



SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE

The Start of the Term

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter where we share all the things that have been happening over the past month.

I have been really pleased with how quickly our pupils have settled into the daily routines. We have focused on the basics these last few weeks, routines, expectations, rules, handwriting and uniform and the children have responded very well. One of our priorities has been embedding and explaining our new behaviour system across the school and again, I am really pleased to say the pupils have responded really well.

Congratulations to the pupils who have been selected for a Leadership Role within the school. Our Head Pupils, Prefects, School Council and Eco Council are integral to shaping the future of The Vine and I look forward to seeing what ideas they have. We will be asking our pupils what they would like to fundraise towards this year as we reached our spectacular target of £16000 after last year's Summer Fete!

We are also excited to continue our partnership with outside agencies. Our Year 4 pupils this year will be taught the Ukelele! As much as the sound of the clarinet was music to my ears, I look forward to seeing how our current Year 4s manage the strumming of a Ukelele on a Wednesday. Northampton Saints will be continuing where they left off in the Summer as they will be teaching our Year 6s every Friday! As a keen rugby coach (and poor previous player), I am always keen to see who our future England and Saracen players will be!

We will be acknowledging and celebrating diversity in the world this month through our Courageous Advocates. This week pupils heard about some of the charitable work by Stormzy and the children will be revisiting British Values throughout the month of October.

In line with Benedict's Law, we are also ensuring all our allergy information for pupils, staff and visitors is up to date. Please pop into the office if you need to share any recent medical information regarding your child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hynes

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reception September 2027 Applications

If you have friends, family and neighbours who have a child due to start Reception next September, please tell them to get in touch with the office and come along to a Vine School Tour soon.

Tuesday mornings (fortnightly) 9am until Christmas

*****Closing date for applications 15th January 2027*****

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

*****Closing date for applications 31st October 2026*****



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HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

We are desperate for the following items (as many as possible) to enhance our courtyard garden and lunchtime entertainment. If you come across any of the following, we would be extremely grateful!

- Railway sleepers
- Milk crates
- Lightweight planks

*JUST POP
OUTSIDE THE
FRONT
OFFICE OR
NEXT TO
OUR
CHICKENS!*



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

One of our greatest attributes is our open-door policy.

Our school doors are open between 8:30 and 8:40 and staff are always there to welcome our pupils. Likewise at the end of the day. However, on the odd occasion you need to discuss anything at The Vine, please see below for the specific individuals

Mr Hynes (Head Teacher) Front Gate

Mrs Kenny (Deputy Head) – Back Gate – teaching and learning, assessment and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Johnson (Assistant Head) – Year 4 – Behaviour and Attendance Lead

Mrs Ruddy (SENDco) – Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Mrs Grimshaw (Early Years Lead) – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Bransbury (Pastoral Manager)

All individuals can be reached through the main office email – office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2026

5 Oct	Harvest – Jimmys
9 Oct	Hello Yellow
9 Oct	Y3 Wandlebury Trip
13 Oct	Y2 Maths Lesson 9am
15 Oct	EYFS Stay & Play 2:15pm
20 Oct	Y1 Phonics Meeting 8:50am
23 Oct	Break the Rules Day – non uniform
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



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READING @ THE VINE

Accelerated Reader Update

Keep up the excellent work with your reading!
Congratulations to the following Pupils who have reached their target in Autumn 1:

Aaron, Dhruv, Mia and Zora (Y3)

Eddie, Thomas and Zara (Y4)

India J, Reyaansh and Vaikhari (Y5)

Ameen, Georgia, Jasper, Javier, Jevindu, Shourya, Thanvhi and Vihaan (Y6)

We're well on our way to getting our first word millionaire – one of our Year 5 pupils has already read nearly 700,000 words! Who do you think it is?

The Golden Table

This year we are continuing with our popular Golden Table. This is for staff who look at acknowledging and reward the pupils who look after the school. As a result, we have introduced the Golden Table. Once a month, teachers select one child from their class who really respects the school property (pens, pencils, books, ipads, etc).

Congratulations to Finley (Pre-School), Erin (Coral), Humdaan (Ruby), Mariam (Amber), Matson (Topaz), Jasmine (Emerald), Ryleigh (Jade), Leah (Jasper), Zora (Turquoise), Mia (Moonstone), Asra (Sapphire), Julia (Amethyst), India (Tanzanite), Lola (Opal), Krum (Pearl)



SCHOOL HOUSES

House Writing Competition

House Worship on Wednesday 7th October –

Three Categories – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 5 and Year 6

With a winner from each year group getting 30 House Points!

Deadline Wednesday 21st October

Hand to class teacher or email to school office



Eagle



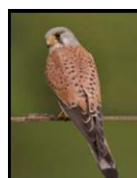
Falcon



Harrier



Hawk



Kestrel



Kite





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ATTENDANCE — Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

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

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.

How to contact the school

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

By Phone: 01954 719630

By email: office@thevine.cambs.sch.uk

or via the Arbor App

Please contact the School Office

Please do not pass absence messages to the teachers –tell the **office**.

Monitoring Attendance

Mr Johnson is the Attendance Champion for our school. He, alongside the attendance officer, will monitor the attendance and punctuality of every child. They will work alongside teachers and parent/carers when attendance is causing a concern.

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.

Punctuality

Learning starts at 8:40am. Phonics at 8:45am

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.

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 5

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.8%

YEAR GROUP WINNER—Year 2

CLASS WINNER – Moonstone Class



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SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following children:

Our **Lead Learners** this week are

Charlie (Coral) Ryan (Ruby) Olivia (Amber) Alperen (Topaz) Hannah (Emerald) Zarwa (Jade) Lois (Jasper) Wynter (Turquoise) Zara (Moonstone) Thomas (Sapphire) Roshan (Amethyst) Bella (Tanzanite) Seb (Opal) Joanna (Pearl)

Our **Courageous Advocates** have embodied the core virtues of Stormzy who we discussed in Worship on Friday. Evanshi (Coral) Carter (Ruby) Daksh (Amber) Dolly (Topaz) Harper (Emerald) Zara (Jade) Oakley (Jasper) Shivika (Turquoise) Mia (Moonstone) Asra (Sapphire) Lily (Amethyst) Shriya (Tanzanite) Andrea (Opal) Pippa (Pearl)

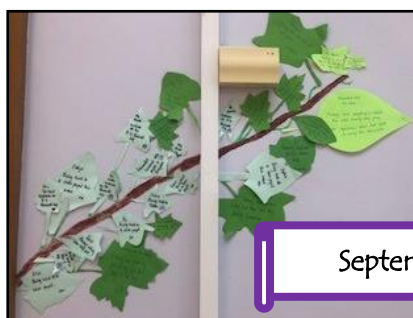
Friday Footsteps

Harriers 30 points—Kestrels 20 points— Eagle & Hawks 10 points

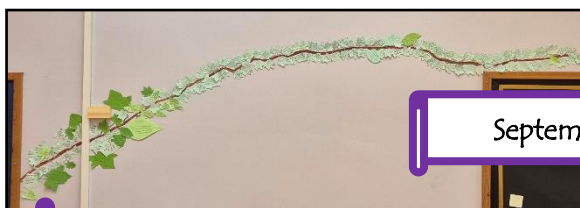
KINDNESS VINE



Congratulations to the following children (and staff) who have been awarded a 'Kindness Leaf'. We know that Kindness grows – just like a vine! Our Kindness Vine has grown lots over the last three years. Emma, thank you for helping a Y1 friend with their learning. Oliver for encouraging and praising his friend's achievements. Mia & Frankie for collecting the ipads. Maddie (Y2) thank you for helping a friend at lunchtime. Hugo for taking such good care of our new starter. Danyil for tidying the calm corner.



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September 2025



September 2026

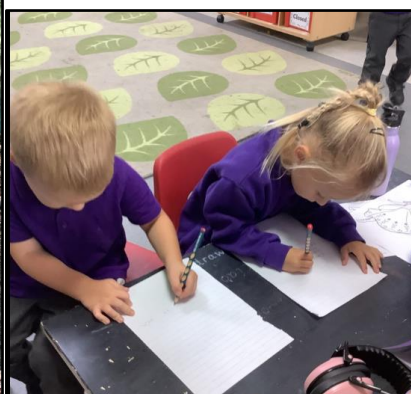


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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome Reception

It is with great joy that we officially welcome our new Reception cohort to The Vine family! Some of our children joined us from our own pre-school, while several more arrived brand new in September, and what a fantastic bunch they are. We have spent our first month getting to know one another, finding our way around the classroom and exploring the wider school. We have been so impressed by the children's enthusiasm and curiosity. Already, they have thrown themselves into PE lessons, enjoyed adventures in forest school, and joined the "big kids" for worship, looking very grown up indeed! It is clear that this is going to be a great year. Starting school is a huge step, and it should never be underestimated. A big thank you goes to our wonderful Reception team, whose care, patience and warmth have helped the children settle so beautifully. To our newest pupils: a very big well done! You have made a brilliant start, and we are proud of you all. We can't wait to see what you'll discover, learn and achieve.



Garden Club News

Garden Club have been busy in our orchard this month harvesting pears and apples and admiring how many weeds have appeared in their allotment plots. We were pleased to welcome our new Reception classes to help harvest our potatoes and pears. We learnt that although fruit and vegetables grow in all different shapes and sizes, they are all delicious. Maybe you can share some photos of what you have made at home with our apples and pears?

Garden Club need your help. Please can you send in any photos of plants you have grown at home for our Autumn gallery? This could be a plant you bought from our plants sales, or something you have grown independently.

We struggled with the drought this summer, despite the efforts of Mr Clayton and Mrs Bell watering our allotment all through the summer, many of our traditional plants did not survive the heat wave.

Have you or your family lived in hotter parts of the world? If you have personal knowledge you would like to share with us, please get in touch so we can plan for Summer 2027.





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WHAT 'S COMING UP

Year 4 Harvest—Monday 4th October

Once again we have collected for our Harvest Worship. Thank you for the donations brought into school. More news with photos next month.



World Mental Health Day – Friday 9th October

We are joining people across the country who are coming together wearing Yellow on World Mental Health Day – showing young people they are not alone.

Donate here – <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/TheVine>



Parent Engagement Dates

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26—30 Oct Half Term

3 / 5 Nov	Parent Consultations – in school
5 Nov	Pupil Photos
11 Nov	Y6 Hilltop Meeting
13 Nov	Children in Need
16 Nov	Odd sock Day – Anti Bullying Week
18 – 24 Nov	Christmas Book Fair
3 Dec	Christmas Disco
8–11 Dec	Y6 Hilltop Residential
8 / 10 Dec	KS1 (Y1 & 2) Nativity (8 th – no younger siblings) 2pm
9 Dec	EYFS Choral Nativity 2pm
10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm
16 Dec	Christmas Dinner
17 Dec	Last day of Preschool
18 Dec	Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Dates for diary—more details and times will be confirmed soon