



Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Although only a four-day week there has still been lots of activity. On Tuesday we upgraded supervision of the lunch queue with the recruitment of a new stormtrooper, alongside other Star Wars characters, to mark Star Wars Day!

It was lovely just now to watch the annual last day Year 11 football match. The students threw everything into it and there was some amazing action! Although only in its third year the tradition now feels like a landmark moment in the collective consciousness of the school and I'm sure Year 10 are already looking forward to their match!

Year 11 and 13

We are now into the public exam season. We know that the students are well prepared and we wish them all the best of luck! For the students one of the biggest challenges over the coming weeks will be sustaining the effort levels required and I am sure you will be supporting your children brilliantly, so, if at any point you need support from us, please don't hesitate to be in touch:

Year 11	
Head of Year	Mr Tichband (jtichband@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Howes (ahowes@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
Year 13	
Head of Sixth Form	Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
Assistant Headteacher	Mr Whitehouse (pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

For enquiries about exams please contact our Exams Officer, Mr Weeks, directly. His email address is: sweeks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk.

Staff Farewell

This week we are saying a very big farewell to Mrs Sutton, one of our amazing Science Technicians. Mrs Sutton joined The Emmbrook back in 2006 and has been at the heart of the Science Department since. Mrs Sutton's own children, now adults, came through the school and she has been described as the ultimate work mum! While she certainly looks far too youthful to deserve such an accolade it gives a very strong sense of her impact on colleagues. Mrs Sutton is the most caring and warm individual you could hope to meet and we will all very much miss her (though she will be around for a little while yet supporting her replacement). She very much deserves a wonderful retirement and we wish her all the best with great thanks for all that she has done.



Eco Rangers

We are delighted to share that selected pupils will be taking part in the EcoRangers, a nature-based outdoor learning project designed to boost wellbeing, confidence and environmental awareness. Delivered over six sessions during the school day, the programme gives students the opportunity to explore nature on our school site, learn about ecosystems and biodiversity, and take part in a meaningful local conservation project in partnership with Friends of the Emm Brook. This initiative has been previously run successfully across Circle Trust schools and has had a positive impact on pupil development, wellbeing and the local environment. Sessions will take place onsite at The Emmbrook School in our newly designated outdoor classroom area.

A Date for your Diaries!

This year's Summer Concert is entitled "The Power Of Music" – Wednesday 8th July at 7.00pm (in the school hall). Further information to be shared at a later date.

Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month is *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. A heartfelt and inspiring novel.

The story follows Mia Tang who aspires to become a writer and helps her parents manage a motel while navigating challenges at school. This engaging book opens meaningful conversations about empathy, perseverance and the importance of chasing your dreams.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

Nick McSweeney

Headteacher

nmcsweeney@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk