

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



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Weekly newsletter
Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

PFE Christmas Fayre

It's our annual Christmas Fayre tomorrow at school from 2-6pm! Please do pop along for a pretzel, a glass of mulled wine and for lots of lovely crafts made by our brilliant parents and children. There will be glitter tattoos, games and special entertainment by our very own Miss Taylor!

Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, we invite children to dress up in their festive outfits ready for our Christmas lunch. They can wear a Christmas jumper or decorate their clothes to be more festive. We are asking for any donations possible on this day to help School Council raise money for Save the Children. There will be buckets and card readers on the gates at drop off. Thank you for your support!

Christingle Service

On Monday, we will be holding our Christingle Service for Years 1–6. Children in Nursery and Reception are also very welcome to join us, as long as they are accompanied by a parent or carer.

The service will begin at 3:30pm, with doors opening for parents and carers at 3:25pm. Children will only take their coats with them to the Church, so any child who usually brings a packed lunch will need to use a different lunchbox on Monday or Tuesday, or bring their lunch in a disposable bag on one of those days.

For safety, all long hair should be tied up, as most children will be handling Christingles with real candles. Please ensure that children wear full winter uniform (no PE kits or fleeces), regardless of any PE lessons on the day. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there!

A departure and an arrival...

We're sad to share that Coach James has decided that teaching PE at Emmanuel isn't quite the right fit for him as he focuses on growing his sports business. However, in a wonderfully serendipitous twist, the stars have truly aligned — **Mr Spadaccini** is coming back as our PE teacher! We're delighted to welcome him back, and I'm sure you'll feel the same. It turns out he just missed us all a bit too much...

The Other Phone

I toyed with whether or not this should go in the Newsletter. I am not endorsing the phone and certainly have no experience in using it. However, I thought that some parents might find having this information useful, so I am including it. Please find below a message from Mumsnet:

I'm really excited to share something we've been working on at Mumsnet. Together with Nothing (the UK tech company) and SafetyMode (online safety specialists), we've launched the Other phone - a safety-first smartphone



for children that's built around their wellbeing. The safety software is integrated, not bolted on, and parents can start with calls and texts only, then gradually unlock more features as their child matures. Parents stay in control: they decide which apps are available, when the phone can be used, and what content is filtered - even inside WhatsApp.

We built it because, on Mumsnet, we hear daily from parents stuck between two bad options: giving their child a full smartphone too early, or cutting them off from friends and a host of useful applications. 77% say keeping kids safe online feels impossible, so this is our attempt to give them a third way.

It's perfectly positioned to address concerns around phone use in schools - parents can allow their children to use travel or homework apps but set the phone up to be completely unusable during the school day.

TechRadar reviewed it under the headline "[Online safety never looked so cool](#)" – and it's around half the price of the next comparable kids' smartphone, retailing at £279 with a £5.99 monthly subscription for SafetyMode Plus. You can find [more information here](#).

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
Saturday 6 th December 2-6pm	Christmas Fayre	All	
Monday 8 th December 3.30-4.30	Christingle Service	Year 1 – Year 6	Emmanuel Church
Tuesday 9 th December 4 – 5.30pm	CSSA Football	Football squad	Castlehaven
Wednesday 10 th December	Trip	Year 4	National Portrait Gallery
Thursday 11 th December 2.30pm	EYFS Christmas Show	Nursery and Reception	School hall
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All	
Friday 12 th December	Christmas lunch	All	
Monday 15 th December 1 – 3pm	Football tournament	Development squad (Some Y5 and 6s)	MUGA
Tuesday 16 th December 9.30am	EYFS Christingle	Nursery & Reception	Alpha
Wednesday 17 th December 10am & 2pm	Nativity	Year 1 and 2	School hall
Thursday 18 th December 2pm	Miss Taylor concert	Miss Taylor's students	School hall
Friday 19 th December 12.30pm	End of term	All	

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

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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 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
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	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	

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School visionaries

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

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Nursery: Bonnie and Shayan
Reception: Mia and Rumi
Year 1: Sebastian and Orestis
Year 2: Max F and Teddy
Year 3: Millie and Austin
Year 4: Maeve and Heath
Year 5: Raya and Niko
Year 6: Oscar and Maisie

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The Football Tournament Continues!



Thank you so much to Mrs Watkins who accompanied the children this week, along with Mr Philippou, who has been tirelessly helping the children prepare for these important matches!



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 😊

Daniel had an outstanding weekend at the Maxwell Swimming Gala in Aylesbury! He won nine gold medals, set five club records, and is now ranked first in the UK in the 9-year-old category for both the 200m Butterfly and 400m Freestyle. Congratulations, Daniel—what a fantastic achievement!



Dhilan entered the Houses of Parliament competition and has been selected as one of the four finalists! He will attend a special celebratory reception in Parliament on Wednesday 17th December where the finalist will be announced. Wishing you the very best of luck, Dhilan!





Christmas Pantomime 2025



The children were treated to a performance of Cinderella by a theatre-in-education company. They really enjoyed joining in with all the 'He's behind you!'s and 'Oh no he isn't!'s!



Year 5 Natural History Museum Trip

Today, Year 5 participated in a Lego Space workshop at the Natural History Museum. The children worked together in 9n teams to construct a working rover and then used their knowledge of coding to move their rover across a Lego simulation of Mars. It was really lovely to see their resilience and teamwork. Thank you for a fantastic day of collaboration and learning, Year 5!

- Mrs Harrington





CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Save the Children



IS COMING, PEOPLE! AND

IT'S GOING TO BE EPIC!

Friday 12th December

Please wear a Christmas jumper
or decorate your own clothes!

Donations go to Save the Children.



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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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 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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Entries close on December 19th 2025.

