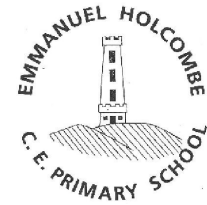


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

February 2025

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. Each class leads a different part of the service. All families are encouraged to join us for this important event. **An additional letter has previously gone out.**

MUSIC WEEK—"MUSIC THROUGH TIME"

We are delighted that the week commencing Monday 10th February, will be our music week, led by Katie Geelan. A letter about this event has already been issued to parents.

This week will culminate in whole school performances for parents on Friday 14th February. A letter about the performances will be sent home next week.

WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 6th March, we shall be celebrating World Book Day, with a day of literary fun. All pupils are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. Please use any clothes that you have at home (it is not necessary to buy anything special).

The main aim of this day is to encourage reading and celebrate the pleasure of books.

Each child will be given a voucher so they can get a book of their own. The £1 book token can then be swapped for one of the completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or can be used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook. (Please check with your bookseller first).

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.

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

Each QR code is also hyperlinked to the amazon link.

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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SNACK

The Government provides a piece of fruit for every child in EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes. Therefore, pupils in Acorn and Willow **do not** need to bring in their own snack for morning break. However, if they wish to, Doctors advise that GRAPES and CHERRY TOMATOES, are chopped in half or ideally quartered, as these are a common cause of food related choking incidents in under 5s.

At Key Stage 2, pupils who wish to have a snack at morning break can bring a healthy snack, such as fruit, fresh vegetables, plain popcorn, plain breadsticks, plain crackers, or plain rice cakes. We ask parents to check any packets for added sugars.

All pupils are also encouraged to bring a named water bottle to keep in the classroom.

Please could we respectfully remind all parents that we are an 'ALLERGEN AWARE' School.

We have several children in school who have a confirmed condition called Anaphalaxis. It is imperative—for the well-being of these children—that everyone is vigilant in ensuring that nuts and hummus are not brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would appreciate it if all items of clothing could be clearly labelled so that they stay with the correct owner. Please can we make a polite reminder that pupils are to wear black, grey, navy or white trainers on PE days and black shoes on all other days. Please use this link for full details of our uniform

<https://www.emmanuelholcombprimaryschool.com/school-uniform>

In the interest of safety, practicality and hygiene, long hair (ie shoulder length or longer) MUST be tied back during school hours. We thank those pupils who have been tying their hair back and ask that everyone else (with long hair) adheres to this. Stud earrings must be removed for PE. If your child finds it difficult to remove these themselves please ensure earrings are not worn on PE days or cover them with surgical tape. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

MEDICATION

We would like to remind parents that whilst we are able to administer any medication that is prescribed by your child's doctor or hospital, we cannot give anything that is 'bought over the counter'. All medication must be brought to the school office by an adult who will be asked to complete a '**Request For School To Administer Prescribed Medication**' form, (can be downloaded from our website). To ensure the safety of our pupils, all medication is kept in the staffroom, this ensures that all staff are aware of any health needs. A Health Care Plan will be put in place if necessary.

Medicines should be clearly marked with the name of the pupil, together with the dosage and the time of day at which it should be taken. School cannot accept medicine that has been taken out of the original container.

If required, parents can visit the school during the day to administer any medication like paracetamol.

At the end of the day please go to the school office to request the medication back.



PACKED LUNCHES

If your child is on packed lunches please ensure that you provide your own cutlery. If your child does have to borrow from school and it is mistakenly taken home please return it to school.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is ' Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'.

You can find some great activities on the Place2Be website if you'd like to get involved.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



Families

Are you a parent or carer to a child or young person? Learn how you can get involved in Place2Be's official Children's Mental Health Week!

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 th February	Young Voices Manchester
Friday 7 th February	PTA Disco 5.30pm - 7.00pm
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 10 th February	Peelers Valentine Craft Night
Thursday 13 th 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 4 th March	Beech Class – Bolton Museum
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	PTA Meeting 2.30pm
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 -timings TBC
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 17th May	PTA Spring Fair
Tuesday 20 th May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Thursday 22nd 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 18th 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
Monday 14th July	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