



APRIL GRAPEVINE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It 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 recognize 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.

It seems our pupils have the brains as well as the brawn these days as our pupils are in the finals of both the netball and the maths challenge. Best of luck to them all!

Our staff too are pushing themselves personally and professionally as well. Congratulations to Mrs Smith and Mrs Mitchell for running and completing the London Marathon recently for their respective charities. Mrs Kenny, Miss Hawksworth, Mrs Stewart, Miss Foster and Mrs Thompson have all undertaken leadership qualifications recently and passed with flying colours.

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

One Year On....

It was exactly 12 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 year, we have raised approximately £9000. This amount has allowed us to provide wellies, trousers, rope swings, firewood, storage equipment and most importantly—further training for staff to allow the provision to grow.

Currently all of our Early Years pupils regularly access Forest School and now Year 1 and Year 2 also receive weekly time in the woods. Year 6 will get a taster of Forest School before they leave for secondary school and in September we will have space and staff for Years 3, 4 and 5. On Thursday 10th July (our school display evening), we will also be opening our Forest School to parents and carers to see the amazing work Mrs Bransbury has achieved over the past 12 months.

Mr Hynes





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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

5 May May Day
 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

Our **Lead Learners** have been celebrated for those who show the ability to adapt to new situations or make positive changes.

Dhriti (Ruby), Jemima (Coral), Maryam (Amber), Kayan (Topaz), Khushank (Emerald), Ryan (Jade) Elissia (Turquoise), Emmanuel (Jasper), Jevindu (Sapphire), Kessana (Moonstone), Caleb W (Amethyst), Osman (Tanzanite), Ellie (Pearl) and Natarliya (Opal)

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

Joshua (Little Gems), Usmon (Ruby), Riaz (Coral), Lola (Amber), Dhruv (Topaz), Charlie (Emerald), Jax (Jade) Rosie (Turquoise), Issac (Jasper), Ameen (Sapphire), Owen (Moonstone), Jasmine (Amethyst), Peter (Tanzanite), Krish (Pearl) and Khalil (Opal)

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 Lily P for offering to give up her time to help at a club for younger pupils, Jude for helping to gather the maths equipment, Kaitlyn for sharing with others, Thomas because he let another pupil borrow his helmet. Mrs Green for looking after Miss Hawksworth when she was feeling poorly. Mrs Smith and Mrs Mitchell for raising money for charity by running the London Marathon.



September 2023



September 2024



April 2025



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CELEBRATIONS

Accelerated Reader Update

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



Ellie, Evie, Franck, Lily, Nathaniel, Noah, Reyaansh and Scarlett-Ava (Y3)

Quinn, Rayyan, Siya, Tabitha and Zainab (Y4)

Alexandria, Aya, Ben, Chloe, George, Isabelle, Penelope, Sophia, Swara and Yusef (Y5)

Nael (Y6)

Huge congratulations to our newest word millionaires:

Toby (Y3), Tabitha (Y4), Alexandria and Jasleen (Y5)

Even more huge congratulations to our second word multi-millionaire, Amelie (Y5)

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

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.

SCHOOL HOUSES

Congratulations to Kestrel House once again for winning the Spring Term House competition. House leaders got together on the last day of term to decide their treat and they took advantage of the good weather to head over to the park for an extended play time! They enjoyed an ice-lolly and an additional hour of playtime in the Sand and Water Park.

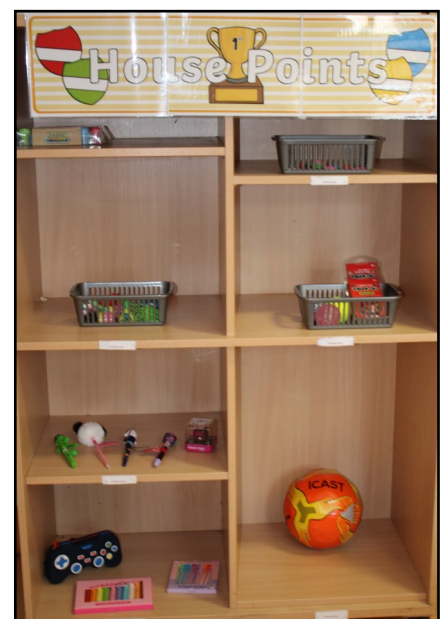
It was another incredibly close term, with only 100 House Points separating the 6 Houses. As we head into the Summer Term, the pupils are excited and working hard with their House Points to see who will be crowned the winner of the Year.

As the weather improves as well, we look forward to hosting a few House Competitions outside during lunchtime—House Dodgeball, House Table Tennis and eventually—Sports Day.



The House Point Shop....

Over this half-term we are trialling our House Point Shop. Pupils continue to earn points for their team, but also on an individual basis. They can then choose to spend (or save) their Points for prizes with Mrs McKnight!





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ATTENDANCE—Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Well done! We were *delighted* to celebrate, at the Easter Service, 63 pupils who have been in school every day this year.

Well done to Jasper class who are currently in the lead for the best attendance.

We are committed to working in partnership with all parents/carers to ensure that every pupil achieves full attendance except for unavoidable absence.

Please remember, The Vine offers an extra week off in June so families can source a cheaper holiday.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Contact us!

If your child is absent please contact the school office by 9:10am.

01954 719630

office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

or via Scholarpack App

Please do not pass messages to the teachers –tell the office

Punctuality

School starts at 8:40am

If your child arrives after 9:10am your child will be marked absent for the whole session and this will be **UNAUTHORISED**. Early learning starts promptly. A child that arrives late misses their own learning and disrupts the learning of others.

*15 Minutes late each day =
8 Days absence over one year.*

Exceptional Circumstances -Leave of Absence

We expect attendance at school to be 100% unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence.

Parents do not have a right to take their child out of school for a term-time holiday.

To take your child out of school for exceptional circumstances, parents/carers must complete a **Leave of Absence form** available from the school office or website.

<https://www.thevine.cambs.sch.uk/attendance/>

All requests for Leave of Absence will be looked at on an individual basis. No leave will be authorised during SATS week.

At least 10 days notice must be given.

Unauthorised leave may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

The fine for a penalty notice is £80 per child, per parent/carer, increasing to £160 if not paid after 21 days but within 28 days for pupils who are of statutory school age.

Medical Appointments

Please present any evidence of medical appointments to the school office.

This can be in the form of an appointment card, hospital letter or text message. This allows us to mark your child's absence as an authorised medical appointment. When possible, please avoid booking dental appointments during the school day.

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 29

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.7%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE— 96.6 %

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 5

CLASS WINNER – Amethyst



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Netball

We are incredibly proud of our Year5/6 netball team, who recently competed in the South Cambs Shield finals. After a series of exciting and hard-fought matches, the team finished 4th place overall. Their determination, teamwork and skill on the court have earned them a place in the County Shield Finals, where they will represent our school and South

Cambs, later this month. Well done to all the players, you showed great sportsmanship throughout.

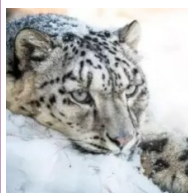


Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Tuesday Caleb, Lydia, Finley and Osman attended Little Paxton Primary school to compete against 11 other schools in this year's Cambridgeshire Year 5 Maths Challenge. There were five rounds of questions which were very challenging. The pupil's agreed that the memory round was the most fun! Our team worked amazingly well together, and demonstrated lots of our Vine Values to emerge as heat winners and progress into the county final in July! Hopefully we can replicate this victory and bring home the trophy! Well done to all!



Thank you for all the support with our Year 2 Bake Sale before Easter. This was our reward for filling a jar of pro-social marbles. We



raised £145.45 and we will be adopting a snow leopard which is the endangered animal that the children researched and voted for.

Reception had a wonderful time at Knebworth House. They met Storysaurus and created their own characters. They saw lots of dinosaurs and had a great time exploring the adventure playground.





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WHAT'S COMING UP

Parent Engagement Dates

Summer Term 2025

Monday 5th May

Thursday 8th May 3pm

Friday 9th May

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May Y6 SATs

19th—23rd May

Friday 23rd May

26th May—6th June

Wednesday 18th June

Friday 20th June

Tuesday 24th June

Wednesday 25th June

Thursday 3rd /Friday 4th July

Monday 7th—Thursday 10th July Y5 Bikeability

Thursday 10th July

Friday 11th July

Monday 21st July

Tuesday 22nd July

Thursday 24th July

Thursday 24th July

May Day

Garden Club Plant Sale

Class Photos—Year 6 Photos—**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Walk to School Week

Donation Day—Fete

Half Term

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.

Class display evening 3:15—4:30pm

Summer Fete 4pm

Y6 production 6pm

Y6 Treat 4pm

Y6 Leavers Service 1pm

Summer Term Ends 1:30pm



Garden Club are looking forward to their plant sale on Thursday 8th May after school in the orchard. We have tomatoes, pumpkins, courgettes strawberries and annual and perennial plants for £1.50 each on sale. We will be donating 50% of our proceeds to The Shepreth Hedgehog hospital, so please do bring along your change and support us. Thank you



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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! More news very soon on our fundraiser aims for this year.

The countdown is on.....

What do we need?

Prizes, prizes, prizes. Yes, lots of them

Do you know or own a business that will be able to offer a prize for our golden tickets stall or for a raffle. Please kindly ask them, tell them what we are fundraising for. Please send any prizes or questions to the school office. We really do appreciate every little help. Thank you

Donation Day—Friday 23rd 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.

What do we need?

SWEET JAR TOMBOLA – lots and 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... 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, tins of food etc.

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

LUCKY DIP/ GAME PRIZES— Lollies, small toys, stationery.

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.**

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

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