

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



'Life in all its fullness'

(JOHN 10:10)



Weekly newsletter
Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful and restful Christmas break and are looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting term ahead.

2026: National Year of Reading

We're delighted that 2026 has been designated the National Year of Reading, a nationwide campaign encouraging everyone to rediscover the joy and value of reading. This initiative, led by the Department for Education together with the National Literacy Trust and partners, aims to inspire children and adults alike to read more for pleasure, creativity, learning, and wellbeing. Throughout the year we'll be celebrating books, stories, and reading in lots of exciting ways at school, and we look forward to sharing more about our plans with you soon.

Tips for supporting reading at home:

- Set aside a regular time each day to read together, even just 10–15 minutes.
- Let children choose books that interest them, whether fiction, non-fiction, or comics.
- Talk about the stories—ask questions, discuss characters, and encourage imagination.
- Model reading yourself; children are inspired by seeing adults enjoy books.
- Use everyday moments—like recipes, instructions, or travel guides—as opportunities to read together.

By making reading a fun and shared activity, we can help children develop a lifelong love of stories and learning.

Travelling to school

Even during the winter months, we would like to encourage families to walk to school where possible. Walking is a great way to start the day, supports children's wellbeing, and helps to reduce congestion around the school gates. If driving is necessary, please allow extra time for your journey and park considerately and safely. We have recently received a complaint from a member of the public regarding cars pulling out and manoeuvring unsafely and parking on zig-zag lines; these markings are in place to keep children safe and must not be used for parking at any time. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

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
Tuesday 13 th January 4 – 5pm	CSSA Football	Football squad	Castlehaven
Wednesday 14 th January	Trip	Year 3	West Hampstead Synagogue
Wednesday 14 th January 2.30 – 3.20	Caterlink taster session	Parents	
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	
Wb Monday 9 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week	All	
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
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:
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Nursery: Liam and Nehan
Reception: Carter and Everly
Year 1: Amelie and Ali
Year 2: Samuel and Bianca
Year 3: Mika and Simi
Year 4: Leila and Cali
Year 5: Emi and Angelica
Year 6: Oscar and Sophie

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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