

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



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Weekly newsletter
Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the Christmas break, we'd like to thank our students, families, and staff for a wonderful term filled with hard work and achievements.

KS1 Nativity

We were absolutely delighted with this year's KS1 Nativity, which was a joyful and heart-warming reminder of the true message of Christmas. Through their confident singing, thoughtful acting, and wonderful enthusiasm, the children brought the story of Jesus' birth to life, spreading messages of love, hope, and peace. Huge thanks go to Ms Adams, Ms Siraj, Miss Meikle, Miss Ahmed, Miss Conroy, and Mr Villa, whose energy, creativity, and dedication made the Nativity such a fantastic success and filled our school with a real sense of celebration and festive cheer. Please click [here](#) for a link to Ms Rees's wonderful photos.

Whole-School Writing Project

This Christmas the children have enjoyed our whole-school writing project based on the John Lewis Advert 'Man on the Moon'. The short video tells the story of a little girl who notices an elderly man living alone on the Moon and wants to let him know someone is thinking of him. At the end of the story, she sends him a gift that helps them connect, reminding us how meaningful it is to reach out to those who may feel lonely.

The children first retold the story, focusing on the characters, setting, and key events, and then discussed the main themes, such as loneliness, kindness, empathy, and the importance of making others feel loved and remembered. This project helped the children develop their writing skills, while also encouraging compassion, social awareness, and community spirit, showing them how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Inspired by this message, the children have each created a Christmas card with a thoughtful message to share some festive cheer. The cards have been posted to a small group of local care homes which the children chose themselves. We hope these cards bring a smile to their residents and remind them that they are being thought of at this special time of year.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful Christmas,

The Emmanuel Team



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

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

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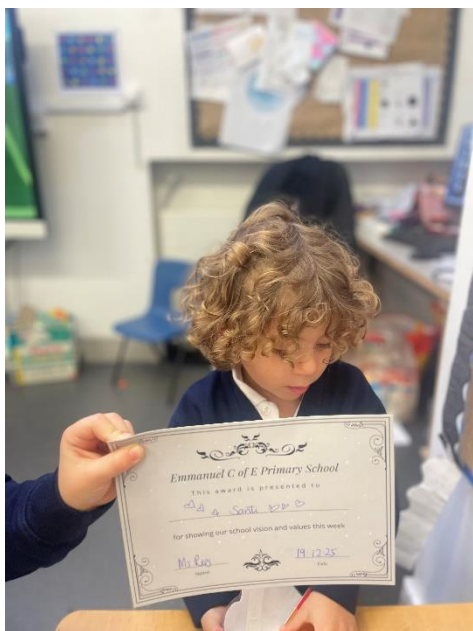
	PFE events
	In-school events to which parents are invited
	Dates to note

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET Day	All	
Thursday 8 th January 2025	Brass starts	Year 5 and 6	Hall
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	Children’s Mental Health 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	Safer Internet 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: Santiago and Robyn
- Reception: Laki and Amelia
- Year 1: All of Year 1
- Year 2: All of Year 2
- Year 3: James and Malena
- Year 4: Thejan and Alex
- Year 5: Kiran and Baldur
- Year 6: Dylan and Beltran

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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 😊

Dhilan represented Emmanuel entering the Houses of Parliament Christmas card competition. Even though he didn't win and came second, his picture and details have been printed on the back of all the Christmas cards! He had the most AMAZING afternoon at the award ceremony and was given a private tour of the Houses of Parliament! Congratulations Dhilan; we are very proud of you!





Dear Emmanuel School Community,



This comes with my very best wishes for a Joyful Christmas, a Happy and Peace-filled New Year and a wonderful festive season. For those who are heading out of London, I hope you have safe travels and for those staying here, may it be a good staycation! If you're in West Hampstead over the Christmas period, you are of course very welcome at any of our services.

Particular highlights for those with children are:

The Scratch Nativity on 21st December - any budding actors very welcome to join us from 10:30.

Crib Service 24th December at 4pm

And for those who need some peace and quiet we have a Eucharist at 12:30 on Christmas Eve.



And if we don't see you, see you in 2026!

With my prayers and best wishes, Revd Trin

Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead

Quiet Christmas

At 12:30 on Christmas Eve we will hold a Quiet Christmas Service at Emmanuel. Sometimes called a 'Blue Christmas' service, we offer it as a place for you to come if this is a difficult time of year for you – or if you just need some quiet in the Christmas rush.

Some come because they are mourning the death of a loved one. Some are far from home. Some suffer from illness, addiction, or estrangement. Some are lonely, struggling financially, or in conflict with another. Some hurt because of the great pain, need, and violence in our nation and world. The reasons for coming are many.

We gather in the midst of suffering to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. Emmanuel: we are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope. You are very welcome.

Wednesday 24th December



12:30pm

All welcome.

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