



Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

We have had quite the week!

On Monday we said a final farewell to Year 11 at their leavers' morning and prom. The events were absolutely fantastic. A special thank you to Mr Tichband and Mrs Joseph (who really did all the work!). We're so proud of this year group and look forward to seeing them on results day in the summer.

Then, on Wednesday we were treated to an utterly exceptional concert, The Power of Music. The range and quality of performances were incredible. The event was made even more special as it Mrs Wellman's final concert before her retirement next week. I will write more about Mrs Wellman next week (as I do every year for the staff who are leaving us). Needless to say, Mrs Wellman leaves us an astonishing musical legacy and will be a tough act to follow!



Uniform

Given the forecasts for next week and for ease and clarity, we will allow PE kit for the rest of term. We'll return to normal uniform in September.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be kept under review as we get closer to the day because we all know that the forecast can change considerably in a week in the UK. The current plans for Sports Day are included in a letter attached with this update. It may be that we need to adapt these plans based on the weather.

The PTA will be selling tutus again this year at £3 per tutu. As they sold out so quickly last year, we have made sure to order extra! There will also be an ice cream van! Card and cash payments will be accepted for both.

Studybugs – Reporting student absence from September

We're pleased to announce that, from September, we are introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence from school, called Studybugs. Through the app you will be able to report your child as absent due to illness and inform us of pre-arranged appointments.



We know that good attendance has strong links to academic outcomes and positive mental wellbeing; the use of this platform will enable us to take proactive steps in supporting this.

In preparation for September, please download the Studybugs app from the app store (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) or by scanning the QR code.



Please do not use the app to report absence until 1st September 2026, instead continue to report absences via absences@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Changes to Free School Meals

There are important changes to Free School Meal eligibility that will come into effect from 1st September 2026. All parents must reapply for Free School Meals ahead of September as previous eligibility will not automatically continue after 31st August 2026.

The schools within The Circle Trust use an eligibility checking service provided by Bracknell Forest to administer the Free School Meal process.

We would encourage families to make checks/rechecks now, or as soon as possible before 17th July, so children who are eligible will continue to receive a meal from 1st September. You can access the application form by either scanning the QR code in the booklet attached to this email or by logging onto the Bracknell Forest website via this [link](#).

Students aged between 16 to 18 may also be eligible so please check if your child(ren) are in school 6th Form.

The school will be notified of the outcome of your eligibility check and will then inform you by letter.

If you need support completing an application or are not sure whether you qualify please contact the Free School Meals Team at: fsm@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

If you are unable to apply on line then you can call Bracknell Forest customer services on 01344 352000 or download the application form that can be found [here](#), fill it in and email it to fsm@bracknell-forest.gov.uk.

Year 11 (Current Year 10) Exams in Autumn Term

The first Year 11 internal exam period will begin on Monday 28th September 2026 to aid in their preparations for summer 2027. More information will follow for Year 10 parents.

Results Days

A-level and Level 3 results will be released on Thursday 13th August, with GCSE results following on Thursday 20th August.

Results will be emailed to students from 8.00am on each day (please allow time for delivery), and hard copies can be collected from school between 9.00-11.00am. We would love to see as many students as possible in school to celebrate their achievements, and staff will be available throughout the morning to explain results, answer questions and provide guidance on next steps.



Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month for July is *Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi. This fast-paced graphic novel blends adventure and fantasy. Follow Emily and her brother Navin as they embark on a dangerous quest to save their family. An engaging read for reluctant and confident readers alike.

ScoPay Refunds

If your child has left or is leaving the school and you require a refund on your cashless catering balance, please ensure that you follow the instructions below.

To request a refund directly from [ScoPay](#) for credit balances, you need to:

- Log into your SCOPAY account or app.
- Navigate to your child's cashless catering balance.
- If eligible, you will see a facility to request a refund for the full or partial balance. Once submitted, it shows as pending approval.

All refund requests must be processed by Friday 17th July 2026. After this date, and once your child has been removed from the school roll, refunds will not be possible so please take action!

End of Year Arrangements

A final reminder that the school year will end at 12.20pm on Friday 17th July. All bus services have been rearranged for the earlier departure time.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Best wishes,

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