



MAY GRAPEVINE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is flying as we head into our last half-term of the academic year. This tends to be my favourite period as a teacher as we work towards certain end of year rituals. Sleepovers, Sports Days, Productions, tests which show how well our pupils have learnt and some lovely warm weather.

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils and staff on completing the SATS this term. We were so impressed by your calm attitude and readiness for the tests. You demonstrated all the Vine Values in abundance! Thank you as well to all our Year 6 families for supporting your children. We are now very excited to see the Year 6 pupils excel in their end of school production—Oliver!

As mentioned above, we continue to look forward to some big events. We are holding our annual Sports Day—led by Mr Johnson (our PE lead). We will continue to hold our races and events in the pupils Houses and build on last year. Please feel free to come in your child's House colour as well! And yes, there will be some form of parent event this year. Running, obstacle course or tug of war—only time will tell!

We have phonics screening checks to complete, multiplication tests for our Year 4s, a Year 1 trip to Woburn, a Year 5 trip to Duxford, multiple swimming days for Years 4, 5 and 6, jump up day (where pupils learn their new classes and teachers) a teddy –bear picnic for our new Reception pupils and a CB23 Humanities Quiz. It never stops.

In the meantime, we hope you have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you on the 9th June. Lastly, as previously mentioned, feedback is always a gift and I have collated some of the parent comments from our Spring Survey below.

Parent Comment	Response
Homework (lots of comments from parents) - not 'easy to complete' or reflect what their gaps are.	Our homework policy will change from September 2025 to reflect what pupils' are learning there are then on a weekly basis. It will still be paper-based to allow all pupils to engage.
Booking systems (again lots of parents) - too many and too complex.	After half-term we will be moving to Arbor and away from ScholarPack, Parent Pay, Kids Club HQ. Arbor will be our sole platform where parents will be able to book lunches, communicate, book after school club etc. We will communicate exactly what parents need to do and when by after half-term .
Not happy with parent consultations via telephone	We understand this can be frustrating. We try and balance 'getting to all parents' with quality interactions as we recognise it can be tricky to always get into school.
An annual calendar at the start of the year to help with organisation	Will be in place in September 2025. Will aim to have all trips and parent involvement dates on. Especially World Book Day as parents are keen to know about costumes.
Fundraising every other week is too much.	School budgets are getting tighter and we are having to fund school improvements through fundraising. We recognise this can be difficult so we do leave 1 half-term free of fundraising initiatives.
School Meals—separate survey	This is coming our in Summer 2 from ABM (our caterers)



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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

26 May—6 June Half Term
24 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

Autumn Term 2025

1 Sept Staff Training Day
2 Sept Autumn Term Starts
27—31 Oct Half Term
19 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2026

5 January Spring Term Starts
16 –20 Feb Half Term
27 March Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

Summer Term 2026

13 April Summer Term Starts
4 May May Day
25 May—5 June Half Term
21 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following children:

Our **Lead Learners** have been celebrated for shining in Maths

Rosie (Little Gems), Sienna (Ruby), Hamdaan (Coral), Harry (Amber), Leo (Emerald), Ivy (Jade) Alessandro (Turquoise), Jasper, Seb (Sapphire), Zac (Moonstone), Jasmine & Yusef (Amethyst), Ritchie (Tanzanite), Thomas (Pearl) and Lillie D (Opal)

Our **Courageous Advocates** have embodied the core virtues of Coco Chanel who we discussed in Worship this week.

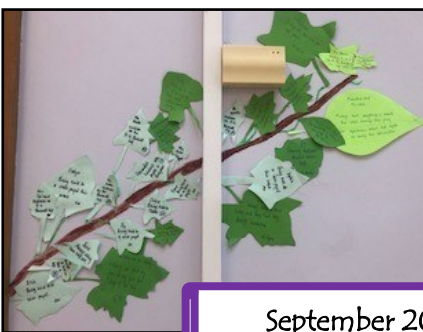
Lewis (Little Gems), (Coral), Joseph (Amber), Marysia (Topaz), Amelia (Emerald), Chaarvika (Jade) Max (Turquoise), Harriet (Jasper), Mia (Sapphire), Anika (Moonstone), Max & Emilia (Amethyst), Yolien (Tanzanite), Tiago (Pearl) and Nakshtra (Opal)

KINDNESS VINE

We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated these values, have had their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'.

Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for Mrs Brown for always getting our resources ready. To all the staff and pupils who took part enthusiastically in walk to

school week. To Miss Hilling for helping Mrs Kenny. Mr Clayton, our groundsman who picks up our rubbish everyday. Zikora for setting a great example to a Y2 child when walking down the corridor.



September 2023



September 2024



May 2025



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READING @ THE VINE

Accelerated Reader Update



Keep up the excellent work with your reading! We have already had lots of pupils reading regularly. Congratulations to the following pupils who reached their AR target in Summer 1:

Emmanuel O, Harriet, India G, India J, Isabella, Issac, Julia, Lucy and Taltos (Y3)

Eden, Emilia, Evie, Georgia, Krum, Jevindu, Owen, Riagan, Shourya and Zac (Y4)

Emilia, Emily H, Emily M, Jacob, Lina, Lydia, Talen and Yeva (Y5)

Benjamin, Eva, Jack G and Victoria (Y6)

Congratulations to our newest word multi-millionaire, Swara, who has read a staggering 2,060,000 words!

Quizzing at home

Don't forget that you still have until the first day back after half term to get your target. If you have any problems logging in to AR at home, have a look at this troubleshooting advice:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/the-vine-inter-church-primary-school/UploadedDocument/40175d22-c692-46e2-8a31-2bb237df5daa/ar-instructions-and-troubleshooting.pdf>

Book Amnesty

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

With our lovely, long half term coming up, please could you take the opportunity to see if you have any AR books at home that you're not reading any more? It would be great to have them returned to school before the end of the summer term, so that we can have a good sort-out of the library. Thank you!



SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION



The Women's Euros are happening this summer in Switzerland.

Here is a link to a great goal from the last Women's Euros in 2022. It was a high pressure moment, scored in extra time and allowed the England team to progress to the semi-finals.

<https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/news/0277-15abf45f1258-8ad0ad2739f5-1000--england-2-1-spain-aet-stanway-stunner-takes-tenacious-hos/> (scroll down for

35 sec clip)

You will need to plan, write and deliver your commentary of this clip; the goal, celebration and replay.

Please email entries will to vinehouses@thevine.cambs.sch.uk
Winners will win a fantastic prize.

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 32

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.7%

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YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 3

CLASS WINNER - Amber



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NEWS UPDATES

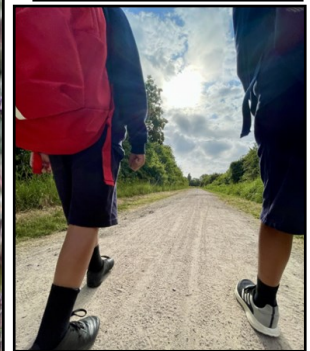
Walk to School Week

Thank you for the amazing response to our walk to school week.

"My favourite day was Wednesday Friendsday because we had someone to talk to."

"My favourite day was nature snap day because of all the beautiful flowers we saw."

Hopefully, we will all keep up the good walking habits in the summer months too, after half term!



HOUSE POINT SHOP

We have successfully trialled the House Point Shop for half a term and will be expanding this to include our Year 6s before they leave for secondary school after half-term.

This will then be rolled out across the whole school in September. Below are some of our pupil's thoughts and comments...

Samarth " I like it because the house point shop has lots of toys to choose and you can trade points"

Salman " I like it because there are lots of fun toys, and a football!"

Zara " I like the tickets we get and using my house points at the shop"

Jack " I want the football but it's a lot of points"

Thank you and Goodbye

Thankyou to Mrs Hussein who has been working for Cambridgeshire County Council keeping our children safe on the road crossing.

Unfortunately, Mrs Hussein has left this position and we await news from Cambridgeshire County Council as to whether she will be replaced. In the meantime please remind your children about road safety.





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Netball Final

This week our netballers took to the courts at the County Netball finals, facing tough opposition, showing determination and teamwork. Competing against some of the best teams in the region, they faced a series of challenging matches, proving their resilience and ability to rise to the occasion. With impressive performances in the second rounds, the team secured first place in their division. Their efforts carried them to an admirable 9th place overall out of 19 teams, a fantastic achievement given the high-level competition.



Garden Club Sale Success

Garden Club were delighted with their plant sale last week – we raised around £200, an increase from last year's total of £140. We are so incredibly grateful to all those pupils and parents who come to support us every year. Our Garden Club sales assistants really enjoyed the opportunity to share their knowledge of the plants they have grown this year, and we enjoyed hearing your stories of your gardening exploits following last year's sale. In September we would like to share a gallery of photos of plants you have grown in your garden, so do please take some photos over the summer. The sale funds will be shared between Garden Club and The Shepreth Hedgehog hospital.



Garden club have been successful in their application for a Community growing grant from South Cambs District Council, which aims to support the work we already do in helping our pupils to grow food and share this with the local Community. We had to demonstrate that the funds will be used for a new project to help us continue to grow vegetables and fruit. We plan to use the funds to help us comply with the Department for Education's policy on Sustainability and Climate change by using fruit waste to create our own compost.

Ice Bucket Challenges

Hope you've enjoyed our Ice Bucket challenges on Instagram! Mr Hynes was first nominated by Jasmine in Year 5. Thank you.

If you'd like to donate

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/donate-or-fundraise/do-your-own-fundraising/ice-bucket-challenge/>

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Parent Engagement Dates

Summer Term 2025

26th May—6th June

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 18th June

Friday 20th June

Tuesday 24th June

Wednesday 25th June

Thursday 3rd /Friday 4th July

Monday 7th—Thursday 10th July

Thursday 10th July

Friday 11th July

Monday 21st July

Tuesday 22nd July

Wednesday 23rd July

Thursday 24th July

Thursday 24th July

Half Term

Y5 Duxford

Y1 Woburn Safari Park

Y3 Sleepover

Sports Day EYFS 9:00—10:30am

Sports Day Years 1,2 and 3 1:15—2:45pm

Reserve Day Tuesday 1 July

Sports Day Years 4,5 and 6 1:15—2:45pm

Reserve Day Wednesday 2 July

Yr 6 / 7 CamVC Transition days.

Y5 Bikeability

Class display evening 3:15—4:30pm

Summer Fete 4pm

Y6 production 6pm

Y6 Treat 4pm

Last day of Preschool

Y6 Leavers Service 1pm

Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

2025+ Fundraising!

Thanks to your incredible efforts last year, we have managed to fully fund Forest School for every child from September 2025.

We are excited to announce our new (and very ambitious) project for 2025 and beyond is.....a Vine minibus!

Whilst they are costly, we hope to raise approx. £20,000 for a minibus. This would allow us to take more children out and about around Cambridgeshire without very expensive coaches or relying so heavily on parents for trips. We would use it for our Young Carers group, our multiple Sports Teams, our School Council and more!

Let's aim for the stars Team Vine!





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SUMMER FETE

Friday 11th July 4—6:30pm

Our Summer Fete will be our main fundraiser for the Summer Term, so please make sure the date is in your diary!

Amazing Donation Day—Thank you for everything so far.....

The countdown is on.....

What do we need?

Prizes, prizes, prizes. Yes, lots of them for our golden tickets stall or the raffle. Every help you can give in sourcing prizes is hugely appreciated. Please send any prizes or questions to the school office. Thank you



What we STILL need?

WINE & WATER—Bottles of wine... Bottle Gift Bags.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA / HOOPLA - please donate bottles of all shapes and sizes! Alcohol (wine, beer /lager, cider or spirits), Non-alcoholic (squash, cola, lemonade, Schloer, Appletiser), Sauces (ketchup, HP sauce), Non-edibles (shampoo, body wash, washing up liquid, bubble bath). Cans of drink, bars of chocolate etc.

Please make sure all donated items are new and in an unused state. Please check food expiry dates.

All donations can be handed into the school office.

House Cake Stall will be back!—fantastic results last year, more info after half term.

WANTED!

International Food Court—We would love to showcase as many international cuisines from our families.

If you are able to offer a buffet-style vegetarian dish, sweet or savoury, Mrs Richardson would love to hear from you.

Marquees— Do you know where we can borrow some marquees—please get in touch if you have any ideas!

MANY THANKS