



Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

We have reached the half-way point of the academic year. We know however, that for Years 11 and 13 the start of the exam period will arrive soon so hope that they will use this holiday as a chance to rest and revise.

Farewell to Mr Myles

Today we say a farewell to Mr Myles who has been with us for over six years. February half-term is an unusual time for a teacher to depart but he very kindly agreed to postpone his retirement from August to now in order to provide cover for Miss Meredith's maternity leave. Mr Myles has many talents and has supported in a number of departments over the years. Mr Myles goes with our sincere thanks and we wish him all the very best in the next chapter of his life.

After half-term Ms Amaradasa will return to The Emmbrook to cover the last part of Miss Meredith's maternity leave.

Year 9 Vaccinations

A reminder that Year 9 will have their vaccinations on Wednesday 25th February. If they can wear a short sleeve shirt (or failing that a t-shirt or vest under their shirt) on that day it may be helpful.

Year 10 Parent and Carer Meetings

Advanced warning that Year 10 have their parents' meeting on Wednesday 4th March. Year 10 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 Wednesday 4th March**. 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 Monday 2nd March to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.

Eco Rangers – Request for Support

We are pleased to share that we will soon be launching an exciting new initiative in school: our *Eco Rangers* project. This programme will begin with a small cohort of students and is





designed to help them deepen their connection with the natural world, develop environmental awareness, and build confidence through hands-on outdoor learning.

As we establish this new area of provision, we are seeking support to create a purposeful and engaging outdoor learning environment. If any families are in a position to donate resources, we would be extremely grateful. In particular, we are looking for:

- Camping chairs
- A firepit
- A lockable shed (a large request, we know, but it may be that someone is looking to rehome a shed!)

We are also looking for local ecological groups to work with on this project. If you are able to assist, please contact Craig Johnson (cjohnson@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk). Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of our school community.

Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month is Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds. This is an engaging collection of short stories and is particularly suited to Years 7 – 9. It is written in an accessible and relatable style and is a fantastic choice for those who feel they can't focus on reading for long periods of time.

Over the half term we encourage all students to keep reading, whether it is this month's featured title, a library book or something from home. Just 15-20 minutes of reading a day can make a real difference to vocabulary, confidence and enjoyment.

First Aid and Medications

A reminder that in order to bring our processes into alignment with Trust policies, we are no longer able to issue students with paracetamol. If you wish your child to have paracetamol then you will need to provide them with it.

Students may carry their own medication and, in some cases, we hold medications for students. If you require school staff to administer medication then a medication consent form must be completed and can be [downloaded from the website](#). Completed forms can be brought to Student Reception or emailed to enquiries@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk. Thank you for your support with this.

Wokingham Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

Back in July we shared a community message about the formation of the Wokingham Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra is now thriving, and they are planning to hold their first concert on Saturday 28th February. If you would like to attend then please see attached poster for details.



We have reached the end of this half-term. School will resume for all students from 8.20am on Monday 23rd February.

I hope that the students all enjoy their holiday!

Best wishes,

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