

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

The last week of the Autumn Term is always a joy as we really start to get into the Christmas spirit.

I thought that the Christmas Concert on Monday was truly spectacular! All of the performers and readers should be extremely proud! I am grateful to all the staff who made it possible, most notably our fantastic Music Department: Mrs Wellman and Mrs Foyster, supported by Mr Ward. Thanks also to the parents/carers who contributed to the community choir and the PTA for some lovely cakes! Through the retiring collection £353.03 was raised for [Wokingham Link Visiting Scheme](#) – thank you!

The Christmas production, Little Red in Panto Land, was just brilliant! A very funny production (I particularly enjoyed the classic mother-in-law jokes!) and the performances were simply superb! Special thanks to our great Drama Department: Mr Malyan and Miss Meanwell. Thanks to all involved for your support.

Finally, a massive thanks to the Sixth Formers who put together RAG week which ended with the Christmas Market yesterday. It gave the week a very festive feel and raised £634.95 for [Barnardo's](#). Well done to all!

Headteacher's Award

Each term I select a student to receive the Headteacher's Award and this term I have selected Scarlett Chubb in Year 7. Scarlett has been chosen because she embodies our school values at all times. She is enthusiastic, friendly and caring, always with a smile on her face. Scarlett has also been getting involved with a wide range of extra-curricular activities and been awarded a huge number of achievement points. Well done Scarlett!

Outstanding Contribution Awards

Each term we like to acknowledge a member of the teaching staff and a member of the support staff. In addition to working hard and making a vital contribution to The Emmbrook, these colleagues uphold our values and are true role models.

This term's recipients are:

- Support Staff: Mrs Woolfenden, Pastoral Welfare Manager. Mrs Woolfenden is a vital member of the Pastoral Team who works tirelessly to support our students. She will always

make the welfare of students her number one priority and makes a real difference here. She is always warm while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism.

- Teaching Staff: Mrs Bishop, Assistant Head of Year 8 & Second in Maths. Mrs Bishop always does such a fantastic job supporting her year group and department. She was particularly brilliant during Miss Cairns' period of absence earlier in year. Alongside all this she is a fantastic teacher and role model.

Farewells

We say farewell to two colleagues who are departing today (with remarkably similar names!):

- Ms Headley, who has been with us since October covering for Mr Teitel in the Business and Economics Department. Ms Headley has been so helpful over the last few months.
- Miss Hedley, who has been with us since September 2022 as a mainstay of the Art Department. Miss Hedley has been central to the successes of our Art Department since she joined us.

We are so grateful for all of the wonderful contributions made by these colleagues and wish them all the best for their future endeavours!

24-hour Fundraising Event

I'm delighted to share that Year 12 students George Rimmer and Connor Boyce successfully completed their 24-hour sim race last weekend.

They have already raised over £900 for Save the Children. If you can give, it would be lovely to help them get to £1,000! You can add your support via their [JustGiving page](#).

We're really proud of their efforts!

Year 7 Parents' Meetings

A final reminder that Year 7 have their parents' meeting on Thursday 8th January. Year 7 parents and carers will receive direct communication about booking appointments and we are looking forward to these important meetings.

For all parents and carers, please be aware that in order to facilitate the meetings, **school will finish for all students at 12.20pm on Thursday 8th January**. 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).

For parents who require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email enquiries@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk by end of Tuesday 6th January to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.

Next Term

School will return at 8.20am on Tuesday 6th January 2026 for all students.



I would like to take this opportunity to say Merry Christmas! Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026!

Best wishes,



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