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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

As another fantastic academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff, supportive governors and, of course, our families for making our school such a vibrant and successful community. It has been a year filled with achievement, creativity, determination and joy, and I am delighted to share some of our recent highlights.

Outstanding Year 6 SATs Results—I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who have achieved outstanding SATs results this year. Their success reflects not only their hard work and resilience but also the commitment of our talented staff and the invaluable support of parents and carers throughout their primary journey. These results are a testament to the high aspirations we hold for every child and demonstrate what can be achieved through perseverance, excellent teaching and a love of learning. Well done, Year 6—you have been exceptional role models, and we wish you every success as you begin the next exciting chapter of your education.

A Show to Remember—Our recent school production—Matilda—was nothing short of spectacular. From the confidence of our performers to the creativity behind the scenes, every child played an important part in making the show such a memorable occasion. The singing, acting and enthusiasm on display were truly remarkable, and it was wonderful to see our pupils grow in confidence as they entertained packed audiences. Thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers and families for supporting the production—it was a real celebration of the talents within our school community.

Year 4 Discover the Joy of Music—This year, for the first time ever, our Year 4 children have embraced the exciting challenge of learning the clarinet. It has been inspiring to watch their musical skills develop as they learn to read music, perform together and build confidence through regular practice. Music plays such an important role in developing creativity, teamwork and perseverance, and we are delighted to see our pupils thriving through this wonderful opportunity.

Learning Beyond the Classroom—Forest School continues to be one of the highlights of the week for many of our children. Whether building shelters, exploring wildlife, developing practical skills or simply enjoying time outdoors, pupils are learning valuable lessons that cannot always be taught within four classroom walls. Forest School encourages curiosity, resilience, independence and teamwork while helping children develop a lifelong appreciation for the natural world. Seeing pupils challenge themselves and grow in confidence in such a unique environment is always a pleasure.

Excellent Phonics Success—We are also delighted with this year's excellent phonics outcomes. Our youngest learners have shown fantastic progress in developing the essential reading skills that provide the foundation for lifelong learning. These achievements reflect the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children and the invaluable partnership we share with parents in supporting reading both at school and at home.

Sporting Success—Sport has continued to flourish across our school, with pupils demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship in a wide range of competitions and events. Whether representing the school in competitive fixtures, taking part in festivals or developing new skills during PE lessons, our children have shown tremendous commitment and pride. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and grateful to the staff who provide such a rich programme of sporting opportunities.

Goodbye—Within all the moments of excellence, we have moments of sadness. We wish Mrs Stewart, Mrs Cleland and Mrs Colchester the best of luck in the future and thank them for all their years of service. Mrs Stewart has dedicated years (12) to the pupils of The Vine as she heads to pastures new. Mrs Cleland is retiring after 5 years at The Vine and I know the children will miss her fondly and Mrs Colchester has been a warm and welcoming face to the children of breakfast club (amongst other hats) and The Vine Family will miss her greatly too.

Looking Forward—Our school continues to be a place where children are encouraged to aim high, embrace challenges and celebrate one another's successes. Together, we create an environment where every child can flourish academically, socially and personally. I wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year of learning.

With best wishes,

Mr Hynes



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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026

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:

Kuba (Ruby), Dhruv (Amber), Kylo (Topaz), Rayyan (Emerald), Elsa (Jade) Alfie (Turquoise), Yathika (Jasper), Christopher (Sapphire), Julia (Moonstone), Riagan (Amethyst), Ella (Tanzanite), Patrick (Pearl) and Poppy (Opal)

Friday Footsteps

Friday Footsteps will continue in the Autumn. Enjoy getting your steps in with your Summer adventures.

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 Simon for helping Y3

golfers. Teddy for rescuing some money and returning it to the owner. Ezra and Aaron for helping when Sienna fell over. Thomas for



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debugging the piano on Scratch. Samarth for offering to help Mrs Dawson with the books.



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READING @ THE VINE

Accelerated Reader Update

Well done to the pupils who got their target for Summer 2: Dylan and Olivia (Y1) Kayan, Lea, Marysia and Miana (Y2) August, Benas, Eddie, Holly C, Isla, Miriam and Sofia V (Y3) Alisha, Elissia, Ellie, Harriet, Jacob, Joben, Noah, Reyaansh, Roshan, Scarlett-Ava, Taltos and Teddy (Y4) Angus, Anika, Ashley, Bradley R, Elizabeth, Elliott, Evie, Georgia, Kessana, Layla, Lola, Lukas, Mia, Owen, Pippa, Riagan, Thomas and Vihaan (Y5) Alexandria, Amelie, Annabelle, Emilia, Jasmine, Joshua C, Nina and Sophia (Y6)

Huge congratulations to our final word millionaires, **Emma** (Y3) and **Lukas** (Y5).

A big well done to Amethyst Class - you have made Mr McGuire and Mrs Norris proud by having everyone reach your target in Summer 2!

Unbelievably well done to Swara, who has the highest Accelerated Reader word count of 2025-6 with a whopping 5 million words! She was presented with the first book vending machine token by Mr Hynes.

Finally, a massive shout-out to all of our amazing readers who managed to reach their target *every half term* this year! We had a lovely trip for pupils from Year 3-5 to Cambourne Library, where we were warmly welcomed and shown round the newly-refurbished children's area and enjoyed some quiet reading time. We were also reminded about the summer reading challenge, which is free to join and takes place all through the summer holidays. If your child isn't a member of the library, please consider taking them along to get a ticket, because they have an amazing selection of books for children of all ages - and adults, as Mrs Wales was delighted to be reminded!

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated books this year. We have a fabulous Accelerated Reader library and there's always something new for our pupils to discover.

This half term we have been particularly grateful for a huge donation of Rainbow Fairies and Beast Quest books. These have been on display together because it's important for our pupils to know that there aren't books for girls and books for boys - you can read anything you want!



SCHOOL HOUSES

Hawk House were the winners for the final half term of this year. The children enjoyed their house treat this morning with a trip to the park and an ice lolly to celebrate. A great way to finish the school year! Well done Hawk



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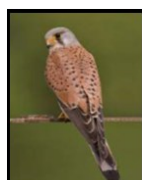
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Hawk



Kestrel



Kite





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Attendance at The Vine

Huge congratulations to the following children who have been awarded for "Attending school every day" this academic year. Not one day missed! We had a record-breaking 54 children on 100% attendance.

Well done to Avyaan, Gauri, Royale, Sienna, Victor, Ruby, Raya, Jack, Miana, Holly B, Samarth, Nasya-Rae, Charlie, August, Ivy, Christopher, Annika, Theo, Ellie, Olivia, Amy, Emelia, India, Scarlett-Ava, Harriet, Emmanuel O, Sabrina, Elizabeth, Lola, Zikora, Henry, Lukas Joanna, Mia, Jasper, Evie, Sebastian, Jevindu, Krum, Kessana, Alan, Chloe, Emily H, Joshua, Finley, Inesh, Jacob, Karley, Esme, Holly, Olivia, Ritchie, Nic, and Olivia.

A special mention to Holly and Olivia Brown (Year 6) for their attendance of 99% over an amazing 8 years! That amounts to about 7 days off. Incredible!

ATTENDANCE AWARD - 2025/2026

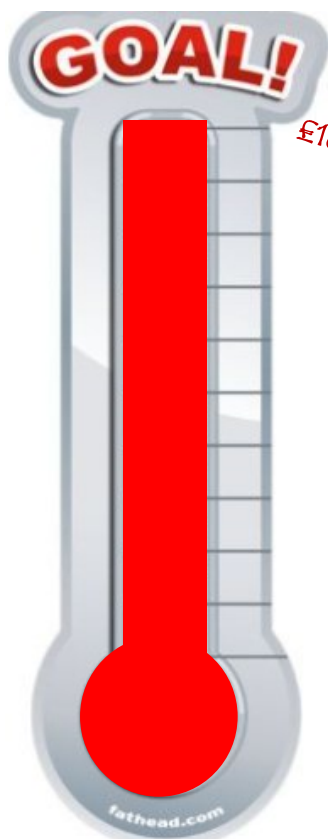
WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.3%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 6

CLASS WINNER – Opal

FUNDRAISING

Wow! Double Wow!.



There's not much more I can say apart from thank you! Our target for the summer Fete was £4000. This would take us to £16000 over the last two years—in order to raise funds for a minibus.

OUR SUMMER FETE TOOK US OVER THAT TARGET AND RAISED A WHOPPING £5200!!!

It's absolutely incredible and we can only thank all the parents, carers and community for digging deep into their pockets to support us.

Our finance team will start the long process of securing a minibus for us. Our pupils from September will now start thinking about what they want to fundraise for!





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Reception Aspirations Week

As part of our Aspirations Week, some of our youngest learners were inspired by parents who kindly gave up their time to talk about their careers and hobbies. We welcomed a range of people including a doctor, a decorator, a scuba diver and even an oceanographer, who shared their experiences and answered the children's many thoughtful questions.

The children showed great curiosity throughout the week, demonstrating a real enthusiasm for learning about the world of work and the many exciting opportunities available to them in the future. To finish the week, the children came to school dressed to match their aspirations. It was wonderful to see such imagination, ambition and creativity on display.

Dream big, Reception – the future is yours! ★



Year 3 have been practicing their oracy skills by sharing their top tips for boring summer holidays!

We've had suggestions such as roller skating, playing the drums and looking after exotic pets as well as joining a church and playing sports. We have been really inspired and hope to try out some of these activities soon!

Pupils spoke clearly and listened attentively, well done!

Over the year, Year 4 have worked really hard to perfect the technique of the clarinet. It took a lot of effort to master this instrument but with the help of our amazing teacher we managed to learn 5 notes- G, F, E, D and C whilst most other people only learn 2 or 3 notes a year! The children felt nervous before their clarinet concert but Mr Johnson said, "The pupils from Year 4 were phenomenal!" and everyone really enjoyed it. We would also like to thank Mrs Bowen for teaching us. Lily said that, "learning the clarinet was really interesting and fun but a bit tricky."

We also made Fairtrade cookies to hand out at our performance. We made them using Fairtrade ingredients because Fairtrade means that the farmers of the ingredients get a fair amount of money for the products they produce. We also had fresh eggs laid by our school chickens! We made special packaging for the cookies so that we could give them to the parents at our Clarinet Concert. Each one included a list of ingredients and of course a scrumptious cookie! Each of our creations smelt delicious and tasted sweet with a crumbly texture. Mrs Bennet exclaimed that her "tummy rumbled" as she walked down the corridor past our classroom whilst we were baking.



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Year 6—Goodbye

Rumble—As a reward for all their hard work, Year Six went to Rumble at Grafham Water – an outdoor laser tag experience. They had an amazing time playing against one another and their teachers!



Matilda – Last week, Year 6 put on their performance of Matilda. They worked so hard throughout their rehearsals and put on an amazing show, full of fantastic singing, dancing and acting!



Final Day

The Year Sixes had a fabulous final day. They played games, signed shirts and finished off with an emotional end of year service. We are so proud of all that they have achieved throughout their time at The Vine and wish them all the best in the future!



Well done to Swara for earning the first ever—Book Vending Machine Token (I'm sure we will think of a catchier name in September).

Swara was our first ever quadrable—word millionaire and had the pleasure of choosing a book from the vending machine.

The Vending Machine (name to be decided but Vendy McVendface is winning) is the newest addition to The Vine to help encourage all our pupils to be reading.

