



Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Thank you for your support with today's non-uniform day in support of the Year 12 Robotics Team; I know that all of the students are incredibly grateful. We will keep you posted on their progress at the competition.

Year 11 Parents' Meeting

A final reminder that Year 11 have their parents' meeting on Thursday 27th November. Year 11 parents will have received direct communication about appointments and we are looking forward to these important meetings.

For all parents, please remember that **school will finish for all students at 12.20pm on Thursday 27th November**. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged for the earlier time, however, we cannot rearrange other shared bus services (so these services will leave at 3.30pm and, therefore, you may need to make alternative travel arrangements). Thank you for your support with this.

Save the Date: Little Red in Panto Land

This year's Christmas production will be Little Red in Panto Land. Performances will be held on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December. Doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Tickets are available through [ScoPay](#).

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are being offered on Tuesday 9th December. You will have received consent forms via email so please complete these as soon as possible.

Student Learning Survey

A huge thanks to all of the students who completed the learning survey last week. The completion rate was outstanding and we will put the information gathered to good use as we develop and refine our curriculum.

Year 5 Admissions

Although it feels like we have only just finished meeting Year 6 students, parents and carers looking to join The Emmbrook in 2026, our attention is now with the Year 5 cohort for admission in September 2027. Mr Johnson has written to Year 5 families across our feeder primaries explaining how they can learn more about us.



If you have a child in Year 5 then please sign up to our mailing list so that Mr Johnson can keep you informed about events to help with transition and feel free to share the link with anyone you know with children in Year 5: [Year 5 mailing list sign-up link](#).

Wokingham Youth Politics Night

Students aged 12+ are invited to attend Wokingham Borough Council's annual Youth Politics Night on December 5th from 5pm to 8pm. The event gives students the chance to engage with our local MPs Clive Jones and Yuan Yang to learn about local and national politics, and have their voice heard. If your child would like to attend, they can check their emails for more details or reserve a spot with [this link](#).

Wokingham Borough Community Safety Consultation

WBC are working on a new strategy to improve community safety and reduce serious violence across Wokingham Borough and they want to hear from you. The strategy will guide their work from 2026 to 2031. Your feedback will help to decide what to focus on, including key themes, priorities and actions.

For more information and to complete the survey, follow [this link](#).

Sixth Form Applications Open

We have already received significantly more Sixth Form applications than last year. Applications remain open for internal and external candidates. If you have any questions regarding our Sixth Form, please don't hesitate to contact us:

- Mr Constable, Head of Sixth Form – dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mr Whitehouse, Assistant Headteacher – pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

PTA Chocolate Tombola

The annual PTA Chocolate Tombola Competition is now open. Please support the PTA's biggest fundraising event of the year with donations of chocolate! The deadline for chocolate donations is Friday 28th November. If it's easier for you to donate money instead of chocolate then the PTA can do the shopping for you! Please donate via our PayPal account:

pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Use **Carnival + child's form** as the reference

This is usually our biggest fundraiser of the year and every penny is spent on our students so we really do appreciate any support you can offer.

Driving Safely

Following a telephone call from a concerned local resident I'd like to remind everyone of the need to drive safely around the school. We know that many students are dropped in the layby at the front of the school but please ensure that you don't block up Emmbrook Road while trying to turn into the layby. To reduce congestion it may be better to drop children on local roads nearby and they can complete the final part of the journey into school on foot.



Preventing Winter Illness in Schools

As the colder months approach, we can expect to see increases in common airborne viruses. The Department for Education has recently published this blog article: [Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school](#). It gives practical guidance to schools and families to help keep everyone healthy, support healthy learning environments, and reduce illness-related school absences.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Best wishes,

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