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Come to our
20th Birthday Fete Celebration
Friday 3rd July 4pm—7pm



Bar International Food BBQ Cakes Soak a Year 6 Hoopla
Lucky Dip Bouncy Castle Sweetie Tombola Gift Tombola
Win a Cuddly Toy Golden Ticket Human Fruit Machine
Forest Crafts Barrow of Booze Raffle Beat the Goalie
Plant Stall Face Painting Name the Teddy Ice Cream
Welly Wanging House Competition Water & Wine





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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 those all-important traditions and end-of-year rituals. I know our pupils are also looking forward to the Year 3 Sleepover, Sports Day, Year 6 Production, trips and chess competitions to name but a few. We also have phonics screening checks to complete, multiplication tests for our Year 4s, a Year 1 trip to Woburn, as well as multiple swimming days for Years 4, 5 and 6.

I must mention a very well done to all the Year 6 pupils and staff on completing the SATS this term. The pupils have worked incredibly hard, but what I was most impressed with was the calmness and steely determination shown by all. Thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting their child(ren) over the past few weeks as well.

As mentioned above, we continue to look forward to some big events. We are holding our annual Sports Day—led by Mr Johnson (PE lead). Please make a note of the time and day of the sports days as we will be holding them over two days. We will also have a reserve day (if needed). We will continue to hold our races and events in the pupils houses and build on last year. Please feel free to come dressed in your child's house colour! Please bring your own running trainers as well!

Transitions

This year we aim to build and strengthen our transition offer here at The Vine. Traditionally, the pupils 'jump up' for a day in the middle of July when the Year 6 pupils head off for their transition to secondary school. This year, we are trialing a new approach which we hope will smooth this process and strengthen the links between year groups. Over the next half-term, pupils will spend several hours with their future year group teaching team. This time will be spread out across the half-term so the pupils will spend a total of 5 hours getting to know their new teacher(s) and vice versa.

Safeguarding at The Vine

We are following Cambridgeshire's guidance and national guidance around photos and phones after half-term.

Phones—pupils will be expected to hand their phones in on the gate each morning. They will be stored securely by the office and collected at the end of the day.

We have also been advised that the best way to take pupils' photos is at a slight angle. This reduces any opportunities to digitally alter faces. We will be giving this our best shot!

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 32

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.3%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 3

CLASS WINNER - Jasper Class

In the meantime, we hope you have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you on the 8th June

Mr Hynes



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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026

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

Summer Term 2027

12 April Summer Term Starts

3 May May Day

31 May—11 June Half Term

22 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** this week are:

Isabella & Kuba (Ruby), Pranavi & Ilias (Coral), Luna (Amber), Zarwa (Topaz), Melissa (Emerald), Emilia (Jade) Alfie (Turquoise), Mia (Jasper), Shriya (Sapphire), Idris (Moonstone), Kessana (Amethyst), Dominic (Tanzanite), Yusef (Pearl) and Aya (Opal)

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

Matson (Ruby), Taha (Coral), Amelia (Amber), Zara (Topaz), Judy (Emerald), Anderson (Jade) Laurie (Turquoise), Anabelle (Jasper), Simon (Sapphire), Theo (Moonstone), Thomas (Amethyst), Rayyan (Tanzanite), Emilia (Pearl) and Lydia (Opal)

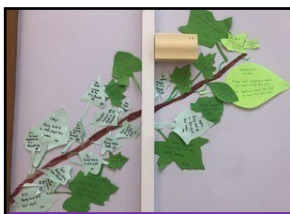
Friday Footsteps

Hawk 30 points— Falcon & Kestrel 10 points

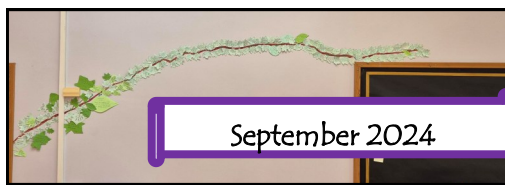
KINDNESS VINE

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

Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for Miriam, for spreading



September 2023



September 2024



September 2025



May 2026



kindness in the form of her cheerful giggle! Danai for helping a child put his coat on and looking out for him. Mrs Talmage for the best Spanish lesson ever— ordering ice creams.



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READING @ THE VINE



Accelerated Reader Update

What a fabulous way to finish the half term, with so much amazing news about AR!

Firstly, well done to **Moonstone Class** for making Vine history - this is the first year we've had two classes where everyone reached their target!

Secondly, a shoutout to **Vishruth and Amelie** (Y6), who have both read over 4 million words! What an amazing achievement.

We also have a huge number of new word millionaires and multi-millionaires to celebrate this week:

Word millionaires - Georgina (Y3); Max and Idris (Y4); Anika, Harry and Rayyan (Y5); Dervis, Penelope and Sophia (Y6)

Word multi-millionaires - Kiara (Y3); Aya, Damon, Lydia, Nic and Osman (Y6)

And of course, we have plenty of pupils who have reached their Summer 1 target this week:

Danyil, Kayan, Maryam and Melissa (Y2)

Asra, Benas, Charlie, Holly C, Jack, Mariia, Mariam, Oscar V and Sofie P (Y3)

Gustavo, Jude, Rayan, Teddy, Tilly-Mai and William (Y4)

Andrea, Bradley R, Dominic, Georgia, Harry, Jevindu, Lukas and Nihit (Y5)

Erin, Jasmine, Nina, Poppy and Renesmee (Y6)

Don't forget that it's not too late to achieve your target! You have until Sunday 7th June. Happy half-term reading.

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

SCHOOL HOUSES

This half term we welcome d our first STEM House Competition. And no, we didn't just wing it!

Thanks to Mahad (Year 2) for his fantastic suggestion, last week we held a lunchtime paper aeroplane competition.

Each year group designed and built their aeroplanes which then flew (some in interesting directions).

Congratulations to the following winners in each year group!

Reception— Ishaan Vyas—Harrier

Year 1— Isaiah Morris—Kite

Year 2— Rayyan Khalid—Kite

Year 3— Salman Hashmi—Kite

Year 4— Simon Mnatsakanyan -Kestrel

Year 5— Quinn Martingale—Kestrel

Year 6— Vishruth Medapati—Kite



We have displayed our winning aeroplanes and designs in and around our school!

Eagle

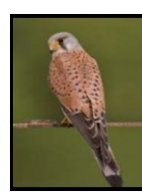
Falcon

Harrier

Hawk

Kestrel

Kite





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SAFEGUARDING—PHONES

Dear Families,

After the half-term break, we will be trialling a new mobile phone-free zone at school.

To help us make this a success, we encourage pupils to leave their phones at home. If your child needs to bring their phone to school, don't worry—we will collect them safely at the school gates every morning. Each year group will have its own secure box, and phones will be locked away safely until the end of the day, when pupils can collect them from the office.

We also ask that parents and visitors join us in this effort by keeping their own mobile phones out of sight whilst on school grounds.

Thank you so much for working with us to make our school a more present and connected space for everyone!

Thank you for your support in implementing this trial.



FETE UPDATES

20th Birthday Fete Celebration Planning

Massive thank you for all the items received for donation day. We are always overwhelmed by the donations flooding in. However, there is still plenty of time to bring things in if you still wish to.

A few more requests

Can you volunteer for the facepainting / Henna stall?

We need coloured Wellies?? Red / Green / Blue / Orange / Pink / Yellow for the Welly Wanging House Competition

Bottle bags for the Wine and Water stall.

International Food stall—This was loved by all last year so we'd like it to be bigger and better— Mrs Richardson will be running this again so please speak to her or the office if you can prepare items for this.

Cake Stall—We all need a cake stall!—more information on this after half term.





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Garden Club News

Garden Club were delighted to see so many of you support our Spring Plant Sale. Our members really enjoyed being shop assistants and we sold over 200 plants, making an incredible £244 for Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital. If you would like to see the wonderful way this charity supports our hedgehogs, please see the link below.

Our Garden Club project to grow Oak and Horse chestnut trees from acorns and conkers has been a big success. Linking up with other schools and communities in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire we have been able to donate our trees to areas where they will hopefully have the space to grow over the next century or longer. We were delighted to be able to plant an oak tree in our Sensory Garden and dedicate this to Sir David Attenborough to celebrate his 100th birthday on the 8th May. Oak trees support more biodiversity than any other native tree in the UK.

We have been planting 'kestrel' potatoes, courgettes, pumpkins, nasturtiums and tomatoes in our allotment this year, and thinking about what they need to grow, and how we can provide this for them. We are not in control of the sunshine, but we will have a lot of watering to do over the next few months until harvest time. Luckily our hot compost bin may help us provide some vital nutrients – nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium – which our plants will need.

This term pupils in Key stage 1 will be invited to learn about how to look after the plants in our playground at play time. Last year Paw Patrol helped us with our mission to 'Save the plants', and we are hoping if we are successful this year, Marshall will be making a guest appearance at the School Fete on 3rd July. We hope you can join us.

[About the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital — SWCC Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity](#)



Year 5 had a great time at the Imperial War Museum Duxford this week.. All of the pupils enjoyed exploring hangars filled with planes from different countries, trying on uniforms and watching aircraft take off and land. Our highlight was walking through an actual Concorde and enjoying time on the playground.



Congratulations to Holly, Esme, George, Chloe, Nina, Max, Jensen, Patrick, Ben, Finley, Inesh and Joshua for competing in the Northampton Saints Tag Rugby Cup on Wednesday.



To celebrate the ice cream unit the children have been learning in Spanish with Mrs Talmage, Year 3 had an ice cream café day! The children were given a coupon written in Spanish for one free ice cream of their choice. Pupils ordered their ice cream using their Spanish vocabulary and even helped some of their teachers learn how to order in Spanish as well. What an excellent way to bring learning to life and enjoy the sun. Gracias for organizing Mrs Talmage!





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WHAT'S COMING UP

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term

25 May—5 June Half Term

17 June	Y1 Woburn Trip
19 June	Y3 Sleepover
24 June	Whole School Photo / Picnic
2 / 3 July	Y6 Transition to CamVC
3 July	Summer Fete 4pm
7 July	EYFS Sports Day. 1:15—2:45
7 July	Y6 Treat—details coming soon
8 July	Sports Day KS2—9:00—11:45am, KS1 –1:15—3pm.
9 July	Open Afternoon. All parents and carers are invited to walk round the school and see their child's classroom and future class room.
14 July	Year 6 Play—dress rehearsal and parents with young children.
15 July	Y6 Play evening—6pm. <i>Parents with young children are invited to the dress rehearsal at 2pm on 14th July.</i>
20 July	Preschool last day
21 July	Y6 Leavers Service—1pm
21 July	Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

As part of our 20 Year Celebration, the children have planned a series of exciting opportunities to celebrate.

Please see below

- "20 Years at the Vine" Book made during Book Week.
- A series of transition sessions in Summer 2 where the activity focus will be related to 20 years.
- Whole School photo.
- Whole School celebratory picnic
- Headteacher for the day "old tradition".
- Bunting making.
- Revamping our Values artwork displays throughout school.
- Vine Vision Day.

