



MARCH GRAPEVINE

Dear Families,

The Spring Term tends to be one of academic focus, where our pupils traditionally make excellent progress in their studies and I know this has certainly been the case this term. Our pupil progress discussions over the last two weeks have shown that children are improving—particularly in writing and it is always an absolute pleasure when children continue to share their work with teachers and leaders and see the pride in their work.

Outside of the classroom, it has been incredibly busy. Trips galore—from the Year 4 Burwell Residential to the Year 2 Botanical visit—the children have been having so much fun in their learning. Our Forest School continues to thrive and we look forward to Year 1 joining the Forest School party after Easter. Netball finals, football finals, rugby finals and Oracy competitions—you name it—we have done it! An enormous thank you to the staff who have helped develop our well-rounded individuals at The Vine.

A particular highlight of mine this term was our girls football. They were exemplary in their attitude to playing and improving and it has been a real delight to see more and more girls playing football at lunchtime as a result. We will work hard to continue that growth. My other highlight was our Vine Voices at Wembley. I can't remember the last time I went raving on a Tuesday night in London, but it was a real memory maker. I'm sorry if we have created a future group of clubbers but it was worth it. I look forward to next year!

Lastly, once again thank you for all your support with our fundraisers this financial year. We achieved our target of £8000 which will allow Forest School to continue to grow. The financial pressure on schools is high at the moment and it is reassuring to know that a generous, considerate parenting body stands behind The Vine. We look forward to sharing what our next fundraisers will go towards.

After Easter we have a few staffing amendments. As previously mentioned, Miss Smalley will be stepping in for Miss Gray. Mrs Mcknight will be taking on a pastoral role, working with pupils across the school, Mrs Richards will be supporting in Year 6 as our pupils work towards their SATS and Mrs Bate will slot seamlessly into the Year 2 team.

Those who celebrated Eid, I hope you had a wonderful time with family, food and festivities.

Happy Easter.

Mr Hynes



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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

- 22 April Summer Term Starts
- 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

Winning News

This morning, we held our annual talent contest – The V Factor! The judges (Nakshtra Y5, Mrs Szitar and Mrs Catton) were thoroughly impressed with the range of talent. We had everything from singing and dancing, to comedy and karate. The staff also got involved with their own surprise dance at the end too. Well done to all of the



finalists who performed today, and a huge congratulations to our winners –

Lukas, Jevindu & Jasper (Year 4, group winners) and George (Y5, solo winner)!

We have a winner of the Count the Eggs competition! Closest to 462.



KINDNESS VINE

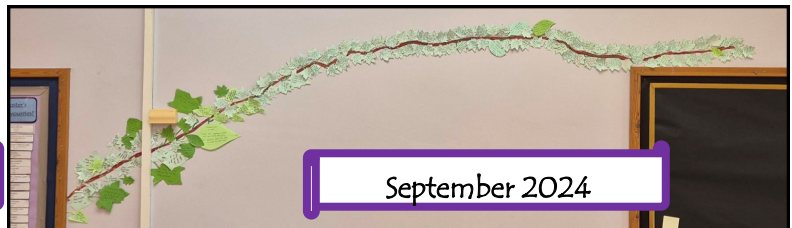
We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated this value, has had their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'.

Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for Seb and Elliott,

Thankyou for helping Year 4 with circuits. Esme for helping Holly find her badge. For Willow's and Scarlett-Ava's grandads for their contributions to home learning. Thank you.



September 2023



September 2024



March 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 Spring 2:



Christopher, Idris, India J, Iris, Kiaan, Shriya and Teddy (Y3)
Aon, Harry, Henry, Jevindu, Riagan and Thomas (Y4)
Alexandria, Jacob, Lydia, Penelope and Swara (Y5)
Annabelle, Elena, Elsa, George, Khalil B, Krish, Lettie, Sammi-Jo and Teddy (Y6)

We also have **another** new word millionaire, Chloe in Y5
If you haven't reached your target yet, you still have time – they will be reset on the first day of the new term.

A huge thank you to our fabulous Year 6 pupils who ran two book clubs this term. They were an absolute success and the Year 3s and Year 4s who attended had a great time. We recommend *The Land of Roar* or *The Secret of the Night Train* if you are looking for some holiday 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

Lunchtime Scooting—starting 28th April

Monday - Year 6
Tuesday - Year 5
Wednesday - Year 3
Thursday - Year 1 & 2
Friday - Year 4

Bring your own scooter

No Helmet—No Scooting



PE hoodies
Now available

[Nationwide School Uniform](#)

Navy PE Hoodie
From £10.50

SCHOOL HOUSES

Congratulations to Kestrel House—Spring Winners!

Well done to all the children (and adults) in Kestrel House for winning the Spring Term competition. It was incredibly close all term with only 100 House Points separating first place and third place over a 10 week period.

The adults and pupils from Kestrel will come together to choose their prize—which will hopefully be in the first week back!

After Easter, we are excited to share some further news regarding our House System—the House Point Shop. Pupils will continue to earn house points for their team, but also start recording their own individual house points. They will then have an opportunity to 'spend' their house points on small items to use in school. We feel this is an important step in our pupils learning about the concept of saving and spending.

Eagle

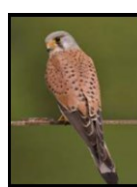
Falcon

Harrier

Hawk

Kestrel

Kite





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House Poetry

Congratulations to our following House Winners for their winning entries into our Spring House Poetry competition! The theme was all around school and Miss Foster (English Lead) and Miss Hawksworth (School Council Lead) enjoyed choosing the winners!

Your poems will be framed and hung in our school corridors for all to see! In the meantime, please enjoy below.

Zara McNally – Reception – Eagle

I love to play every day.
I can read and I can count.
My teachers are kind.
Forest School is so much fun.
I love my school.

Back to School for Holly – Year 2 – Harrier

Hooray I am back at school today.
The holidays have been such fun,
But now a new term has begun.
With lots to learn and fill my brain.
It's good to be back there again.

I wonder what I will have to eat.
Hope Georgina will save me a seat!
Will it be pasta, will it be fish?
I wonder what will be on my dish.

After play times over I need to write my lines
Otherwise, I will be in trouble with Mr Hynes
I think school is great.
So that's why I am never late!

Summer At School – Willow Bate – Year 3 – Kestrel

Summer at school is fun,
Walking to school in the sun.
Wearing my purple summer dress.
The breeze, the flowers and birds is all less stress.
The sun makes the teachers happy,
The class can still be very yappy.
The field is open and we can play.
It's always such a brilliant day.

A day at school – By leo Gawthrope – Year 1 – Kestrel

In the morning, we write on our whiteboards or read a book
While the adult takes the register and gives us a look
Then we do some learning
Until our fingers are burning.

At lunchtime I eat my food and play with my friends
A grown up rings the bell when lunchtime ends.
In the afternoon we have some quiet time.
Then we do more writing on a line.

At the end of the day we read a story and pray.
Then we go home
Past the solar dome.

My School – Sharada – Year 4–Eagle

My School is called the Vine,
But sometimes is decorated with pines.
We have a small, small slide,
Though it doesn't make you glide.
Our school is lots of fun,
There are lots of places to run.
We have a lunch hall,
The roof is real tall.

The teachers are really nice,
They help you in a thrice.
We have a forest school,
The trees keep you cool.

Our school is really lots of fun,
There's lots of places to run.
We have loads of breaks which gives us a good rest.
What can I say, except my school is the BEST!



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House Poetry

Esme Church – Year 5 - Harriers

In PSHE we have been talking about careers,
It could have ended in tears,
If a certain job had been mentioned
Luckily to share more ideas we have a convention

I thought about being a nurse,
But that won't put much money in my purse,
I want to join the police force,
But I would have to be very tough of course.

I really enjoy gymnastics,
A career in that would be fantastic,
I would work at a zoo,
But what would happen when they all want the loo.

I could become a plumber
Or an Olympic runner,
I could follow my auntie and become a teacher,
Or my grandad and be a preacher.

So many choices to make,
I could like in my bed wide awake,
My head has hit a brick wall,
So for now I am just going to enjoy school.

My School Life – Jacob Bate – Year 6 – Kestrel

It's been seven years
With six months left to go.
It's basically a life sentence,
It's always been on a low.

Science and Geography are alright,
In maths and English I'm flying.
It's kind of an even mix,
Because in RE and art I'm pretty much dying.

I've completed all I can do,
And nearly done it twice.
I've been to many competitions
It's actually been pretty nice.

I've had help on my journey; teachers and tas
All of them have been kind to me on my way.
From Mr Johnson to Miss Thompson,
They have all encouraged me to get on with my day.

I've grown so many friends,
All kinds and sorts.
Some have left,
And some play with me on the basketball courts.

At the end of the day everyone has their ups
and downs
The chilling on our trips in our dressing gowns.
It seems like everything is so good
But don't forget the feeling of falling on the
playground.

As the years have past,
Things have moved along.
From blue and golden balloons,
To house points which reassures me I'm still
going strong.

I've grown to realise how it's not so bad,
And all in all you shouldn't be sad,
On I go to secondary school,
To prove ourselves even more
Actually I will miss The Vine after all.

ATTENDANCE AWARD – WEEK 27

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE 95.7%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

— 92.5%

YEAR GROUP WINNER—3

CLASS WINNER – Turquoise



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Year 2's trip to Botanic Gardens

We had a lovely, sunny day in Cambridge's Botanic Gardens on 1st April. Pupils took part in a range of activities, like scavenger hunting for fallen treasures; using drama and their bodies to create a tree; searching for minibeasts in their microhabitats; using microscopes to investigate further; exploring the vast range of plants and trees on site; cooling off by the water fountains; admiring the rock gardens; building homes for hedgehogs; drawing cacti and plants in the greenhouses; and playing in the school garden areas. We were very lucky to have the sun shining down on us and the children did us proud.



Burwell

Year 4 completed their first residential – a two-night stay at Burwell House. The sun was shining as the pupils completed 3 days of exciting and challenging team building and orienteering challenges. From map reading to bed making, den building to fire lighting, pupils impressed us with their resilience and cooperation. It was fantastic to see the children helping each other and engaging in outdoor learning, whether that was guiding one another blindfolded through an obstacle course or exploring the garden during free time. Even our mealtimes were a chance to practise new skills and develop The Vine Values of 'Patience' and 'Self-control'. We also enjoyed a fun games evening on night one, followed by a (much quieter) cosy film night after a busy day two. The Burwell Fox game concluded a wonderful trip before it was time to load onto the coaches and return to school.





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Sporting Updates

Tag Rugby Tournament - Match Report by Jacob

On Wednesday the 26th of March, from 11:30 till 4:00, Mr Johnson took 11 talented year 5s and 6s to Shelford Rugby Club (Anu, Jacob, Krish, Mercedes, Josh, Indi, Jenson, Max, Finley Victoria, Ben). As soon as we arrived, everyone changed into their boots and started practicing for the upcoming games. In this tournament, we played 5 games for the group stage. We won 4 of these tough games and drew the other one. Wherever you place in the table decides who you play for the next round. For instance, if you came third you would play against whoever came third in the other side of the bracket. We came first! This means that our team is guaranteed to place second or even first in this whole entire tournament. We had a little pep talk and ran on the pitch full of confidence. Tries here and there. It was a tight game, but sadly we lost 8-5. All in all, everyone had some good runs and tags. Even though we didn't win, everyone was happy we made it to the final and placed second in this difficult tournament.



Girls Development Football Competition

10 pupils from Years 5 and 6 took the short journey to the 3G pitch in Cambourne to take part in a development football competition. The girls had been training each week at school prior to this and had learned some great skills. In their division, they won 3 matches, playing some excellent football and scoring many goals, and lost one which meant they would be placed in the second division for the final rounds. With great teamwork and composure under pressure, they won all their games in the division meaning they came out fifth overall. It was great to see some of the less experienced players learning from their teammates. They also came away with a spirit of the games award for showing great respect and support towards other teams. Well done to all who took part. A great afternoon which showed how many talented footballers we have at The Vine.

Girls CB23 Football tournament—Match Report by Hana

On Tuesday 4th March some selected Year 5 fives and sixes went to a football tournament against 12 other teams. The Vine was represented by two teams; one led by me (Hana) and the other by Indi. I had a brilliant team; Nina, Esme C, Isabelle, Chloe, Eva, Aya and of course me. We played several games, all five-a-side. We all had a lovely time and our practice at school really helped us to play well. At the end of each match we showed great sportsmanship by fist bumping the other team after a victory. My team came in 4th place and played really skillfully.

South Cambs B Team Netball

A group of children put on a great performance in the B team netball finals at Comberton Village College. They played with great teamwork, showing determination and skill throughout. With impressive goals and crucial interceptions, they demonstrated true sportsmanship. Well done to all who took part.





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Voice in a Million

On Wednesday 19th March, Vine Voices went to Wembley OVO Arena to participate in 'Voice in a Million'. VIAM is a unique event where schools perform together as part of a huge choir (6000 children) and raise awareness of the plight of children in care. We sang a range of songs from Meghan Trainor to Elton John. It was a very long day but such an enjoyable, memorable experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Super Spring Scooting

The pupils took advantage of the early spring weather and held their first sponsored scoot and skate event. They were challenged to complete laps of the playground either on their scooter or on roller skates. Several pupils tried to exceed the number of suggested laps which is credit to their determination and tenacity. It was so lovely seeing so many happy smiling faces whizzing round and round, not to mention the increase in pupils scooting to school!



Our aim was to raise money for new playground equipment for the pupils, hopefully some scooters and ramps whilst also entering "The Bishop's Lent Challenge" for this year where schools are invited to "support pupils to see the good things in life, to stop and take notice of the people around them..." We definitely took notice of the people around us during our skating and scooting so that we didn't crash into each other! Lots of children commented how much they loved scooting and skating, too. "That was the best thing we've done to raise money!" Together we managed to cover a mind-blowing 3725 laps of the playground and raised a staggering amount of £2500! Wow!

Thank you to Indi's Grandad for making a wellie rack for Jade class.



Easter Tea

On 31st March Reception class held an Easter Afternoon Tea. It was a lovely occasion when children and families had the chance to share a snack and a chat. Finally, the amazing reception pupils wowed us with their singing and dancing. Happy memories!





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WHAT 'S COMING UP

Parent Engagement Dates

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April

Wednesday 23rd April

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

Summer Term Starts

Reception Knebworth House

May Day

Garden Club Plant Sale

Class Photos—Year 6 Photos

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

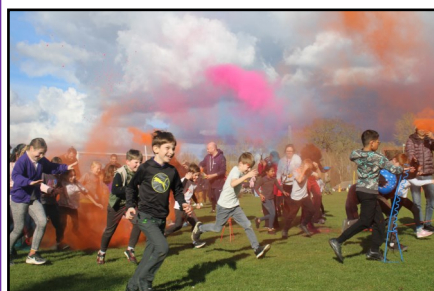
Y6 production 6pm

Y6 Treat 4pm

Y6 Leavers Service 1pm

Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

Well done to George and Arthur on their recent Taekwondo awards.



Holi Festival Colour Run—Fantastic colourful fun!

