



Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

A sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 12 progression evening yesterday. It was a strong turnout and so I hope that the information shared was useful.

Year 9 Parents' Meetings

Advanced warning that Year 9 have their parents' meeting on Wednesday 4th February. Year 9 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 February**. 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 February to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.

PTA Update

The PTA Disco last Friday looked like an absolutely brilliant event for the Year 7 students! While I resisted the temptation to dance, the students were very enthusiastic and so I hope that all who attended had a great time.

I am very grateful to the staff who attended and, in particular, the PTA volunteers who made the evening possible. We are so lucky to have the support of an excellent PTA!

Along with today's letter you will find a letter from the PTA regarding support for the upcoming bag drop event at the Wokingham Half-Marathon. Please help if you can!

Accident on Emmbrook Road

We have received reports of a pedestrian being hit by a car leaving a road near our school site. Following school drop-off yesterday, a car was reversing from the Emmbrook Road side road onto the main Emmbrook Road. During this manoeuvre, the driver of the car hit an adult from the local community and ran over a child's scooter.



Thankfully there weren't serious injuries. However, this highlights the importance of vigilance and awareness when walking to and from school. It also reiterates the concerns around parking and road safety already shared with parents. We would hate for a more serious accident to happen while children are walking to and from school.

We understand that mornings can be busy and stressful times and Emmbrook Road gets very busy with three schools in close proximity. However, we kindly ask that parents are considerate when parking, do not undertake dangerous manoeuvres (such as reversing onto a main road) and ensure that roads and paths are kept clear, particularly where yellow lines are in place.

Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month is *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova.

Graphic novels can be a great way to build reading confidence, and this one is a funny and relatable one about school life and friendships. Ask your child if they have read a graphic novel or would like to borrow one from the library.

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 fantastic weekend!

Best wishes,

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