENING

Our second, of three, Parent Evenings is taking place on Wednesday 12th March. Letters have gone out, so please make sure you book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

## EASTER THEME WEEK



The week commencing Monday 31st March we will be having an Easter Theme Week in conjunction with Emmanuel Holcombe Church. The children will be visiting church, walking up Holcombe Hill and enjoying a range of other Easter related activities. You **do not** need to supply anything from home for any of the planned activities. If the weather is not favourable, we will communicate with you about your child bringing in wellies via text message.

On Thursday, 3rd April, we will be holding our Easter Service at Emmanuel Holcombe Church at **9:15am**. All parents / carers are welcome.

School will close at the normal time of 3:20pm on Friday 4th April for the Easter break.



## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The following link gives parents lots of useful parenting information from pregnancy right through to the teenage years. It's worth taking a look if you need some ideas or support, examples are sleep, eating habits, bedwetting, allergies, bereavement. The list is endless and the information is linked to your child's stage of development.

[Homepage - Essential Parent](http://gmca.essentialparent.com/homepage/) (gmca.essentialparent.com/homepage/)

We understand the importance of your child's wellbeing and mental health and the impact it can have on their learning.

You can find our school mental health policy on the school website in the policies section.

## AMAZON WISHLISTS

The PTA came up with an excellent idea, that each class create an Amazon 'Wishlist.' These lists contain various items and resources that are needed for that age group. Simply scan the QR code (next page) for your child's class and Amazon will deliver straight to school. These codes are also on the Class Seesaw page.

### **When might I use the Amazon Wishlist as a parent?**

1. As you know, for several years we have requested that children do not bring in sweets on their birthday, and instead perhaps donate a book to the class. These wishlists are ideal for birthday donation ideas!
2. As much as staff truly appreciate your kind gifts at Christmas and the end of the year, we would be delighted if you were able to choose something off the list instead.
3. School budgets are tighter than ever, so if you ever want to support us to buy key resources, the lists are open all year round!

## QR CODES FOR AMAZON WISHLISTS

ACORN

*Help us have an*  
**amazin'**  
*year!*



If you're able, we would appreciate any contributions. Your support makes a huge difference!

WILLOW

*Help us have an*  
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If you're able, we would appreciate any contributions. Your support makes a huge difference!

BEECH

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If you're able, we would appreciate any contributions. Your support makes a huge difference!

OAK

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# The 'Year at a Glance'

## 2024-25

Below are dates that have been booked for the next academic year. **New dates will be added to monthly newsletters in RED.**

### 2024 – 2025 DATES

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 – Science Challenge at Woodhey
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Family Assembly
W/c Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	'Experience Easter' Theme Week
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.15pm Easter Service in Church – all welcome
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Cake & Pre-loved Uniform Sale 3:30pm in school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PTA Disco -timings TBC
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm Parent Forum
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Family Assembly
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>
WC Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Spring Fair
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	PTA Cake & Pre-loved Uniform Sale 3:30pm in school
Acorn Sports Day	TBC
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR MAY HALF TERM</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	6.00pm Robin Wood Parents Information Evening – OAK class
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2.30pm Parent Forum
TBC June	6.00pm New pre-school and Reception Information Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole Class photos
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Well-being Wednesday
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 – Leavers Service – Manchester Cathedral</b>
TBC	Transition days for Y6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Family Assembly
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2.45pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	OAK Class at Robin Wood
TBC	OAK Class End of Year Show
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leaver’s Meal</b>
TBC	Leavers’ Service in Church
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY