



Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

A huge thank you to all the Year 11 parents and carers who attended the meetings yesterday. The turnout was higher than last year which is excellent. We know how important it is that we work together to support every student to be able to thrive. I am grateful to all parents for your support with the arrangements for parents' meetings.



Christmas Events

December is nearly here and so were a re-branding at The *Elf*brook School for the festive season. We will have a number of Christmas events and activities over the coming weeks. Here is a summary of the main events and more details will follow:

- **House Competitions** – Our four cheeky House Elves (pictured) will be leading a variety of elf-themed inter-house activities throughout the next few weeks. Students will receive information from their tutors about how they can participate.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** – Thursday 11th December – students can replace their school jumper/blazer with a Christmas jumper for a £1 donation (via [ScoPay](#)) to support Save the Children.
- **Christmas Concert** – Monday 15th December, 7pm, St. Paul's Church.
- **Little Red in Panto Land** – Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December, doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Tickets are available through [ScoPay](#).
- **Christmas Dinner Day** – Wednesday 17th December.
- **Christmas Fair** – Thursday 18th December.



Attendance at school is vitally important and so we really want to see students attending fully all the way up to the Christmas holiday. If you would benefit from support with this then please contact us.

NSPCC Conference

Students from schools across The Circle Trust attended a workshop with representatives from the NSPCC to help them shape their strategy so that young people can continue to benefit from their excellent work. We're really proud of the contributions made by our students.





Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are being provided to students in Years 7-11 on Tuesday 9th December.

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](#).

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

Our sincere thanks for all of the support with chocolate donations.

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 fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

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