



JANUARY GRAPEVINE

Finally, the never-ending month of January is finishing and we head into February where hopefully we will have a bit more sunshine and better weather. Most importantly it means one thing—The Six Nations are upon us! Every year I get to cheer on England, build up hope of a Six Nations Crown yet see them lose to half the teams and finish a disappointing midtable. Never mind, at least it is free on TV!

Our Spring Term is all about progress at The Vine. We deliberately do not plan too many 'exciting' events as it is such a short term. So, we focus our time and energy on the day to day teaching and learning and ensuring progress for pupils remains strong. Handwriting is a particular lens we are shining on our pupils at the moment, so any spare minutes you have at home to encourage your child to write is immensely helpful.

Saying that, we have had and will have some lovely opportunities for our pupils here. We enjoyed strong performances in our English Challenge, our Public Speaking Competition at Cambridge University and we have an upcoming Maths competition for our Year 4 pupils. Our girls football is flourishing and we will be sending two teams (14 pupils) from Year 5 and Year 6 to the CB23 Football Tournament at Cambourne 3G pitches in March. We will also be acknowledging and celebrating Holi with an exciting 'colour run' on 14th March and inviting parents and carers to take part. We have Voice In A Million in Wembley, World Book Day and more House Competitions scheduled as well!

A special mention once again to Mrs Maya who is heading to pastures new in February. We wish her the best of luck in her new adventures. Many thanks for all her hard work and commitment to the pupils of The Vine.

Thank you as ever for your continued support and enjoy the rugby!
Mr Hynes

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 19

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.7%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE—95.8%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— 6

CLASS WINNER - Pearl



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Diary Dates

Spring Term 2025

- 7 Feb NSPCC Number Day
- 12 Feb EYFS—Lion Learners
- 17—21 Feb Half Term
- 6 March World Book Day
- 14 March Friday Fundraiser—Colour Run
- 19 March VIAM
- 19—21 March—Y4 Burwell

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

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** have been celebrated for being avid readers.

Emylia (Little Gems), Olivia-Mae (Ruby), Holly (Coral), Elsa (Amber), Jack (Topaz), Silas (Emerald), Holly (Jade) Amelia (Turquoise), Lily (Jasper), Anaya (Sapphire), Anika (Moonstone), Isaac (Amethyst), Evelyn (Tanzanite), Charith (Pearl) and Harrison (Opal)

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

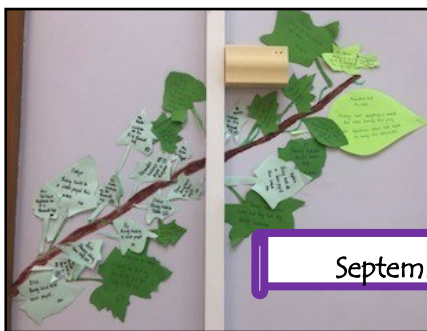
Isabella (Little Gems), Mahad (Ruby), Aaron (Coral), Bertie (Amber), Kayan (Topaz), Oksana (Emerald), Zara (Jade) Amy (Turquoise), Toby (Jasper), Henry (Sapphire), Kessana (Moonstone), Lina (Amethyst), Jacob (Tanzanite), Ollie (Pearl) and Nathan (Opal)

KINDNESS VINE

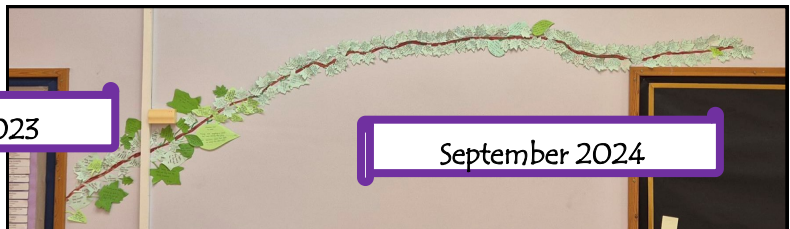
We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated this value, has had their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'.

Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for - BASC staff for the care

they give each day, Miss Davenport—being a superstar teacher in Year 1 this week and Simon who made a card to welcome a new pupil to the class.



September 2023



September 2024



January 2025



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READING @ THE VINE

Accelerated Reader Update

Keep up the excellent work with your reading!

Congratulations to the following pupils who reached their AR target in Spring 1:

Adjoa, Eddie, Elliah, Ellie, Emmanuel O, Gustavo, Jude, Julia, Lily, Rayan, Sanaya and Theo (Y3)

Bradley A, Rayyan, Seb and Zikora (Y4)

Emily H, Jacob, Jasleen, Jasmine, Lina, Swara and Sophia (Y5)

Jacob, Taqi and Zahra (Y6)

We also have new word millionaires – congratulations to

Lydia, Swara and Amelie (Y5), and Harrison (Y6)



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

NEW YEAR REMINDERS

Lunchbox and Snack time Reminders

Please remember that the Vine is NUT FREE so please think about "hidden" nuts in products such as Nutella, Peanut Butter, Cereal Bars and Chocolate Hazelnut pancakes etc. Remember this can be very serious for anyone with nut allergies!

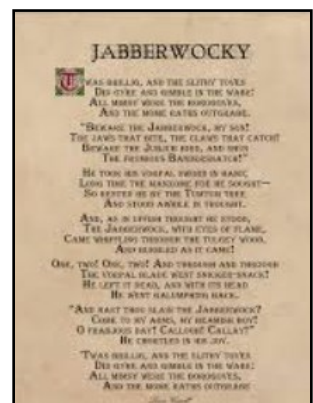
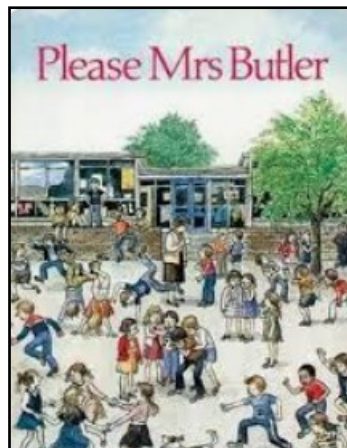
Morning breaktime snack should be a healthy snack. Fruit is provided for pupils up to and including Year 2. For pupils in Year 3 and above please send a healthy snack into school, ideally fruit but this can also be healthy cereal bars (nut free), rice cakes, raisins or dried fruit.

NO sweets, crisps or chocolate bars.

Please be sensible with any lunch / snack containers.
NO GLASS!

SCHOOL HOUSES

Fantastic Fun at the Falcon House Treat—Autumn Term Winners!



Congratulations once again to Falcon for their Autumn Treat.

Who will be our Spring winners? What treat will they choose?

Each week it is so close so keep earning those House Points.

Our next House Competitions will be English based—linking to our School Development Plan priority around writing!



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UNIFORM



School Uniform

Plain Purple Polos

Grey trousers/ shorts or grey skirts /dresses

Summer purple gingham dress

Black, grey or white socks or tights

Plain uniform items can be purchased from many high street / online stores

Logo Purple Jumpers / Cardigans

All logo items can be purchased from Nationwide School Uniform



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

[Nationwide School Uniform](#)

PE kit



On PE days pupils wear PE kits and trainers to school. Please note, it is not appropriate to wear hoodies or branded sports wear.

Plain navy blue T Shirt, tracksuit bottoms, shorts, sweatshirt and trainers.

Uniform

Please can you make sure your child wears full uniform. Sturdy outdoor footwear and black indoor shoes.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted in school are stud earrings and watches. Earrings and watches need to be removed for PE days, we do not tape earrings over.

Hair

Please make sure long hair is tied back. Headbands and hair clips should be plain in nature.

Nail Polish

Nail polish is not permitted.

Correct school uniform is compulsory.

Letters will be sent home if your child has continuous non compliance .

*Next Vintage Vine Uniform Sale
Friday March 14th.*



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Public Speaking Competition



Pupils from Y3—Y6 took part in the CB23 Public Speaking competition. The children confidently delivered their speeches in front of a large audience at Peterhouse College Cambridge. We are so proud of you! This is just one way we are weaving oracy into our curriculum at The Vine!

Year 6 English Challenge



Recently, our pupils represented The Vine at the 2025 Cambridgeshire Year 6 English Challenge. The competition tested them on their knowledge of books, text types and basic skills. Although we didn't win, the girls showed fantastic teamwork and we are very proud of them!

COMING SOON...

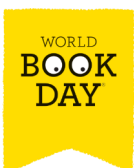
NSPCC Number Day—Friday 7th



February - Dress up for Digits!

Details sent home earlier this week.

Please donate on ParentPay



World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

More details soon

Book Fair

Wednesday 19th —Tuesday 25th March

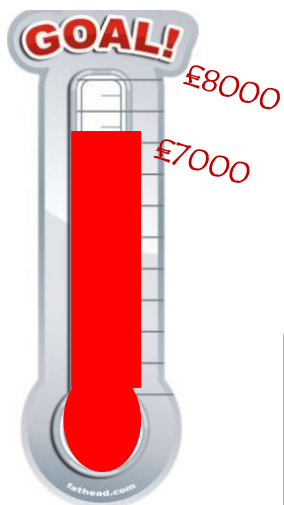
Congratulations to our newest Prefects.





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FUNDRAISING UPDATES



We're so close!

We have 2 months (February and March) to raise our final £1000 to hit our target set back in April 2024.

Thank you for all your generous donations so far. The benefits are beginning to be reaped and we have had some fantastic feedback from children and parents about our Forest School Provision so far.

It has been expanded to our Year 2 pupils and if we manage to hit our target it will allow us to train another staff member for our other year groups!

So far your funds have raised:

- A storage shed and base
- classroom set of welly boots
- classroom set of waterproof trousers
- classroom set of waterproof coats
- Nails
- Water containers
- Hammocks
- Ropes
- Tarpaulins
- Flint and steels
- Saws and Knives

Thank you!

Friday Fundraiser—March 14th 2:30pm onwards

Holi Festival Colour Run - after school—Parents/ Carers and Pupils will be invited—*more details soon.*

Vintage Uniform Sale—please bring in any clean, tidy unwanted uniform.

We will also be starting our Easter fun—Count the Mini Eggs in the Jar



Date for the Diary—Summer Fete—Friday 11th July