

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Thank you for your support with Christmas Jumper Day yesterday. It is definitely starting to feel Christmassy as we enter the final school week of 2025!

End of Term / Next Term Arrangements

Friday is the final day of term and so school will finish at 12.20pm. All school transport (including the shared services) has been rearranged for this earlier time.

The Spring Term begins at 8.20am on Tuesday 6th January 2026 for all students.

Christmas Events

- **House Competitions** – Christmas themed competitions will conclude next week.
- **Christmas Concert** – Monday 15th December, 7pm, St. Paul's Church (doors open at 6.30pm). Please be aware that parking at the Parish Rooms is extremely limited and will, therefore, only be available for visitors with mobility needs. If parking is needed, please email Mrs Wellman (awellman@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) in advance so that she can make the necessary arrangements. If parking on local roads, please be considerate. Light refreshments afterwards for those wishing to stay and there will be a cash retiring collection for charity.
- **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](#). Light refreshments will be available to purchase but we are only able to accept cash payments. As we are fading out our use of cash we have a limited float and so it would be greatly appreciated if you can bring change (future events will accept card payments).
- **Christmas Dinner Day** – Wednesday 17th December – all students who have reserved a Christmas dinner will be issued with a voucher early next week. Payment will be taken on the day so please make sure there are sufficient funds on your child's account. There is no charge for students who receive free school meals but they will still need to pre-order.

Raising and Giving (RAG) Week at The Emmbrook School

As part of our Christmas activities, we're thrilled to remind you that **RAG Week** is happening from Monday 15th to Friday 19th December! This exciting week, led by our fantastic Sixth Form students, is packed with festive fun and activities to celebrate the season.

Highlights include:

- Penalty Shoot-Out
- Ornament Designing
- Pasta Bridge Building
- Our much-loved Christmas Market with delicious treats and games.
- We'll round off the week with a Christmas Blooket Quiz!

Join us in spreading festive cheer and supporting a great cause, Barnardo's. Let's make this RAG Week one to remember!

This will be the last school fundraising event where cash will be accepted and (as above) the students bringing change rather than notes will be greatly appreciated (particularly for the Christmas Market on Thursday).

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.

24-hour Fundraising Event

You may remember that last year a group of our students completed a 24-hour race to raise money for charity. I am delighted to share that they are back! At 5pm this evening Year 12 students George Rimmer and Connor Boyce will begin a 24-hour sim race at Spa.

You can follow the event via the [YouTube live stream](#) and you can donate via their [JustGiving page](#). All money raised will be donated to Save the Children.

This is a truly exceptional fundraising effort so if you can support them with a donation then please do!

Year 7 Parents' Meetings

Another 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.

Sixth Form Applications Closing

It has been a genuine privilege over the last few weeks to meet with Year 11 students who have already applied to the Sixth Form. The deadline for applications is nearly here so please encourage your child to complete their application if they have not already done so. 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

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 wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,



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