



'Success for Everyone'

# Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025  
Resilience

## Head of School's Message:

It has been a very busy term for our learners and the team as we find ourselves almost at the end of 2025. Where did the time go? As we approach the festive season many of us are hoping for particular presents and treats. Let us pause for a moment to think about how we can give to those we care for this Christmas time. Remember that we can give in many ways, other than buying presents. We can give our time, our help and our love.

I would like to thank you all for your support and kind words, and wish you all a joyous, peaceful and a well-deserved break. School will finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 2pm and reopen to our learners on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026

Ms Fletcher

If you have any concerns or issues please contact us on:

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## Achievement Certificates this month have been given to learners for:

'managing emotions using the strategies taught.'      'showing excellent behaviour for learning.'  
'attending school every day and on time.'

'a marked improvement in timekeeping and being ready to start the day.'      'showing strong leadership skills.'  
'demonstrating a growth mindset and resilience.'      'showing a mature attitude to learning.'



## Pupil Voice: A Time for Reflection

At EMLM we always encourage learners to be actively involved in making decisions about their learning and experiences in school. They have spoken positively about the term, explaining that they have enjoyed learning new ideas together and feel more confident working alongside their peers.

Learners described how regular support and consistent routines have helped them to understand their emotions better and develop practical strategies to regulate when they feel upset or enter the 'red zone'. Several learners shared that they now feel listened to and supported by staff, which has helped them to feel safer and more settled in school. One learner explained that he *now looks forward to coming into school*, describing it as *enjoyable* and saying that *he feels seen and heard*. Overall, our learners indicated that this has had a positive impact on their engagement, behaviour, and willingness to attend.

## ⌚ Attendance - Late arrivals...

### Punctuality

EMLM school day begins at 9.00 and the Learners are required to be in school by then. If a Learner arrives after the register has closed at 9.10, they will be marked as 'late.'

**Every Second Counts!**

**Safeguarding:** As we enter the festive break, we want to remind all families/carers and learners that help and support are always available. If any young person feels worried, unsafe, or needs someone to talk to, please reach out. You are not alone.

Key Support Contacts (London & UK-wide):

Emergency Services: 999

Childline: 0800 1111 (free, confidential, 24/7)

NSPCC Helpline (for adults concerned about a child): 0808 800 5000

Samaritans: 116 123 (free, 24/7 emotional support)

**Shout Text Service:** Text SHOUT to 85258 (24/7 support by text)



## Curriculum shout out...Reading

Reading diverse books is one of the most valuable ways to deepen our understanding of the world around us. Each story opens a window into different perspectives, cultures, and experiences, allowing us to see life through the eyes of others. By exploring a wide range of voices, we build empathy, challenge assumptions, and develop a broader, more inclusive view of society.

Reading widely also strengthens our language skills, supports our learning across subjects, and helps us grow as a thoughtful, informed adult. Diverse books remind us that every story matters—and that there is always something new to discover.

**Books are mirrors, windows, and doors—showing us ourselves, others, and possibilities.**

KEY DATES

### Date for your Diary

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
School closed for Learners - staff training.

### Autumn Term 1

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 to Thursday 24th October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025  
School closed for Learners - staff training.

### Half Term – EMLM closed

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Parent Consultation Days**  
W/C - 20.10.2025  
03.11.2025

### Autumn Term 2

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
School will finish for Learners on 19.12.25 at 2pm

### Christmas Holidays

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

## Services to support families/carers:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/adult/disability-support/practical-support>

<https://lewishamfamilyhubs.org.uk/p/accessing-support/accessing-support>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

National Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 2000 247

<https://www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/parenting-support/>

[NSPCC - Artificial intelligence safety tips](#)

[Internet Matters - Using artificial intelligence: Facts & advice](#)

**Christmas Factsheet** <https://lewishamparentcarer.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Christmas-CLL-Factsheet-December-2025-.docx>



## Postcards home for...

*'having a good conversation with his mentor.'*

*'being ready to start working and remaining focussed.'*

*'always being considerate of the feelings of others.'*

*'taking part in the activity after initially not wanting to.'*

*'being reflective and making the right choice.'*

*'having a really good session in the gym.'*

*'showing kindness to peers.'*

*'sharing thoughts and listening to the opinions of others.'*