

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



Weekly newsletter
Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great week at school, kicked off on Monday with some drama workshops for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. The boys' and girls' football teams had a great night on Tuesday night, winning three of their four matches. They showed a great attitude and sportsmanship, despite the constant rain! Well done to both teams and thank you to Mr Philippou and Mr Souster for being such wonderful coaches and mentors.

A departure and an arrival

Year 1 parents will be aware that Miss Ahmed has made the decision to leave Emmanuel to pursue opportunities more closely aligned with her undergraduate studies. While we are sorry to see her go, we thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her every success in this next chapter of her life and career. We are pleased to welcome Ms Gaki, who has joined Year 1 and is very much looking forward to working with the children for the remainder of the academic year.

Sharing assemblies

Sharing assemblies begin next week, starting with Year 4. Each time, the back gates will open to parents five minutes before the advertised start time and close at the advertised start time. If you arrive late, please come to the office where you will be admitted through the front of the school.

Emotionally supportive pets please!

On Friday 13th February, as part of Children's Mental Health Week, the children will be experiencing a whole day of activities and lessons dedicated to mental health and wellbeing. Following the success last year of 'bring your pet to school' to demonstrate how our pets give us emotional support, we are doing it again!

One child from every class will be able to bring in their pet. If you or your child is interested in this, you would need to be able to:

1. Bring the pet at 12.55 ready for a 1pm lesson
2. Stay for the time it takes to show and talk about the pet (approx 15 mins) to help manage the pet
3. Take the pet home afterwards (we are unable to keep them in school)

Please consider the pet's nature and how they will be with 30 children surrounding them! If more than one parent can bring a pet, we will do a draw a name out of a hat. We will also need to consider allergies and fears in that class. If interested, please reply to the parent hub notice from Mrs Watkins about this on Monday.

For the rest of the children, they will have the opportunity to 'show and tell' if they wish to share something that they enjoy doing to express themselves and emotionally regulate - this may be art or modelling, toys they play with, music or playing instruments.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

The Emmanuel Team

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

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

Key:

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

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Monday 19 th January	Trip	Year 4	National Maritime Museum
Tuesday 20 th January 5.30 – 6pm	CSSA Football	Football squad	Castlehaven
Thursday 22 nd January 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 4	Hall
Monday 26 th January	Trip	Year 6	National Portrait Gallery
Wednesday 28 th January	Trip	Year 3	National Portrait Gallery
Thursday 29 th January	Trip	Year 6	London Museum Docklands
Thursday 29 th January 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 3	Hall
Friday 30 th January	Trip	Year 5	National Archives
Wb Monday 2 nd February	Safer Internet Week	All	
Monday 2 nd February	Trip	Year 5	National Portrait Gallery
Monday 2 nd February	PFE Challenge starts	All	
Tuesday 3 rd February	Art workshop	Year 3	Year 3 classroom
Wb Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week	All	
Monday 9 th February	Trip	Year 6	RAF Museum
Wednesday 11 th February 2pm	Camden Music concert	Some Camden Music pupils	Hall
Thursday 12 th February	Trip	Year 4	Shri Swaminarayan Temple
Thursday 12 th February	Camden Maths Challenge	Some Year 6s	Rosary Primary School
Thursday 12 th February 2pm	LDBS Annual Service	CW reps	St. Paul's Cathedral
Thursday 12 th February 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 5	Hall
Friday 13 th February	Wellbeing Day	All	
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term	All	
Wednesday 25 th February	MARS Balloon Workshop	Year 5	Hall
Thursday 26 th February 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 6	Hall
Monday 2 nd March	St. David's Day dress up	St. David's House	
Wednesday 4 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 2	Hall
Thursday 5 th March 9.15am	World Book Day parade	All	MUGA
Thursday 12 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 1	Hall
Tuesday 17 th March	St. Patrick's Day dress up	St. Patrick's House	
Wednesday 18 th March 3 – 6pm	Parent consultations	All	Hall
Thursday 19 th March 2.30pm	Brass concert	Year 5 and 6	Hall
Friday 20 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Reception	Hall
Monday 23 rd March	Trip	Year 4	Camley Street
Wednesday 25 th March 3 – 6pm	Parent consultations	All	Hall
Thursday 26 th March 10am and 2pm	Easter Play	Year 3 and 4	Hall
Friday 27 th March 12.30pm	Finish school	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:
From Alpha to Omega - life in all its fullness. (John 10:10)



Nursery: Cleo and Dimitrios
Reception: Louie and Meher
Year 1: Zahra and Riyad
Year 2: Fiona and Leah
Year 3: Vinnie and Jasmine
Year 4: Fleur and Ben
Year 5: Thomas and Tiana
Year 6: Tomiwa and Lucie

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The Good News Bulletin



Headteacher's Awards are now being given in Celebration Worship for -in-school achievements, so we're starting the Good News Bulletin; a way to share children's out of school achievements with our whole community! If you would like to nominate your child, please send a photo and quick blurb to admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk or your child can tell me about it on the gate 😊



Vivienne passed her Grade 1
ABRSM Digital Piano exam!
Congratulations Vivienne on
having the resilience and
tenacity to practise, persevere
and do your best.



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Fundraising Concert

WITH LEADING CLASSICAL MUSICIANS
SIMON BLENDIS & FAMILY



Simon Blendis



Saoko Blendis



Aki Blendis

This concert brings together a selection of pieces, from salon treasures to classical favourites, with performances by talented disabled dancers alongside the musicians.

The proceeds support icandance, a charity that empowers disabled children and young people through dance.

Cecil Sharp House, Kennedy Hall, Primrose Hill NW1 7AY

29 JAN | 6:30 PM - 8PM | £25 per ticket

* on street parking is free from 6pm

limited seats - tickets here



icandance.org.uk | simonblendis.com

Link for tickets: <https://ticketlab.app/event/36671#/>

Half Term Camp

West Hampstead Petite Performers present their **Encanto-Themed Performing Arts Camp** this February Half Term!

The camp is for children aged **3–8 years** and will be split into different age groups to suit each child's developmental stage.

Camp Options:

- Morning Sessions (Younger Children): **9:00am – 12:45pm**
- Full Day (School-Aged Children): **9:00am – 4:00pm**

Daily Activities Include:

- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Singing
- Drama
- Crafts

Activities are inspired by the music, characters, and colourful world of *Encanto*. Each day also includes **play time, snack time, and story time**, giving children a balanced mix of learning, creativity and fun.

Children do not need to be attending regular classes with Petite Performers to attend this camp.



www.thepetiteperformers.com/west-hampstead