

FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA



Weekly newsletter
Friday 13th December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a week it's been! Our Christingle Service on Monday was as magical as ever; the children sang so beautifully, and we're grateful to our Year 6 readers too, for their thoughtful prayers and lovely public speaking. A lot of work goes into making it as seamless as possible, so special thanks go to Mr Edwards, Mrs Lubert, Miss Taylor and Mr Philippou for all their hard work for one of our favourite events of the year. As you know, we raised money to support the work of the Children's Society, a brilliant charity who work for the well-being of children in the UK. They do particularly important work with children at risk of neglect or abuse, those who need mental health care, and children facing poverty. On the night we raised £420 for this wonderful charity. We are so grateful to you for your generosity.

We also had the EYFS Christmas Show, and we couldn't be prouder of the youngest members of our school; they sang, performed their actions and delivered their lines so brilliantly. A huge thank goes you to our very dedicated EYFS team: Miss Kennedy, Ms Rees, Miss Herascu, Miss Bowler, Miss Adams, Ms Hammett, Miss Ahmed and Miss Woods, for all their hard work and creativity. We are lucky to have you all!

The Christmas Fair

We're still reeling after such a successful and enormously fun Christmas Fair last Saturday. A huge, huge thank you goes to all the PFE volunteers: stall-runners, bartenders, sausage-turners, craft-makers, gamesmasters, raffle-organisers, carol-singers, set-uppers, take-downers, decorators, and money-takers! We are so lucky to have such a fabulous community who can put on such a show, especially in the face of Storm Darragh. Especial thanks go to our PFE trustees: Jo, Jax and Tomasz, for all their hard work and flexibility when changing the format of the Fair, literally overnight. AS a result of everyone's hard work and generosity, the Fair raised over £10,000 for our wonderful school - this money will go towards creating better educational experiences for all the children in our community, and we can't thank you enough.

Christmas Jumper Day

Today the school council collected £282 for Save the Children! Thank you for your donations.

Next week

KS1 Nativity

Next week the big event is the KS1 Nativity! There are performances on two days at two different times (please see the website calendar or list of dates) to accommodate different schedules, but just to confirm since parents have asked me, you do not need to come to both! We're very much looking forward to it.

Pyjama day

The learning doesn't stop at Emmanuel, and we offer a full curriculum right up until the end of term. This week and next, all the children in Years 1 to 6 are doing an English unit of work on The Polar Express. So to be in-keeping with the theme, we are inviting all children to wear their pyjamas to school for the day on

Thursday 19th December. On this day they will be publishing their work ready for display, and participating in other Polar Express-themed activities.

No Reading Club

As per Miss McManus's ParentHub post, there is no Reading Club next week.

Last day of term

The last day of term is Friday 20th December, and we finish at 12.30. All children will have had lunch by the time you pick them up.

Times Tables Rockstars

I had a few reports that TTRS wasn't working, but it's all back up and running now, so please do keep encouraging your children to play, especially over the Christmas holidays! If you need a reminder of your child's login details, please ask your child's class teacher.

Uniform

Just a reminder that the Uniform Swap rail is located in the disabled bathroom on the lower ground floor in Omega, and is in the cottage in Alpha. If you need pre-loved uniform in Alpha, please speak to a member of staff. In Omega, if you are donating, please *hang your donations on a hanger from the tray and put on the rail*. The area on the other side of the bathroom needs to be kept clear from now on, and only the rail stored in there, so all summer uniform has been stored away until the warmer weather appears. As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusion and community projects, we hire the hall out to a disabled dance company [iCanDance](#) on a Saturday, and they need this to be a fully functioning disabled bathroom, once the rail is wheeled out. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

The Emmanuel Team

Attendance: Our school target for attendance is 96%. Well done to Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
Nursery	90.1%
Reception	94%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	95.6%
School	95.8%

Diary Dates –

Here is a list of important dates for the Autumn Term:

Key:

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

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Monday 16 th December	Trip	Year 5	NHM
Tuesday 17 th December 4pm – 6pm	CSSA Football	Some Y5 and Y6s	Talacre
Wednesday 18 th December 2pm	Nativity performance	Year 1 and Year 2	School hall
Thursday 19 th December 10am	Nativity performance	Year 1 and Year 2	School hall
Thursday 19 th December 10am	Pyjama day	All	
Friday 20 th December 12.30pm	Last day of term	All	

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

Date	Event	Year group	Location
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day	All	
Tuesday 7 th December	Children back to school	All	
Tuesday 14 th January 7.30pm	LSSO Concert	Some Year 5s	Barbican Centre
Thursday 16 th January 9 – 11am	Brass starts	Year 5 and 6	School hall
Friday 17 th January 4.30pm	PFE Movie Night	All	School
Tuesday 21 st January 5pm	CSSA Football	Some Y5s and Y6s	Talacre
Wednesday 22 nd January 2.30pm	Sharing Assembly	Year 3	School hall
wb Monday 27 th January	Swimming	Year 3	Swiss Cottage
Wednesday 29 th January 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 4	School hall
Friday 31 st January 2pm	PFE Tea concert	Some children	School hall
Wb Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week	All	
Monday 3 rd February	PFE Challenge starts	All	
Wednesday 5 th February	Camden Maths Challenge	Some Y6s	The Rosary School
Friday 7 th February	Mental Health and Wellbeing Day	All	
wb Monday 10 th February	Safer Internet Week	All	
Monday 10 th February	Maths Challenge	Some Y5s	The Guildhall
Friday 14 th February	RAH Brass players rehearsal	3x Brass players	Gospel Oak School
wb Monday 17 th February	Half term	All	
Wednesday 26 th February 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 5	School hall
Wednesday 5 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 6	School hall
Thursday 6 th March 9.00am	World Book Day parade	All	MUGA
Thursday 6 th March 3.20pm	PFE Book Sale	All	Omega Playground
wb Monday 10 th March	Assessment Week	All	
Tuesday 11 th March 1.30pm	Emmanuel's Got Talent	Years 1-6	School Hall
Wednesday 12 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 2	School hall
Wednesday 19 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Year 1	School hall
Wednesday 19 th March 3-6pm	Parent Consultations	All	School hall
Friday 21 st March	RAH Brass players rehearsal	3x Brass players	Gospel Oak School
Tuesday 25 th March 3-6pm	Parent Consultations	All	School hall
Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm	Sharing assembly	Reception	School hall
Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm	Brass Concert	Year 5 and 6	School hall
Thursday 3 rd April 10am and 2pm	Easter Play	Years 3 and 4	School hall
Friday 4 th April 12.30pm	Last day of term	All	

Dear Years 5 & 6,

Confirmation at Emmanuel 2025 in January

We will begin running confirmation classes for anyone who would like to be confirmed at Emmanuel's confirmation service in March. Confirmation is an important step in the Christian journey, where the community of the church 'confirms' the individual's faith, 'confirms' the presence of God's Holy Spirit with them, and commissions them to continue to grow in their faith.

Confirmation is open to anyone who has been baptised and who wants to take the next public step in their Christian journey. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to begin to make the faith their own. I will be hosting six preparation classes, during school on Thursday afternoons, starting on 16 January. During these sessions, we'll have a chance to explore our faith, our experiences and our questions together.

The Confirmation Service will take place at 10:30am at Emmanuel Church on Sunday 2 March 2025. We will be joined by the Bishop of Edmonton, Bishop Anderson Jeremiah. It will be his first Confirmation service at Emmanuel, a very special occasion. You can find out more about Bishop Anderson [here](#) .

Please let me know if your child would like to join the confirmation classes. They must come to the classes if they want to be confirmed, but they are also welcome to come along to classes before making a final decision about whether to go ahead with confirmation. You can contact me on curate@emmanuelnw6.com / 07881 110448 with any questions or to sign up. Please include your child's name, date of birth, address, and date of baptism as we will need these details for confirmation.

Preparation session dates Thursdays 16 January, 23 January, 30 January; 6 February, 13 February, 27 February 14:30-15:15 at school Confirmation Service Sunday 2 March, 10:30am, at Emmanuel Church. With all best wishes for a joyful and peaceful Christmas and New Year, Mother Melissa Assistant Curate, Emmanuel Church.

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)

Naya and Afnaan in Nursery

Bianca and Yiannis in Reception

Keana and Ewan in Year 1

Vinnie and Laolu in Year 2

Elsi and Cali in Year 3

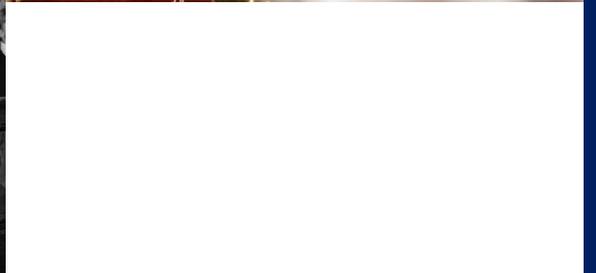
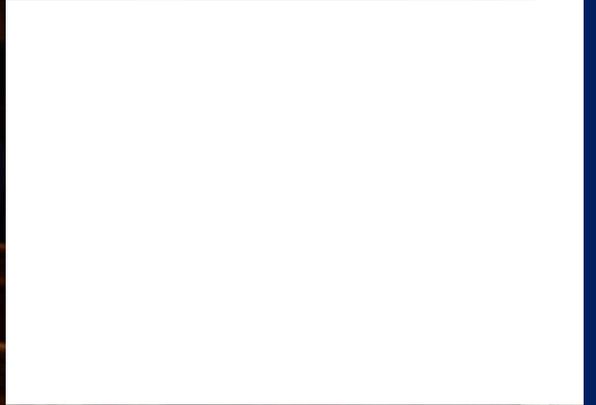
Baldur and Angelica in Year 4

Beltran and Sophie in Year 5

Henry and Laura in Year 6



Christingle





EYFS Show and Christmas Lunch



THE DEBUT ALBUM

NOW

THAT'S WHAT I CALL

EMMANUEL

AT

CHRISTMAS

BY EMMANUEL STUDENTS
STREAM NOW

