

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



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Weekly newsletter
Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great first week back to school, with trip and workshops already taking place for lots of different year groups. This half term's value is Service, and we've already begun to think about how we can serve our friends, peers and teachers over the coming weeks.

Emmanuel's Got Talent

Well done to all the children who auditioned on Tuesday - we had singing, dancing, magic, comedy, coding and a variety of musical talents! Over half of our children in Years 1-6 showed bravery and resilience to stand up and perform in front of their class. And their friends in turn demonstrated our school values and expectations by supporting them and cheering them on. After the class's anonymous voting and the school council judges' scores, the children put the following acts forward for Thursday's final. Parents and carers of these children have been contacted by Mrs Watkins about being able to attend.

Year 1 - Janak; Isla, Bianca and Myra

Year 2 - Teddy; Leah

Year 3 - Willow; the Magical group – Hugo, Misha, Ishaan, Oliver, William, Alex, Vinnie, Rotimi and Hugh

Year 4 - Ben, Heath, Trinity, Maeve and Aiden; Elsi

Year 5 - Louisa, Athina and Zoe; Joseph

Year 6 - Sophie, Clara, Maisie, Lucie, Arua and Vivienne; Elijah

School Council trip to Westminster

On Wednesday, School Council visited the Houses of Parliament to meet with our local MP, Tulip Siddiq and her team and have a tour of Westminster. They found out about the history of Westminster, about national democracy and comparing this to their roles as School Councillors for their classes at school. Whilst they were not able to meet the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, in person (as he was slightly busy with his own politics that day!) they had a special surprise for us, arranging for School Council to visit his home at 10 Downing Street. This was a delight for everyone involved and a real memory maker. We had wonderful feedback from Tulip's team that the Downing Street staff thought our children were impeccably behaved and asked some fantastic questions, which makes us very proud!

Last call for swimming gala times

As detailed in my ParentHub message of 23rd March, all children who are in Years 3-6 are invited to register their interest in representing the school at this year's swimming gala on Friday 1st May, but following feedback from last year, I have reviewed how the team is selected to ensure the process is as fair and robust as possible, whilst also giving Emmanuel the best opportunity to perform well at the competition.

If your child would like to be considered for the swimming squad, *please take them to a 25m swimming pool time them swimming 25 metres in any and/or all of their preferred strokes*. Please record the time as accurately as

possible, to the nearest hundredth of a second. Once completed, please submit your child's timings using the information in the Slip. *The deadline for submitting times is Monday 20th April!*

A note from Emmanuel Church: Christian Union

We're really excited to be starting a brand-new Christian Union lunch club for Year 6 this term! We'll be meeting every Thursday at 1:00pm - 1:30pm, and it's a relaxed, friendly space run by members of the Emmanuel Church team where children can chat, ask questions, and explore their faith together. It's all about creating a safe, welcoming environment where everyone can feel comfortable and just be themselves—we'd love for your child to come along and be part of it!

Social Media Survey:

The MP for Hampstead and Highgate, Tulip Siddiq, is conducting a survey to understand the views of parents and carers in local school on the topic of access to social media for under-16s. These views will inform Government policy on this important topic and so it is vital that constituents share their views.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and will close on May 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Tulip directly at tulip.siddiq.mp@parliament.uk

<https://forms.gle/Gdxe35dDSBwVFDCE7>

Leaving School

Reception – Year 5. If your child will be leaving Emmanuel at the end of the summer term, please let us know as soon as possible by completing the form available from the office.

Events

As we enter the Summer term, the busiest term for events and celebrations, we thought we'd do a little explainer about all the events coming up this term, for the uninitiated...

Emmanuel's Got Talent

Emmanuel's Got Talent is a school-wide event celebrating the amazing skills and creativity of our pupils. Following a full round of auditions, the school council carefully selects the final twelve acts to perform in the final. The parents of these shortlisted children will then be contacted and invited to attend this special event.

Sports Day

This is an event for Reception to Year 6 at South Hampstead Sports Ground, Lymington Road. Expect the usual sack and egg-and-spoon races, as well as fiercely competitive running races for older children. Bring a picnic and cross your fingers for good weather! Nursery will have their own Sports Day on this day, details of which will be shared nearer the time.

PFE Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is the he biggest bonanza of the year! This year's exciting theme is Hawaii—a perfect opportunity to come together (hopefully in some glorious sunshine!) and enjoy a fantastic afternoon of summer fun, games, and vibrant island vibes.

The event is open to all Emmanuel families as well as the wider community, so do bring along friends and family to join the celebrations. It will take place in the Omega playground and the school hall.

Keep an eye out for upcoming communications from the PFE with details on how you can get involved—we'd love for you to be part of it!

Moving Up Day

On this day, all children will learn who their new class team will be for the next academic year in a special assembly, and spend half a day in their new classroom doing transition activities for the coming year. We will also send out communication to parents on this day so you can see staffing across the school.

PFE International Evening

An evening event for all the family, International Evening is chance to bring and share cuisine from all the different communities which make up our wonderfully diverse school. It usually takes place in the school hall and in the Omega playground.

Country Dancing

This is a very longstanding Emmanuel event, with the first Country Dancing performance when the school first opened in 1845, originally taking place on the green outside Emmanuel Church. Nowadays, it takes place in the MUGA (the sports pitch behind the Omega building); Year 6 continue the tradition by performing the Maypole, and the other classes from Years 1-5 perform a dance from a variety of countries around the world. This event coincides with our Diversity Week, where we celebrate diversity in families, culture and heritage. Parents and carers are all invited to watch.

End of Year Production

This used to be called the Year 6 Production but as it now involves children from Year 5 too, its name had to be changed. This year we are performing Annie Jr, and there will be two performances on Wednesday 16th July. All children in the school will have the opportunity to watch the show in school time, but parents are welcome to bring siblings to watch the show again at 5pm should they wish. And if you're an Annie fan, but don't have a child in Year 5 or 6, don't let that stop you from coming along!

Reception Graduation

This is Reception class's official goodbye to the Alpha building before they move to the Omega building in September. The event takes place in the main school hall, and is performed for parents and carers, plus children from the rest of the school if it feels appropriate nearer the time. Expect singing, talking about hopes and dreams for the future, and few happy tears (from the parents!).

Leavers' Service

This is our end-of-year service at Emmanuel Church, where we invite parents and carers from Reception to Year 6 to say goodbye to our Year 6 class, plus any other children and staff leaving Emmanuel. Two prizes are given to children in each class for achievement and effort, plus some special prizes for Year 6 leavers, inspired by important members of the Emmanuel and West Hampstead communities.

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 Summer Term 2026:

Key:

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

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Monday 20 th April	Trip	Year 4	Science Museum
Tuesday 21 st April	NSPCC workshops	Year 2, 5 & 6	Classrooms
Thursday 23 rd April	St. George's Day dress up	St. George's House	
Thursday 23 rd April 2pm	Emmanuel's Got Talent final	Finalists	Hall
Wb Mondays 27 th April	Mock SATs	Year 6	Year 6 classroom
Friday 1 st May	Swimming gala	Some KS2 children	Swiss Cottage pool
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday	All	
Wb Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATs week	Year 6	Various classrooms
Wb Monday 18 th May	KS1 SATs week	Year 2	Various classrooms
Monday 18 th May	EYFS IEP Meetings	Some EYFS children	Zoom
Wednesday 20 th May	IEP Meetings	Some KS1 & KS2 children	Zoom
Friday 22 nd May	INSET Day	All	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half term	All	
Wb Monday 1 st June	Multiplication tables check	Year 4	Classroom
Wb Monday 8 th June	Phonics screening check	Year 1	Classroom
Wb Monday 8 th June	Assessment week	All	
Friday 12 th June 9am – 1pm	Sports Day	Rec – Year 6	SHHS Sports Ground
Saturday 13 th June 2-6pm	PFE Summer Fayre	All	
Monday 15 th June pm	Outdoor learning	Year 4	Hampstead Heath
Wednesday 24 th June	Class photographs	All	Playground
Thursday 25 th June 9.30am	Brass concert	Year 5 and 6	Hall
Friday 26 th June am	Moving Up Day	All	
Wb Monday 29 th June	Diversity Week	All	
Wb Monday 29 th June	Swimming	Year 4	Swiss Cottage pool
Wednesday 1 st July 4.30 – 6.30pm	PFE International Evening	All	Omega playground
Thursday 2 nd July	Camden Secondary transition day	Some Year 6s	
Friday 3 rd July 2-3pm	Country Dancing	Year 1-6	MUGA
Wb Monday 6 th July	Swimming	Year 4	Swiss Cottage pool
Wednesday 8 th July 2pm & 5pm	End of Year production	Year 5 & 6	Hall
Friday 10 th July	Reports go out	All	
Wednesday 15 th July 2.30pm	Reception Graduation	Reception	Hall
Thursday 16 th July 2-3pm	Leavers' Service	Reception – Year 6	Emmanuel Church
Friday 17 th July 12.30pm	Break up for summer	All	
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day	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: Amaya and Ellie
- Reception: Matias and Meher
- Year 1: Leah and Elyse
- Year 3: Jin and Aiden
- Year 4: Helena and Rufus
- Year 5: Isla and Emma
- Year 6: Clara and Dylan



Year 5's Trip to the Crick

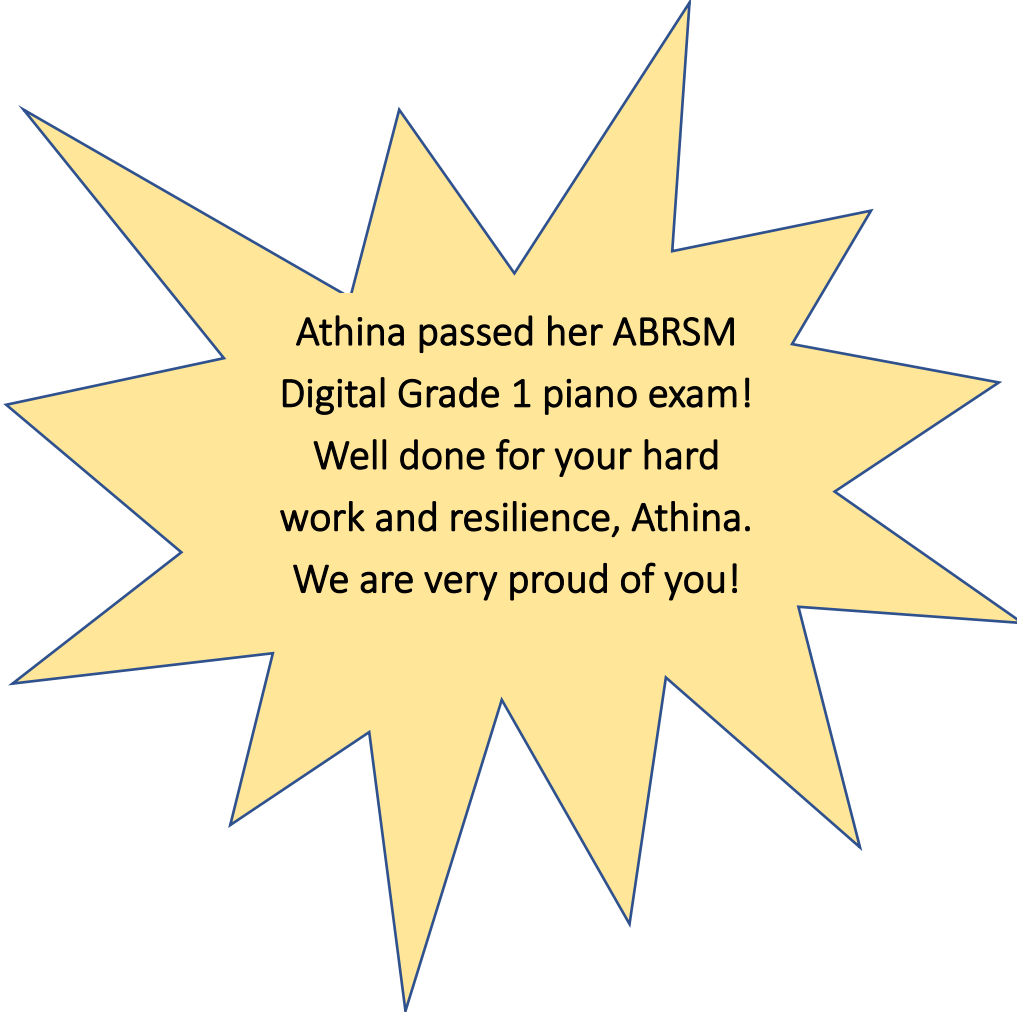




The Good News Bulletin



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 😊



Athina passed her ABRSM
Digital Grade 1 piano exam!
Well done for your hard
work and resilience, Athina.
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Emmanuel Church Children's Tea Concert

Tickets on the door

Does your child (year 3+) play an instrument or sing?

Would they like the chance to perform in a warm and supportive environment?

Then this is the concert for them!

Saturday May 9th at 4.30pm
(Performers arrive at 3pm to rehearse)

To sign up email: info@emmanuelnw6.com
(please include your instrument and your choice of piece along with your backing track accompaniment should you need)

Emmanuel Church, Lyncroft Gardens NW6 1JU 07751534297

Additional Needs Soft Play



Upcoming dates
All sessions are 17:15 - 18:00

APRIL 2026

13TH APRIL

27TH APRIL



Email us to book your session

softplay@thesherriffcentre.co.uk

Kids Family Information and Support Sessions

for Carers of Disabled Children



(Kids Surgery – by appointment only)



If you are a Camden resident and have a child with disabilities, we can help you with:



The Surgery is run one Tuesday per month at Kilburn Grange Children's Centre, 1 Palmerston Road, NW6 2JL:

6th January 2026

7th April 2026

3rd February 2026

5th May 2026

3rd March 2026

2nd June 2026

Please email camdenkeyworking@kids.org.uk with the subject appointment in Kilburn stating your name, child's name, D.O.B, along with your contact number and what information/help you will be requiring.

Camden's SEND Surgery



Come along to SEND and Inclusion drop-in sessions open to all parents and carers.

SEND officers, managers and services will be available to answer your questions and offer advice about SEND and inclusion in Camden.

Future dates and locations:

Date	Time	Location/School	Address & Map Link
23rd September 2025	10:30 – 12:30	Primrose Primary School	Princess Road, London NW1 8JL
11th November 2025	10:30 – 12:30	Haverstock Secondary School	24 Haverstock Hill, Chalk Farm, London NW3 2BQ
13th January 2026	10:30 – 12:30	Parliament Hill Secondary School	Highgate Road, London NW5 1RL
10th March 2026	10:30 – 12:30	West Hampstead Primary School	Dornfell Street, West Hampstead, London NW6 1QL
28th April 2026	17:00 – 19:00	Harmood School	Harmood Street, Camden, London NW1 8DP
16th June 2026	17:00 – 19:00	St Mary and St Pancras Primary School	81 Werrington Street, London NW1 1QP



Future dates can be found on families.camden.gov.uk/send-local-offer Events and Activities page







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 20th April

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