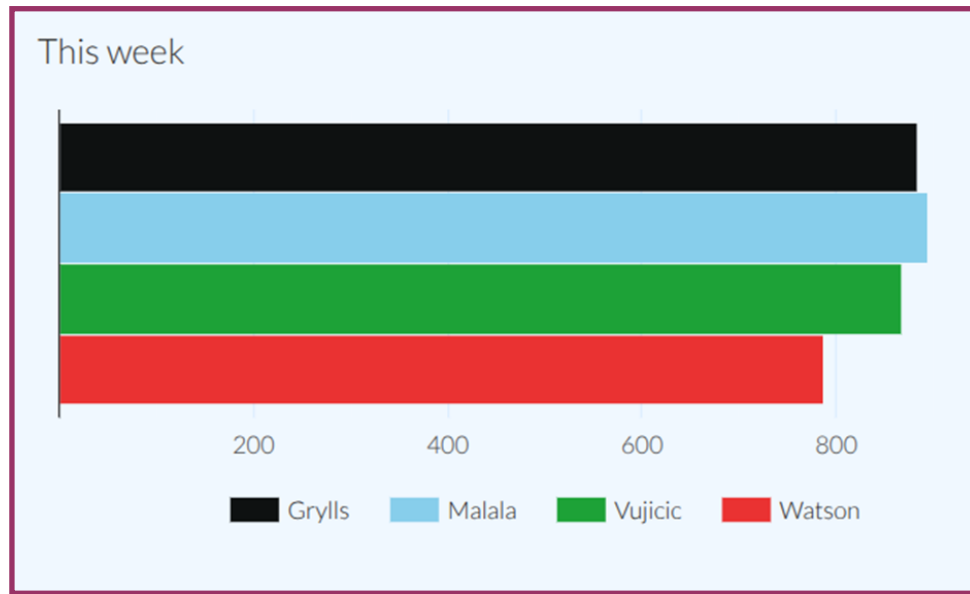


Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

House News



Congratulations to Malala who take the accolade of being the first weekly candle credit winners. Only 11 points separates the top two so it is very tight at the top.

Parking

Thank you to everyone who continues to park mindfully during our busy drop-off and pick-up times!

This week, I spoke with a local resident on Haywards Farm Close who unfortunately missed three deliveries because delivery vehicles couldn't get through the street. Beyond the inconvenience to our neighbours, this is also a vital safety concern: if a delivery truck cannot access the road, emergency service vehicles won't be able to either.

To help us stay good neighbours and keep our community safe, please keep the following in mind when parking:

- Keep dropped kerbs clear at all times.
- Park only along the nearside kerb closest to the school.
- Ensure enough clearance is left for emergency and delivery vehicles to pass safely.

Thank you for your continued mindfulness and cooperation in keeping our surrounding streets safe and accessible for everyone.

Year 8 Ambassadors / Open Morning Events

Unfortunately our open morning tours for prospective families on Tuesday 29th September clashes with one of Ferndown Upper School's open mornings. If your child is a Year 8 ambassador and you wish to view Ferndown Upper School and it is at all possible, could we ask that you avoid taking your child out of school for that morning as we rely on our ambassadors for our open morning. Many thanks.

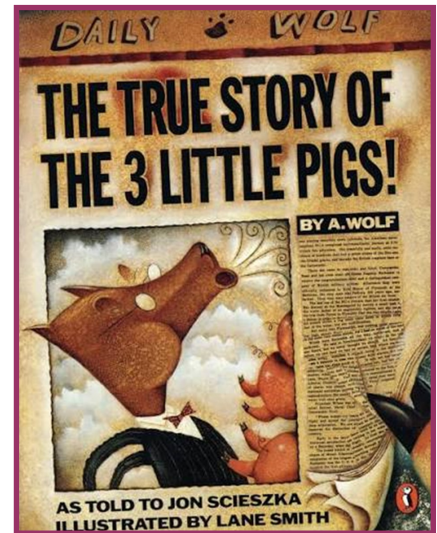
Year 5

Year 5 have made a tremendous start at Emmanuel Middle School.

In Maths, our fantastic Year 5 students have made a brilliant start by revisiting and strengthening some of their key learning from Year 4. This week, we have been working on place value, challenging ourselves to identify the value of each individual digit in numbers all the way up to 1,000,000! Alongside this, the children are working hard on rapidly recalling their multiplication facts and sharpening their general arithmetic skills, with a particular focus on formal addition and subtraction methods. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow already.

In English they have dived straight into grammar revision, capital letters, full stops, handwriting and spellings. Using our foundational literacy principles, we have been focusing on the basics of our writing.

The children are studying 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs' as our source text to set these high expectations and standards.



Year 6

In English this week, Year 6 have demonstrated excellent dedication this week as they commenced their foundational literacy unit. These targeted lessons are designed to reinforce the essential grammatical skills required to produce highly accurate and fluent extended writing across the academic year.

This week, the children successfully mastered several key concepts:

- Subject, verb, and object identification to build secure sentence structures.
- Apostrophes for contraction applied with precision.
- The four main sentence types and their correct punctuation terminators.
- Homophone selection to ensure accuracy within their writing.

Looking ahead to next week, the curriculum will focus on speech punctuation, apostrophes for plural and possession, and advanced skimming and scanning reading techniques. This vital groundwork will prepare the children to launch their first descriptive writing unit, inspired by Aaron Becker's wonderful book, *Journey*.

In Maths we have started across all classes with both arithmetic and Place Value work. Their arithmetic skills are so important across the year that this will be a continued theme - any help from yourselves would be much appreciated. To be able to achieve in Maths for the rest of their school time, they also need to know their times tables, if these are not yet secure, this would be absolutely fantastic to keep practising at home. Thanks for your support!

Year 7

Year 7 have made a fantastic start this term in English! They are now set up on Sparx for their homework and have begun developing key reading skills-specifically using textual evidence to make inferences and predictions. To support this work, we have introduced our whole-class text for the term: '*Private Peaceful*' by Michael Morpurgo.

In Maths, our pupils have begun to expand their knowledge of mathematical sequences. They will look at how linear sequences are formed through a constant difference between their terms. They will also look at how geometric sequences progress and given terms can be predicted. To extend their knowledge some pupils will go on to look at 'position to term rules' using basic algebra to write the nth term.

Year 8

The Autumn term has begun in English lessons with a book study of '*A Long Way Down*' by Jason Reynolds.

As part of our commitment to engaging young readers with impactful literature, we will investigate this award-winning novel, written entirely in fast-paced free-verse poetry. The story itself is a gripping look at grief, choices and the power of breaking destructive cycles within teenage culture. It will stimulate discussion, questioning, and will ultimately broaden our perspectives on our modern society.

Our Year 8 pupils have just begun a unit of work on Ratio in Maths. Ratio is a recurring topic throughout both Key stages 3 & 4. Our children will find a ratio from a given amount, simplify ratios and solve a range of problems involving bar models to help them to visualise the information given to them.

Year 8 Ambassador Selection

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our first wave of Year 8 Ambassadors for this academic year. The standard of applications was exceptionally high, with selections made in agreement with staff endorsements.

Applicants who fell just short of this initial round have been given individual targets to work towards, and we look forward to appointing additional Ambassadors in October.

Our Ambassadors play a vital role at Emmanuel Middle School—most notably by guiding tours for prospective families and representing our community during open mornings and evenings. I am always immensely proud to see our Year 8 pupils step up to these responsibilities with such poise and dedication.

A special congratulations goes to Romilly and Phoebe, who have been appointed as our Lead Ambassadors. I am confident they will flourish in their leadership roles.

Bereavement Café

Our next Bereavement Cafe will be held in school Tuesday 22nd September. If your child has previously been invited to attend, they are very welcome to join us again. If you feel your child would benefit from attending, or you would like to discuss this further, please email pastoralstaff@emmanuelmiddle.org, or call and speak with Mrs Birkbeck from the pastoral team on 01202 828100.

Members of the Mosaic team, a children's bereavement charity, help to create a gentle, safe and supportive space where young people can come together and share their experiences of grief. They may have experienced the death of a parent or caregiver, sibling, friend, grandparent or even a much-loved pet. The Bereavement Cafe gives them the opportunity to talk, listen and feel supported alongside others who may have experienced a similar loss.

A Bereavement Café can help to reduce the sense of isolation that a young person may experience following the death of someone they love. It is common for children to feel as though they are the only person in their school to have experienced such a loss.

Being able to spend time with other young people and staff who understand what it is like to lose someone special can be a huge comfort. Sometimes no words are needed; simply being with others who share a similar experience can provide reassurance and the feeling that someone truly understands. Within the café, there will be opportunities to share memories, talk about feelings and remember the special person or pet they have lost. We also provide a drink and a biscuit, alongside games and a craft activity, creating a relaxed and welcoming environment where children can spend time together feeling supported.

Next EMS PTFA Meeting

The school's PTFA will be meeting at the school on Tuesday 22nd September at 6pm. We hope you will take this opportunity to come along and get involved! The charity funds curriculum, enrichment and rewards across all school years, fundraising through school fairs and discos, and supporting school events amongst other initiatives.

It would be hugely appreciated if you could support the school by giving some time to discuss ideas at the meeting, helping at an event, securing sponsorship or fund-matching through your employer or business—every bit helps.

If you would like more information please come along to the meeting, or get in touch with the PTFA on ptfa.ems@gmail.com—we look forward to hearing from you!

All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend, we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.

Key dates (subject to change):

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 29th September	Open Evening for Prospective Families
Friday 2nd October	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5 Greek Day with Treehouse Theatre
Tuesday 13th October	Meet the Tutor Evening
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Viking Day with Treehouse Theatre
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Pupils return to school
Friday 6th November	PTFA Disco
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th November	Year 6 Mock SATS
Wednesday 18th November	Parents in to look at Year 5 and 6 Work (Drop in between 1435 and 1520)
Thursday 26th November	Subject Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1st November	Subject Parents' Evening
Friday 11th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term



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Come to one, or come to all

There's no obligation to sign up for every date — choose whichever workshops fit your diary.

Full training guide provided

Every volunteer gets a guide breaking down each activity, with suggested answers to work from.

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This year's workshops

17 SEPT – 15 OCT · TWO SESSIONS EACH DAY

◆ YEAR 7

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Friendship

SESSION 1	9.55 – 10.50
SESSION 2	11.10 – 12.05

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Self-Esteem

SESSION 1	9.55 – 10.50
SESSION 2	11.10 – 12.05

◆ YEAR 8

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

Communication

SESSION 1	9.55 – 10.50
SESSION 2	11.10 – 12.05

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Conflict Management

SESSION 1	9.55 – 10.50
SESSION 2	11.10 – 12.05

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September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



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