



Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

It was lovely to see so many students, parent, carers, former students and many other relatives at the Year 11 & 13 Leavers' Evening yesterday. We hope that you felt it was a nice way to mark such a landmark moment in the students' lives. I am really grateful for all the positive conversations that I had on the evening. As Mr Tichband said so eloquently in his speech, it is moments like yesterday that are why we choose to work in schools.

Uniform

Next week is looking warm again. For ease of communication, we'll decide today that Monday will be PE kits as an option for all students. We will make a decision on Monday regarding the rest of the week once we've looked anew at the forecasts. Thank you to all who contributed to the uniform survey last week (we had an exceptionally high engagement rate). We're reflecting on the results and will share decisions in due course.

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.

Year 11 Leavers' Morning and Prom

We're really looking forward to seeing Year 11 for one last time on Monday for their leavers' morning and prom in the evening. Leavers' morning starts at 9am and will be done by 10.30am (to allow lots of time for prom preparations!). Arrivals for prom are from 6.30pm.

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!

Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month for July is *Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi. This fantasy graphic novel launches a popular series filled with adventure and imaginative world-building. A great story to pick up if you've never read a graphic novel before!

Summer Concert - 'The Power of Music'

You are warmly invited to this year's Summer Concert, entitled The Power of Music. This will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Tickets can now be purchased via [ScoPay](#) (adults: £7.50, child/concession: £4.50). Please note that this will include a drink and a small snack. As The Emmbrook is now a cashless school, it will not be possible to purchase additional tickets or refreshments on the night via card/cash.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us!

End of Year Arrangements

It always seems to come around so quickly but it is coming up to that time of the year so here is our usual advanced notice that this term will end at 12.20pm on Friday 17th July. All bus services have been rearranged for the earlier departure time.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

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