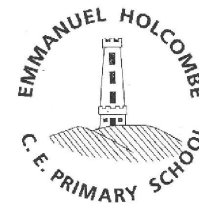


Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School



Growing and learning through faith, family and friendship.

May 2025

Welcome to the May newsletter. We now start the Summer Term which promises to be very busy with a range of exciting events and activities. We've had warmer weather this week, therefore, can we remind parents to be 'sun-aware' during this summer term. If possible, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. If children need to bring the bottle to school and are able to apply it to themselves, please ensure it is labelled. In addition, remember to send them with a sun hat. Please could we remind parents to clearly label all items of clothing (including PE kit) so that they can be returned to their correct owner if lost or left in the playground. Additionally, please do not send your child in open-toe sandals during the summer months. Thank you for continuing to support our school uniform policy.

LATENESS AND ATTENDANCE

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

School opens at **8.45am** and all children are encouraged to arrive at this time. This allows children to put their belongings away, start their early morning tasks and be ready for learning. Registration is at **8.55am**. If children arrive after 8.55am they must enter school via the office and they will receive a late mark in the register.

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 continue to share attendance figures with you throughout the year.

All lateness/attendance is recorded and monitored by the school and Bury Local Authority.

Please take note of the attached **holiday lists** to ensure you do not book holiday in term time.

SCHOOL MEALS AND ACCOUNTS

The new summer menu was launched after the Easter break. A copy was sent out to parents and it is also available on our website. Can we remind parents that if your child has any dietary allergies then they must complete Bury Catering Services Form BC01 from the school office.

We wish to remind parents that the price of a school meal for Pre-school and Years 3 to 6 is currently **£2.60** per day. Cost per week for school meals is **£13.00**. School meals are payable in advance and prompt payment is essential. You can choose to pay either weekly, monthly or for a half term. Payment is via the SchoolMoney App.

Any parents who have built up a credit on their child's dinner account and are either leaving Emmanuel Holcombe or have moved onto sandwiches, will receive a refund at the end of term in July. If your child is a Year 6 leaver and has a younger sibling, any credit will be moved to their account. All other credits will be rolled onto the new school year.

ALLERGEN AWARE

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 sesame (reminder that humous is not allowed in school) are not brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

There are two free school meals schemes.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes - Universal Infant Free School Meals

All pupils in these years are eligible to receive a free meal at lunchtime, regardless of their parent's income. These are provided at all Bury Council maintained schools, academies, free schools, and pupil referral units.

Families on low incomes - income related free school meals

If your child is in a key stage 1 year group and you get one of the qualifying incomes shown below it will help the school and your child if you make a claim for free school meals, as they can get extra funding.

From Year 3 onwards free school meals are only available if you get one of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

To Apply for income related free school meals

If you **live in Bury Council's area, and your child attends a school in the borough.**

Please use the online form at <https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals>

If you **live outside the borough, and your child attends a school in Bury Council's area,** please contact your local council to claim income related free school meals.

Full discretion is applied to this and to reassure you children are not aware if they are on FSM.

MENTAL HEALTH SCHOOL TEAM WORKER

We are delighted to announce that from Monday 12th May, we will be welcoming a mental health worker to the Emmanuel Holcombe family. Chantelle Longdon will be based at Emmanuel Holcombe all day every Monday for at least the next 6 months and will be working alongside Mrs Thomond, our Inclusion Mental Health Lead. We will organise a parent drop-in and a series of workshops over the coming months.

PEELERS UPDATE—BREAKFAST 4A LL

What a fortnight we've had in Breakfast Club!

Two weeks ago we launched Breakfast 4 All and since then we have served an amazing 340 breakfasts. We have served dipped eggs, Greek yoghurt and fruit, wholemeal bagels and porridge. We have played basketball on the yard, we have 'Just Danced,' exercised with Joe Wicks and stretched and relaxed with mindfulness.

Thank you for helping us make the launch a success by booking in advance. Please remember that Breakfast 4 All bookings must arrive at 8.15am so that we can be efficient in getting children registered, ordered and sat down to eat breakfast. We will be unable to admit children early and cannot accept Breakfast 4 All children once the session is underway. Parents who regularly arrive more than 5 minutes late will be charged the regular breakfast fee. Thank you as always for your support.

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. We would also like to remind you that nail varnish or fake nails are not allowed. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. This ensures that we can contact the relevant parent/carer when necessary.

VE DAY



This year is the 80th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) day (8th May) which commemorates the end of World War II in Europe. To celebrate we are giving our pupils the choice of wearing RED, WHITE and BLUE clothing items to school on Thursday 8th May.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 11th June to take class photos.

Proof cards and payment details will be sent home and orders for the photographs can be placed online with the photographer.



PTA SPRING FAIR

Our PTA Spring Fair is now being held on **Saturday 14th June** (1:00pm to 3:00pm). A huge thank you to our PTA who are working hard planning for it. If you are able to help at the Fair, it would be very much appreciated. Please approach anyone in the PTA, or respond via Facebook. The PTA will be asking for donations of the following:



- New or nearly new gifts/gift sets for raffle/tombola prizes.
- Chocolate or a bottle for the CHOCO LOTTO and BOTTLE stalls.



All donations can be dropped off at the School Office preferably with a label eg "Spring Fair Raffle / Tombola **by** Thursday 12th June.

There will be a non- uniform day on Friday 13th June for pupils as a thank you for donations.

Your help is needed to make the event a success. Thank you.

FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday we learned that sadly Paul and Jo Sumsion will be leaving the Parish at the end of the Summer Term. Paul and Jo have been in the Parish for 21 years since he was appointed as Curate and later as Rector of Holcombe and Hawkshaw. Paul and Jo are moving to Lee Abbey in North Devon where Paul will take up the position of Chaplaincy and Jo as Children and Youth worker. Lee Abbey is a Christian Community and a Retreat Centre for people of all ages. Paul and Jo have been a tremendous support to Emmanuel and Jo has taught here. There will be time to express our gratitude at a later date but we wanted to keep you informed.

REMINDER School closes on **FRIDAY 23rd May** at **3:25pm** for half term and re-opens on **Monday 2nd June**.

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

Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Friday 9 th May	Trikidz - Year 1 to Year 6
WC Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Saturday 17th May	PTA Spring Fair – Re arranged
Mon to Wed 19 th to 21 st May	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 22 nd May	1.30pm Sports Day for Oak, Beech and Willow
Friday 23 rd May	9.00am Family Assembly
Friday 23 rd May	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR MAY HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd June	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 3 rd June	6.00pm Robin Wood Parents Information Evening – OAK class
Wednesday 4 th June	Acorn Sports Day 2:30pm at School
Thursday 5 th June	2.30pm Parent Forum
Monday 9 th June	WILLOW Class – Space Workshop
Wednesday 11 th June	Whole Class photos
Wednesday 11 th June	Well-being Wednesday
Saturday 14 th June	PTA Spring Fair
Tuesday 17 th June	6.00pm Reception to Year 1 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 6 – Leavers Service – Manchester Cathedral
TBC	Transition days for Y6
Tuesday 24 th June	6.00pm New pre-school and Reception Information Evening
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
Monday 14 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Meal
Tuesday 15 th July	OAK Class End of Year Show at Woodhey High School
Thursday 17 th July	Leavers' Service in Emmanuel Church 1:15pm
Thursday 17 th July	2.30pm SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER
Friday 18 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

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