



APRIL GRAPEVINE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! Already we are a few weeks in and it is lovely to see the sun shining. We have revamped our lunchtime offer to ensure all pupils are enjoying this vital part of the school day. Football pitches are marked out and year groups are rotated so we don't have 100 balls flying around the field.

Running lanes have been marked out too, helping our children prepare for their Sports Day next half-term. We will also be sharing the 'Lunchtime Golden Rules' with the pupils over the next few weeks. More on this next month....

Naturally, this term tends to be the busiest so please keep an eye on the dates in the newsletter to ensure you have the opportunity to attend any event where possible. We have tried to streamline all the events as best as possible as we recognise families have busy lives. I wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck in their upcoming SATS. They have been working incredibly hard and I know it will be well worth it.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, patience and compassion.

Two Years on....

It was exactly 24 months ago that we started our ambitious plans to provide Forest School for the pupils at The Vine and I thought it would be only fitting to provide an update on where we are at this moment! Thanks to your generosity over the last two years, we have raised over an incredible £10,000. All this funding has gone towards equipment, provision, storage, wood and most importantly—training. We now have 3 staff members who can deliver sessions to our children—all week long and all year round. Our most recent investment was a new batch of waterproof trousers and wellies, allowing your children to be muddy without ruining too many clothes.

We are now in an incredible position to continue offering these sessions to every child at The Vine as well as lunchtime Forest School, Young Carers sessions and pastoral groups. Just like last year, we will be opening our Forest School to parents and carers on our display evening later on in July.

Mr Hynes



ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 29

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE—95.2 %

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 5

CLASS WINNER - Amethyst



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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026

- 4 May May Day
- 6 May Y1 Phonics Meeting 8:45am
- 8 May Garden Club Sale
- 11 May SATs Week
- 11 May EYFS Stay & Play 2pm
- 19 May Fete Donation Day
- 20 May Y5 Duxford
- 25 May—5 June Half Term
- 3 July Summer Fete
- 21 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

Autumn Term 2026

- 1 Sept Staff Training Day
- 2 Sept Autumn Term Starts
- 26—30 Oct Half Term
- 18 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2027

- 4 Jan Spring Term Starts
- 15—19 Feb Half Term
- 25 March Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** this week are:

Alistair & Kuba (Ruby), Aayaan & Felix (Coral), Oliver B (Amber), Theo (Topaz), Ray (Emerald), Bertie (Jade) Samarth (Turquoise), Robert (Jasper), Adjoa (Sapphire), Emelia (Moonstone), Shourya (Amethyst), Thanvhi (Tanzanite), Sophia (Pearl) and Holly (Opal)

Our **Courageous Advocates** have embodied the core virtues of **Bruce Lee** who we discussed in Worship on Friday.

Daksh (Ruby), Rosie & Jayden (Coral), Dhriti (Amber), Sienna (Topaz), Hugo (Emerald), Jack (Jade) Alfie (Turquoise), Dexter (Jasper), Emmanuel O (Sapphire), Rayan (Moonstone), Dylan (Amethyst), Ella (Tanzanite), Talen (Pearl) and Penelope (Opal)

Friday Footsteps

Hawk & Kite 20 points— Kestrel & Harrier 10 points

KINDNESS VINE

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



Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for Karley, Roseanna &

Tilly-Mai for always showing polite manners. Thank you to Mrs

Gawthrope, Miss Bicheno, Miss Jobai and Mrs Kingsbury for supporting

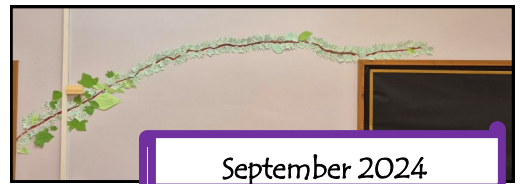
Reception school trip. Leo B for taking good care of the plants. Lina

for helping Mrs Mitchell with PE equipment. Dylan for delivering

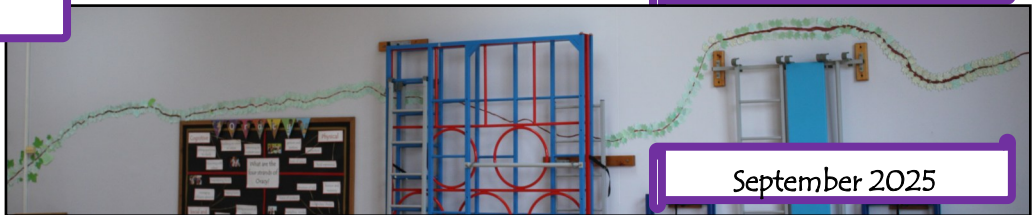


September 2023

his friends safely to catch up club! Ryan, because when I am sad



September 2024



September 2025



April 2026

or not good he helps me and plays with me — Salman.

READING @ THE VINE

Accelerated Reader Update

Well done to the pupils who have reached their Summer 2 target this week:



Mia (Y2)

Holly, Ivy, Owen and Robert (Y3)

Eddie, Emelia, Emmanuel O, Harriet, Idris, India G, Joben, Lily and Noah (Y4)

Evie, Layla, Vihaan and Zac (Y5)

Arth, Damon, Dervis, Emilia, Esme C, Evelyn, Inesh, Isabelle, Leon Z, Lydia, Max and Pia (Y6)

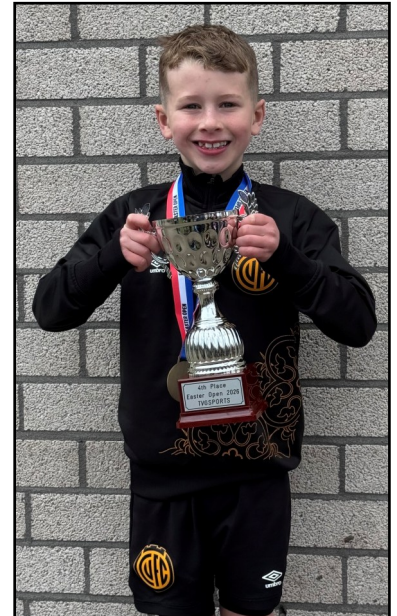
Congratulations to our new word millionaires, **Damon and Lydia** (Y6).

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

Shout out to Hugo

Hugo went on tour with Cambridge United to the Netherlands over the Easter break. He played up a year for the Under-8 Cambridge Utd team, competing against many teams from across Europe.

The team performed exceptionally well and progressed through to the main finals on the second day. Hugo was the top goalscorer for his Cambridge United team. The team finished 4th overall losing on penalties in the 3rd place playoff final to a Dutch team. An excellent result overall.

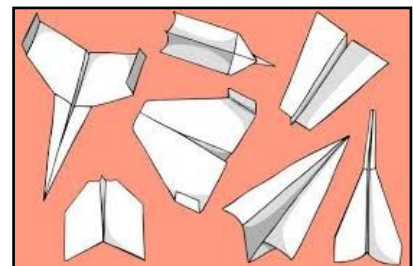


SCHOOL HOUSES

Summer 1 Competition

Over the next few weeks we will be holding a STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) House Competition. Specifically, the pupils will be designing and making a paper aeroplane to see whose can fly the furthest! The children will be given two pieces of paper next Wednesday. They can use 1 (or more) to practise building and testing. They will then be required to bring in their paper aeroplane (named and labelled of course) on Monday 11th May

You are more than welcome to guide, encourage and help your child with their plane, but the final plane must be one they built themselves. Please try and stick to your child's house colour when decorating to aid us when it comes to competition time!



Eagle

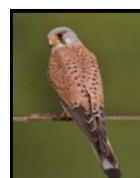
Falcon

Harrier

Hawk

Kestrel

Kite





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A FEW REMINDERS.....

Screen time and hopefully a bit of encouragement...

I sound like a grumpy old man here, but hey ho! Screens seem to have taken over our lives as a society and we seem to be suffering for as a result. We have taken the decision to limit our own three children's screen times and never more have I heard the words 'I'm bored'.

At the same time, we have relished (probably wrongly) hearing those words from our children, because now they have been forced to actually play, read and find a bit of comfort in their own company.

Let's keep having those mini battles as parents!

Mr Hynes

Zimbabwe Visitors

Our Educational visitors (principals) from Zimbabwe were so impressed with The Vine!



Uniform

Please can you make sure your child wears full uniform.

Sturdy black outdoor footwear.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted in school are stud earrings and watches. Earrings and watches need to be removed for PE days, we do not tape earrings over.

Hair

Please make sure long hair is tied back. Headbands and hair clips should be plain in nature.

Nail Polish

Nail polish is not permitted.

Correct school uniform is compulsory. Letters will be sent home if your child has continuous non compliance.

Summer Reminders

Yippee the sun is out....



Uniform—Dark grey school shorts can be worn. Cycling shorts are NOT uniform shorts unless worn under a dress / skirt for modesty. Summer dresses are also an option.

Shoes—NO open toed sandals or backless shoes.

Sun safety—Remember to apply long lasting sunscreen in the morning before school. Have a sunhat and water bottles available in school.

Lunchbox and Snack time Reminders

Please remember that the Vine is NUT FREE so please think about "hidden" nuts in products such as Nutella, Peanut Butter, Cereal Bars and Chocolate Hazelnut pancakes etc.

Remember this can be very serious for anyone with nut allergies!

Morning breaktime snack should be a healthy snack. Fruit is provided for pupils up to and including Year 2.

For pupils in Year 3 and above please send a healthy snack into school, ideally fruit but this can also be healthy cereal bars (nut free), rice cakes, raisins or dried fruit.

NO sweets, crisps or chocolate bars.

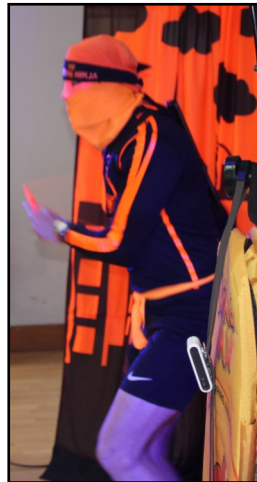


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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Skipping Ninja

On Tuesday 21st April, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Pete Thompson (aka The Skipping Ninja). He currently holds 2 World Records in skipping and his skills were clear to see. He arrived full of energy and gave a great worship to set the pupils up for the day ahead. Workshops followed, for every year group in the school, throughout the day. The pupils walked, hopped, stepped and jumped their way through some very energetic activities. The message from Pete was to try your hardest, persevere and aim for your best. It was great to see all the pupils with so much enthusiasm and drive. They all did an amazing job and there were even some lucky winners of The Skipping Ninja's merchandise! Well done to every single pupil in the school. Happy skipping!



Reception—Knebworth

We had a fantastic day on our visit to Knebworth House and Gardens! The children travelled by coach and were full of excitement from the very start. When we arrived, we were welcomed by our brilliant Storysaurus Stomp guides, who shared lots of fascinating facts about dinosaurs and really brought the experience to life. We then explored the dinosaur trail, where the children were amazed to see over 70 life-sized dinosaurs. After that, we took time to admire the beautiful gardens and enjoyed finding our way through the maze before settling down for a picnic lunch. In the afternoon, the fun continued as the children played in the adventure playground, exploring the fort and racing down the big slide. It truly was a wonderful day, full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories!



Netball

A group of Year 5's and Year 6's represented the school brilliantly at two netball tournaments this month. The Year 5's showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout their matches against very competitive competition. Year 6 played with great skill and resilience, after a series of fast-paced, competitive matches. Both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and should feel incredibly proud of their achievements.





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The V Factor

Just before the Easter holiday, we held our annual KS2 talent show – The V Factor!

Before the event, children from Year 3 to Year 5 held auditions in their year groups and voted for their favourite acts. Three acts from each year group were successfully selected to go through to the final (solo, group and teacher's choice).

When the big day arrived, we were all blown away by the range of talent on display. Our finalists included singers, dancers, magicians, comedians and instrumentalists. The judges – Mrs Singletery (impartial staff member), Mrs Teirlinck (guest judge), and Lukas, Jevindu, Jasper and George (last year's winners) – had a hard time choosing our winners this year but were very proud to crown **Owen (Y5) as our solo winner** for his fantastic piano recital of 'Hallelujah', and **Mia and Tabitha (Y5) as our group winners** for their stunning performance singing 'Count On Me' accompanied by guitar.

A huge well done to everyone who took part in The V Factor this year, you should be very proud!



In Spring 2, Year 5 held their very own 'Great Bread Bake Off' as part of their DT learning. The children worked in small groups to create their own bread recipes – a simple white bread dough with at least one added ingredient – before spending a day baking bread. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day of baking; they certainly made lots of children and staff feel very hungry by filling the school with the delicious scent of freshly baked bread. Once the bread was baked, it was judged!

Each child voted for their favourite bread based on taste, texture, colour and smell. A winning bread was chosen from

each class. Well done to:

Angus, Alana, Zac, Sharada and Siya (Tanzanite)

Avah (Amethyst)

Here are their winning recipes for you to try at home.

Garlic Tear & Share Bread – Angus, Alana, Zac, Sharada, Siya

Serves: 10 Prep: 30-40 minutes Cook: 35-40 mins

Ingredients:

500g strong white bread flour
7g sachet fast action yeast
1tsp white caster sugar
1tsp fine salt
1tsp sunflower oil
325ml warm water
4 garlic cloves
50g butter

Scales
Mixing bowl
Knife
Teaspoon
Wooden spoon/spatula
Baking tray
Greaseproof paper
Damp tea towel
Cooling rack
Dipping pot

Method:

1. Tip the flour, yeast, sugar and oil into a bowl. Pour over 325ml warm water, then mix until it comes together as a shaggy dough. Make sure all the flour has incorporated. Cover and leave for 10 minutes.
2. Lightly oil your work surface and tip the dough onto it. Knead the dough for 10 minutes until tight and springy. Pull the dough into a ball and put it in a clean, oiled bowl. Leave until doubled in size.
3. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface and roll into 10 equal balls. Position the doughballs around a small dipping pot. Leave to prove for 40 minutes – 1 hour.
4. Remove the dip pot and heat the oven to 230°C fan/gas 8. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly golden.
5. Whilst baking, finely chop 4 cloves of garlic and mix into 50g of melted butter. Serve in a dipping pot placed in the centre of your tear & share bread.
6. Enjoy!

Avah's Milky Rainbow Bread

Prep 30-40 mins Cook 30-40 mins

Level: Easy

Ingredients

500g Bread Flour
7g Sachet fast action yeast
2tsp white caster sugar
3tsp fine salt
½ tsp sunflower oil
350ml water
1 bag of skittles
Diced chocolate chunks (dark/white/milk)
A pinch of cinnamon

Equipment

Scales
Mixing bowl
Knife
Measuring spoon
Wooden spatula
Baking tray
Greaseproof paper
2 damp tea towels
Cooling rack
Wooden spoon

Method:

1. Place your mixing bowl on the scale and measure out the flour, yeast, sugar, salt and oil.
2. Add diced chocolate, most of the water and cinnamon to the bowl
3. Mix with the spatula until it forms a shaggy dough
4. Sprinkle some more sugar, cover and leave for 7-10 minutes
5. Oil your surface lightly then tip all dough onto the surface
6. Knead dough for 8-10 minutes
7. Mould dough into ball shape and add skittles
8. Leave for an hour in an oiled bowl
9. Tip onto floured surface and shape into the shape you want
10. Add shaped bread to a floured baking tray, cover with a tea towel and leave in a warm place to prove for 40mins to an hour
11. Place in a pre-heated oven until golden and cooked through (cooking times vary depending on the shape of the bread)
12. Add a dusting of sugar and more skittles to decorate (optional)





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WHAT'S COMING UP

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term

4 May	May Day
6 May	Y1 Phonics Meeting 8:45am
8 May	Class Photos / Year 6
8 May	Garden Club Sale
11 May	SATs Week
11 May	EYFS Stay & Play 2pm
19 May	Fete Donation Day
20 May	Y5 Duxford Trip

25 May—5 June Half Term

17 June	Y1 Woburn Trip
19 June	Y3 Sleepover
2 / 3 July	Y6 Transition to CamVC
3 July	Summer Fete 4pm
7 July	EYFS Sports Day pm time tbc
7 July	Y6 Treat—details coming soon
8 July	Sports Day KS2—am, KS1 –pm. Times tbc
15 July	Y6 Play evening —details coming soon
20 July	Preschool last day
21 July	Y6 Leavers Service pm time tbc
21 July	Summer Term Ends 1:30pm



Spring is here at last, and all the hard work that Garden Club have put in, preparing our allotment has been worthwhile. We have planted our 'Kestrel' potatoes, and our courgette and pumpkin plants have germinated. We have also been growing lots of plants for our Spring Plant sale - from our huge Gill's Atlantic Giant pumpkins, to our Black Opal tomatoes and a variety of annual and perennial flowering plants. We have over 200 plants on sale this year

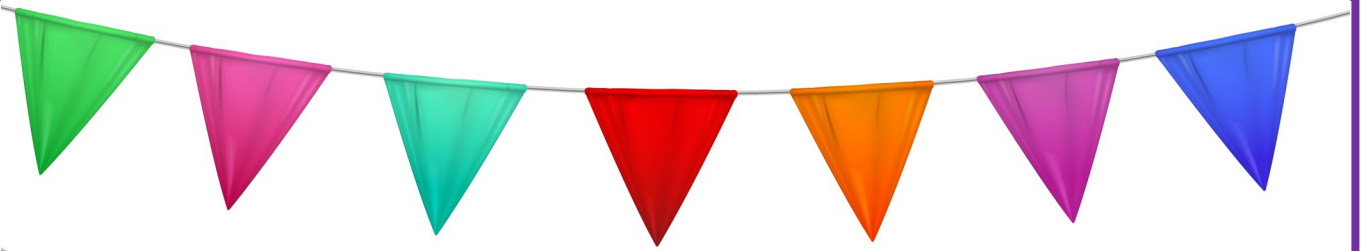
for only £1.50. Please join us on **Friday 8th May** after school pick up to help us raise money for Shepreth Hedgehog hospital - did you know that hedgehogs can walk over 3km every night and one of their favourite things to eat are the slugs that are eating our strawberries, so we are keen to help them.

Garden Club now also runs during After School Club on a Thursday at 4pm, please contact After School Club if you would like your child to attend this Summer term.



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20th Birthday Fete Celebration *Friday 3rd July*

Donation Day—Tuesday 19th May—non-uniform

On this day we will be collecting prize donations for our many, many planned stalls. The pupils are invited to wear non-uniform in return for bringing in some donations. As much or as little as you can do.

SWEET JAR TOMBOLA –Clean glass jars with lids—ask your family and friends we need lots! Lots of sweets. Mini bags (eg, Haribo, Skittles, Squashies) and individually wrapped sweets (eg Drumstick, Parma Violets, Double Lollies, Maoam)

WINE & WATER— Bottles of wine and Bottle Gift bags.

TOMBOLA—Gifts, Drink, Chocolates, Toiletries, Games etc

More bottles of drink for our "BARROW OF BOOZE" Raffle

WIN A CUDDLY TOY– Any preloved and unwanted cuddly toys. Must be good condition and washed.

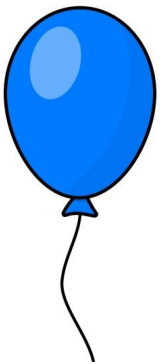
LUCKY DIP/ GAME PRIZES—Lots and lots of Stationary, sweets, hair clips, small toys, fidgets

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.

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE.

We need your HELP!

We need many helpers to have a successful fete! Can you help with our fete? ~ Can you help prepare stalls in the weeks before the fete? ~ Can you help set up on the day? ~ Can you help run a stall in the evening? Do you have any good ideas of things to do differently? ~ Do you know anyone who can offer prizes? Please email or pop to the office to sign up if you can help with any of these things. We'd love to hear from you.



Thank you

International Food Court—more info soon.....