

## FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



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(JOHN 10:10)



Weekly newsletter  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### What a week it's been!

We were delighted to welcome SIAMS inspector Claire Gibson on Wednesday and are thrilled to have received such a positive outcome. The full report will be shared with you before Christmas.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who spoke so warmly about our community, to the staff who expressed their pride in being part of *Team Emmanuel*, and to the children who articulated our school vision and values with such clarity and confidence.

It was a long and emotional day, but it left me overwhelmingly proud of everything we have achieved together, not only over the past two years, but throughout Emmanuel's journey. This is a truly special place, and I feel so lucky to be Head of School here.

### Next week

Next week the boys' and girls' football squad will play their next matches in the CSSA football tournament at Castlehaven on Tuesday. Also, just a reminder that on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November we have an INSET day, so please make alternative childcare arrangements!

### Emmanuel Church community projects - please support if you can!

This Sunday, Emmanuel Church will be doing their annual collaboration with Hampstead Synagogue for Mitzvah Day. They will be outside Waitrose and Tesco on West End Lane to collect supermarket donations as part of a big charity collection organised by the Jewish community in North London every year at this time of year.

Emmanuel Church is also launching a new collection as part of the Salvation Army's Christmas Present drive for children and teenagers who may not receive a Christmas present this year. There will be a big donation box at church so if you can spare a newly bought gift (unwrapped please) then please drop it off over the next few weeks.

Our School Council have been speaking to their classes about these initiatives this week and are always keen to support the Church with these community projects in raising awareness of them across our school.

### Clubs Spring 2026

We still have some availability for certain clubs for Spring Term. If you are interested, the bookings have reopened for the following clubs:

- KS2 Ball Games
- Bracelet Making Club
- KS1 Football Club
- Years 5-6 Football Club

- Years 3-4 Football Club
- Fun Club
- KS2 Karate Club
- KS2 Netball Club
- KS1 Sports Club
- Street Dance
- The Den
- Breakfast Club

Please log into your Arbor account to register and pay for your child's club(s) as the bookings will close for the final time on Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 4pm.

Do feed back to the office with questions/comments/compliments (!) on the new booking procedures so we can continue to refine the process in the coming terms.

### **Year 6 DT**

Year 6 had great fun making steady hand games, bringing together their learning in Science and DT. Well done to Mr Halpenny and Ms Amanuel for helping them navigate one of the trickier DT units in our curriculum!



### **Natural Wreath-Making Workshop**

Families from the Hampstead Parochial, Emmanuel, and Holy Trinity partnership of schools are invited to a creative evening celebrating connection across our schools.

When: Wednesday 27th November, 7:00–9:30pm

Where: Hampstead Parochial School

Cost: £40 per wreath (includes high-quality natural materials)

Meet fellow parents, enjoy a relaxed, festive atmosphere, and craft your own nature-inspired wreath to take home. All skill levels welcome! Bring your own drinks or nibbles if you wish. Book this week: <https://pta.events/hps-pta-wreath-making>

Celebrate creativity and community across our schools—we can't wait to see you there!

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent Consultations are on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. If you haven't already done so, please also log in to your Arbor account to book a consultation with your child's class teacher. For parents who are new to Emmanuel, please note that all class teacher appointments take place in the school hall, allowing you to book back-to-back appointments for multiple children if needed. In addition, appointments are available with Mrs Watkins to discuss wellbeing or pastoral care. These meetings take place in the Bubble, providing a quieter and more private setting. If you have any questions, please do contact us on [admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

The Emmanuel Team

[Diary Dates](#) – click here for our school calendar

Here is a list of important dates for the Autumn Term 2025:

Key:

	PFE events
	In-school events to which parents are invited
	Dates to note

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 4 – 5pm	CSSA Football	Football squad	Castlehaven
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 3-6pm	Parent Consultations	All	School hall
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Height and weight checks	Reception	The Den
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Gymnastics club parent viewing session	Gymnastics club	Hall
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day	All	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	St. Andrew's Day celebration	St. Andrew's House	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2pm	Christmas Pantomime	All	School hall
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 5.30 – 6pm	CSSA Football	Football squad	Castlehaven
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 3-6pm	Parent Consultations	All	School hall
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Brass Concert	Year 5 and 6	School hall
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip (Space workshop)	Year 5	Natural History Museum
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2-6pm	Christmas Fayre	All	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4.30	Christingle Service	Year 1 – Year 6	Emmanuel Church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 4 – 5.30pm	CSSA Football	Football squad	Castlehaven
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip	Year 4	National Portrait Gallery
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Show	Nursery and Reception	School hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	All	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch	All	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 1 – 3pm	Football tournament	Development squad (Some Y5 and 6s)	MUGA
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10am & 2pm	Nativity	Year 1 and 2	School hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm	End of term	All	

\*Please note that some trips and events will be added over the course of the term

## School visionaries

Congratulations to these children for showing our school vision and values this week:

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Nursery: Ellie and Diaco  
Reception: Miya and Simon  
Year 1: Lexie and Barsam  
Year 2: Louis and Diego  
Year 3: Maxi and Ishaan  
Year 4: Zuzana and Gabriel  
Year 5: Cosima and Joseph  
Year 6: Ben and Noah

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## Year 5 Space Trip



Year 5's trip to the Science Museum was fantastic and all the children really enjoyed themselves. As always, their behaviour was impeccable and they made the most of every learning opportunity.

Well done, Year 5!

- Mrs Harrington



# VOLUNTEER HERE

**to welcome homeless guests**

**Emmanuel Church becomes a Night Shelter  
every Tuesday evening from  
04 Nov-13 Jan.**

Sign up to cook or serve a meal, set up beds,  
welcome our guests, or stay the night, or come on  
Wednesday mornings to serve breakfast and clear up.

**Scan to sign up  
or find out  
more!**



**emmanuelnw6nightshelter@gmail.com**  
**Lyncroft Gardens, NW6 1JU**

# WREATH MAKING & ART WORKSHOP

Sunday 30th November at 3pm  
at Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead



The Emmanuel Flower group will forage all materials for fully compostable wreaths and decorations, and lead us in a fun filled afternoon!

**Adult Wreath Workshop: £25**

Join us for a gentle and inspiring Christmas workshop led by artist (and Emmanuel parishioner) Anna Kiparis. Together, we will explore watercolour and its remarkable ability to convey light. In Advent we look forward to the arrival of the Light of the World, a light that shines in darkness and brings hope, wonder and renewal. This workshop offers a moment to draw nearer to that light through creativity and reflection. No drawing experience is required.



**Adult Art Workshop: £25**



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Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead

# Christmas Collection

Collecting until December 14

One in five children won't get presents this Christmas.  
We are collecting gift donations to help those in need.

We're inviting you to donate unwrapped gifts - this allows parents to choose and wrap something special for their children themselves.

We are especially looking for gifts for teenagers, but all donations are welcome!

You can drop off donations in the box at the back of the church anytime!

Thank you for making a difference!



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# CAMDEN

## Parent Carer Forum

### ‘Breakfast Club’

Wednesday 26th November 2025 10.30-11.30am  
Agar Children’s Centre and Family Hub (Wrotham Rd, London NW1 9SU)



Join us for a relaxed morning with a light breakfast, warm drinks, and great company!

It’s a chance to connect with other SEND parents and carers, switch off from the realities of day-to-day life and feel supported in a friendly, welcoming space.

If you are new and haven’t joined us before, why not make this your first time? We are a friendly bunch, and we’d love to see you there!

To book a place please email: [Camdenpcf@kids.org.uk](mailto:Camdenpcf@kids.org.uk) / [Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk](mailto:Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk)  
Or you can call or text 07385 003 662

**CAMHS Support Session for Parents and Carers of Children with  
Additional Needs in Camden**

**Understanding and Managing Behaviour in children (all ages)**

**When: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 11:45am-1pm**

**Where: On ZOOM (Register for a link)**



A group session run on Zoom by Mosaic CAMHS to think about how to understand behaviours of concern in children. We explore meanings of behaviour and approaches to building parental confidence to help prevent and manage behaviours of concern.

**BOOK EARLY - only a limited number of spaces available.**

**This CAMHS support session will be delivered by Susan Cottam, clinical psychologist, and Adele O'Hanlon, child psychotherapist, who are working with many Camden families.**

To book onto this session please email:

[Jade.Green@kids.org.uk](mailto:Jade.Green@kids.org.uk) Text or call Jade on 07711 767 258 Or contact

[Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk](mailto:Aishatu.Mohammed@kids.org.uk) Text or Call Aisha 07385 003 662

<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

# CAMDEN

## Parent Carer Forum

### AUTUMN TERM Calendar 2025

Welcome to our AUTUMN Term Calendar of events, workshops and meetings for any parent, carer in Camden with a child or young person (0- 25 years) with special needs. Whether you are seeking guidance, looking to share your experiences or simply hoping to connect with other parents or carers, our calendar has something for everyone. Please join us!

Coffee Mornings are a chance to meet other parents for a chat & to share advice and info.

Walk and Talks are relaxed walks on Hampstead Heath and a chance to get together with other parents, have a cup of coffee along the way and just talk about anything and everything.

Workshops are held each term jointly with other services and agencies on various subjects.

Forum Meetings are when we get together as parents with different professionals from services in and around Camden – ask questions, get updates and give feedback.

If you would like to attend any of the events on our calendar below, request a zoom link for our online workshops, find out more information or to join our membership and receive regular updates directly - [please get in touch](#):

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We are also on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum](https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum) Twitter [@CamdenSPForum](https://twitter.com/CamdenSPForum) and IG [@CamdenPCF](https://www.instagram.com/CamdenPCF) Please do connect with us!

#### November

- 4 Tue Tour of Charlie Ratchford Court (Extra care scheme) 11am-12pm, Chalk farm - Registration required
- 11 Tue Forum meeting, 10:30am-12:30pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 17 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
- 18 Tue Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH.
- 24 Mon Understanding and Managing Behaviour Workshop with CAMHS all ages, 11:45am-1pm Online register for link.
- 26 Wed Parent Carer Forum Breakfast Club, 10:30am-11:30am @ Agar Children's centre & Family Hub (NW1 9SU).

#### December

- 1 Mon 'Lunch and Learn' with the Forum Team, 12.30-1.30pm Online register for link.
- 2 Tue Movement, Relaxation & Lunch 12pm-2pm @ Kentish Town Congregational Church, Kelly Street, NW1 8PH
- 3 Wed Annual Review Workshop with SENDIASS, 10.30am-12:30pm @Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.
- 8 Mon Walk and Talk, 10:15am-12:30pm, @ Hampstead Heath.
- 9 Tue Forum winter wind down, 12pm-2pm @ Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town.



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# Spotlight on Autism

**Wednesday 26th November**  
**10:30am – 12:00pm**

Hear from a panel of specialists and those with a lived experience of autism.

#### **Ask Your Questions**

Share or submit your questions in advance for the panel to discuss.

#### **For Parents & Carers**

Open to all parents and carers of autistic young people - come to connect, to learn, and to be inspired.

**For more information or to  
submit a question, contact:**  
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Entries close on December 19th 2025.

