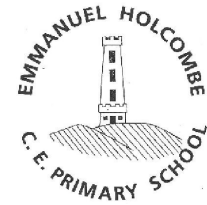


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

January 2025

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope that you have been able to enjoy the Christmas break and we wish you all a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everybody for their support and help last term.



LATENESS & ATTENDANCE

It is very important for all children to attend school every day and to arrive on time.

- The school gate opens at 8.45am .
- The start time for children is between 8.45am and 8.55am
- There are staff members in every class to welcome the children and start them with learning activities ranging from reading, handwriting, spelling, times tables and reviewing previous learning. It is crucial that pupils access this learning.
- Lessons start promptly after registration at 8.55am.
- Please note that any child arriving after 8:55am must enter the building via the school office and is marked late.

Not only does lateness lead to a challenging start to the day for your child, arrival after 9.15am is considered half a day's absence. All lateness/attendance is recorded and monitored by the school and Bury Local Authority.

The government have stipulated that schools must have robust systems in place for promoting good attendance. Good attendance is considered to be between 98%-100%. Persistent absence is considered below 90%. A report by Ofsted stated that the most impactful approach to improving attendance is to, 'listen, understand, empathise and support - but not to tolerate'. We will be sharing attendance figures throughout the year.

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MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Your child's mental health and wellbeing is very important to us.

Mrs Thomond is mental health lead in school and is your first point of contact if you want to discuss any issues or need help with signposting to external services.

There is also a wealth of resources that you can access via the school website, just click on the link

<https://www.emmanuelholcombeprimaryschool.com/mental-health-1>

EMMANUEL HOLCOMBE CoE PRIMARY SCHOOL

160 YEARS OLD

Our school stands on the site of the former courthouse which was built by the Duke of Albermarle in 1664. The courthouse was demolished in 1864 and the building of the school soon followed. This school was called Holcombe Church School and was opened on 9th January 1865. In 1930 the school changed it's name to Emmanuel Holcombe CoE Primary School.

To mark the 160th birthday of our school we are busy planning a range of activities including a photo and video reel of the history of the school; and pupils making and serving afternoon tea to members of the Emmanuel family, past and present. More information to follow.



Photo Date | 2011 | 1980 | 1916



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Our annual church service, Celebration Sunday, which involves the **whole school** will take place on **Sunday 9th February at 11:00am**. This service is a long established tradition and brings the church and the school together in celebration of our school. If you are unable to attend, please inform your child's class teacher via Seesaw.

PEELERS—BOOKINGS AND LATE BOOKINGS

SchoolMoney is now used for **ALL** school payments and bookings.

Please find below a reminder of the rules around booking:

Bookings are always cheaper if made a week in advance, this is so that we can plan food and staffing.

Each session has a capacity limit, which is determined by the number of staff working based on statutory **safeguarding ratios**. Booking through the system, helps ensure we stay within capacity for each session. Booking on the system closes the evening before the session.

There are two reasons why you might not be able to book on the system:

- It is on the day of the session and therefore booking has closed
- Capacity has already been reached and there are no spaces left

If bulk booking, please recheck after payment that the sessions you have booked are correct and **confirmed**, in case capacity has been reached.

Only in exceptional circumstances will on-the-day bookings be accepted. So that capacity can be checked, any on-the-day bookings must be made over the phone. If agreed, payment must be made before the session is attended. Bookings via email, voicemail or any other means will **not** be accepted and may not be picked up in time.

Children who arrive at Peelers without booking will be charged a £5 'non-booking charge' and our safeguarding process will be followed. Thank you for your support.

EYFS RESOURCES

The Acorn team have completed an audit of their resources for Preschool and Reception. As you can imagine, Acorn class change topics frequently and hands-on resources truly enhance our provision. Before allocating much needed funds to buying these resources, we wondered if any of our families might have had a clear out and be willing to donate items; or if you see these items in charity shops, perhaps you could pick them up for us? Please see the list below. Please label any donations for Mr Martin. Many thanks in advance.

Topic	Resources needed for Preschool and Reception
Airport	Airplane toys Airport car mat Travel brochures Luggage tags Old boarding passes
Post Office	Ink stamp with date Package paper Boxes to wrap Weighing scales Post Office characters/vehicles Map of the UK
Art Gallery	Easels Canvases Palettes Aprons Unwanted artwork
Library	Scanner Stamper Old library cards Old laptop
Superheroes	Superhero action figures Comic books
Bank	Play money Another till Unwanted cards
Transport	Variety of Car mats Map of the world Transport cars Car park
Mechanic	Warning tape Orange cones Kinex/meccano Cars that be taken apart and rebuilt
Farm	Farm animal teddies Farmer characters Farm play mat
Camping	OS maps Old (safe) camping equipment Sleeping bag
Travel Agent	Globe Atlases Old plane tickets Brochures Flags

Topic	Resources needed for Preschool and Reception
Doctors	Masks Surgical gloves Bandages Plasters
Restaurant	Menus Cutlery
Bakery	Food bags Toy baked foods Toy Bakery equipment
Fire Station	Firefighter toys Old hose pipe Flashing blue lights
Aquarium	Magnetic fish game Plastic fish tank Equipment to decorate the Fish tank Fish teddies
Vets	Animal toys Animal clothes (collars, etc) Animal food containers (empty) Animal figurines
Police	Police figurines Toy police equipment
Pirates	Pirate figurines Pirate clothes Jolly Roger Flag
Theatre	Red curtain Awards/trophies Old camcorder Puppets
Dentist	Dental outfits
Space	Miniature planets Air rocket Starry curtain
Hairdressers	Empty Shampoo bottles Bobbles Hair brushes Magazines

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



2

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

4 children &
2 parents =
£1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid
within 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Instead your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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

Wednesday 15 th January	Deadline for Reception 2025 applications – current preschool must apply.
Tuesday 21 st January	6.00pm: SATs information evening for Year 6 parents
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 3 – Science Challenge at Woodhey
Wednesday 29th January	Oak Class – Spaceman Workshop
Friday 31 st January	9.00am Family Assembly
Thursday 6 th February	Young Voices Manchester
Friday 7th February	PTA Disco 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Sunday 9 th February	11:00am to 12:00pm Celebration Sunday in Church
W/C 10 th February	Whole School Music Week with Katie Geelen
Monday 10th February	Peelers Valentine Craft Night (Details to follow)
Thursday 13th February	PTA Cake & Pre-loved Uniform Sale 3:30pm in school
Friday 14 th February	2.00pm Music Week Performance for parents in the hall
Friday 14 th February	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM
Thursday 27 th February	2.30pm Parent Forum
Friday 28 th February	9.00am Family Assembly
Tuesday 4th March	Beech Class – Bolton Museum
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	6.15pm – 7.45pm PTA Spring Disco Date changed
Wednesday 12 th March	2.45pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes
Friday 28 th March	9.00am Family Assembly
W/c Monday 31 st March	'Experience Easter' Theme Week

Thursday 3 rd April	9.15pm Easter Service in Church – all welcome
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Cake & Pre-loved Uniform Sale 3:30pm in school
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Disco 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Friday 4 th April	3.20PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22 nd April	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SUMMER TERM
Thursday 24 th April	2.30pm Parent Forum
Friday 25 th April	9.00am Family Assembly
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
WC Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Saturday 17 th May	PTA Spring Fair
Tuesday 20 th May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Thursday 22 nd May	PTA Cake & Pre-loved Uniform Sale 3:30pm in school
Acorn Sports Day	TBC
Friday 23 rd May	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 23 rd May	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR MAY HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd June	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 3 rd June	6.00pm Robin Wood Parents Information Evening – OAK class
Thursday 5 th June	2.30pm Parent Forum
TBC June	6.00pm New pre-school and Reception Information Evening
Wednesday 11 th June	Whole Class photos
Wednesday 11 th June	Well-being Wednesday
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 6 – Leavers Service – Manchester Cathedral
TBC	Transition days for Y6
Friday 27 th June	9.00am Family Assembly
Wednesday 2 nd July	2.45pm onwards: Parents Evening in school for all classes
Weds 9 th – Friday 11 th July	OAK Class at Robin Wood
TBC	OAK Class End of Year Show

TBC	Year 6 Reward Trip
TBC	Year 6 Leaver's Meal
TBC	Leavers' Service in Church
Thursday 17 th July	2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER
Friday 18 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY