EMMAUS

Catholic and Church of England Academy

'Walking with Jesus as we learn'

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Message from Mrs Draper

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. Thank you to all the families who completed our communication survey. It was helpful to learn that you would like to continue receiving the newsletter but didn't require it weekly. We will now send out a newsletter each half term.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the pupils and their families for giving me such a warm welcome to Emmaus Primary. I am so proud to be part of this diverse and lively community. I have loved getting to know some of you at the gate in the mornings. Please come and say hello if you haven't yet. Another opportunity to get to know each other will be at **Parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd October next week** after school. Feel free to pop into the Studio upstairs in school before or after your appointment for a cup of tea and a chat. I would love to hear how we can support you and your child more.

Reading and Phonics

Thank you to all the families that arrive at school on EVERYDAY! Phonics starts at 8.40am promptly. Learning phonics gives your child the best chance of becoming an able reader. If your child has completed the phonics programme, they will be attending their Reading lesson at 8.40am. It is important that children are in school on time to access this important part of the day. Thank you.

St Clare's Trust Mass



This morning, Miss Omal took the Y5 children to the St Clare's Trust Mass. All of the schools in The St Clare Multi- Academy Trust came together at St Marie's Cathedral. We were really pleased and proud of the children's behaviour. They were a credit to our school.



Izzy Gizmo

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children went to see Izzy Gizmo at the Crucible Theatre this morning. They were so excited as they were leaving, ready to sing along and listen to the live music that tells the story of Izzy Gizmo, a young inventor who has to keep trying in order to succeed! It was a lovely start to Friday!

We are proud to belong to:

ST CLARE
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Term-time holidays

Your child's attendance in school is really important. Being in school everyday helps children be successful in their education as well as helping children build positive relationships with staff and with their friends.

National rules around term-time holidays have changed and now **term-time holidays will not be authorised.** We follow the Sheffield absence procedures, which are attached below.

October Half Term Activities

For children in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals, Sheffield City Council have organised a series of holiday activities with food. The flyer below explains how to book- you will need your new unique HAF code. If your child is not eligible you can still contact the club directly to discuss how you could book.

Half-termly Class Attendance

We want to see all children in school everyday whenever they are well enough to be here and are aiming for over 96% attendance as a school! Please see our attendance for each class since September. Well done to the 5 classes that achieved the 96% target. Let's see if every more classes can hit this target next month.

Autumn 1

FS2PM	FS2LW	Y1ED	Y1/2JK	Y2RM	Y3JE	Y3/4KC	Y4KG	Y5SO	Y5/6JS	Y6ANL
93.9%	96%	96%	96.4%	97.8%	95%	94.8%	93%	96.2%	94%	95.2%

Nut Aware School

Please remember that we are a nut aware school. Children should not bring anything into school for lunchtime that contains nuts e.g. snicker bars, packets of nuts, peanut butter spread. We have children in school with severe allergies including nut allergies, which can be life threatening.

Water Bottles and Uniform

It's great to the vast majority of children in school uniform everyday- they look so smart. Please make sure ALL uniforms, especially coats are NAMED. Also your child needs a named water bottle filled up from home every day. Thank you.

After School Care

For after school care we have partnered up with MASKK. A member of staff from MASKK will collect any children who are booked in and walk them to the Temple Park Centre. The care is available from after school ends until 6.30pm every day of the week Monday to Friday.

IMPORTANT – If you want to use this after school care you must register:
Email- maskk.org.uk
Phone- 0114 239 5739 or 07784838169

Visitors on Site

We love to welcome families and other visitors to Emmaus. To keep everyone safe we ask that while on site visitors are:

- Polite- treat others how you would like to be treated.

- Keep mobile phones off and if possible out of sight.

Breakfast Club

Everyone is welcome at Breakfast Club, daily from 8am in the school Hall. Breakfast Club is FREE if a child is brought by their parent and the parent stays with them. If a child comes without their parents it is £3.50 per session. **If you send your child in with another parent you will be charged.**

Key Dates 2026-27

The dates below are given in good faith and we may have to change some for unforeseen circumstances. We will add to this as soon as more events and dates are confirmed.

Thursday 22nd October	Parents' evening
26th October – 30th October	**Half term holiday**
Monday 2nd November	**INSET Day**
Monday 9th November	Y5 Tudor Trip to Manor Lodge
Tuesday 10th November	Y5/6 Tudor Trip to Manor Lodge
Wednesday 11th November	Y6 Tudor Trip to Manor Lodge
Wednesday 11th November	Coffee Morning with Gemma (Parent Governor)
Thursday 12th November	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 16th November	Y6 Bikeability all week
Wednesday 23rd November	Y6 Height and Weight (School nurses)
Monday 30th November	Advent Wreath Blessing
Friday 4th December PM	Y4-6 Panto Trip
Wednesday 9th December AM	FS Nativity
Wednesday 9th December PM	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 10th December AM	KS1 Nativity Repeat
Thursday 10th December PM	FS Nativity Repeat
Friday 11th December	EYFS: Littlest Elf Christmas Show
Friday 11th December	Y1-3 Tinsel Tally Christmas Show
Monday 14th December	Christmas Liturgy
Wednesday 16th December	Y3/4 Cracking Christmas Songs
Thursday 17th December	Y5/6 Carols at St John's Park Church
Friday 18th December	Christmas Jumpers and Dinner
21st Dec 26- 3rd Jan 27	**Christmas Holidays**
Monday 4th January 2027	Return to school
Wednesday 6th January	Ephiphany Mass
15th -19th February	**Half term Holidays**
Monday 22nd February	**Inset Day**
Fri 26th March – Fri 9th April	**Easter Holidays**
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
10th-13th May	Y6 KS2 SATS Tests
31st May -4th June	**Half term Holiday**
Monday 7th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 16th July	Pupils finish for Summer
Monday 19th July	**Inset Day**
Tuesday 20th July	**Inset Day**
Wednesday 21st July	**Inset Day**