



DECEMBER GRAPEVINE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end to the calendar year and Autumn Term. I'm not sure about you, but it seems to get busier and busier (personally and professionally) each year at this time as we seem to keep packing in more and more activities. That's why I wanted to say an enormous thank you for the exceptional attendance and support we have had from parents over the last two weeks in their end of term festivities. The sing-a-longs, the Year 2 Nativity and our Carol Concert last night were brilliant and I know the staff were very proud of them all, so we can only imagine how proud you must be as parents. We will continue to work out how we can enable everyone to attend our Carol Concert as I know we had a few disappointed individuals who couldn't quite squeeze into the hall...

Just a few messages from myself about the new calendar year:

-From January (for Spring 1) Mrs Mitchell will be out on training therefore Mrs Gawthrop has agreed to do an extra day and ensure teaching remains consistent for the pupils.

- The teaching team in Y2 will continue to be Mrs Gawthrop (Emerald), Miss Little (Jade) and Mrs Clelland across both classes.

- The teaching assistants in Year 2 continue to be Mrs Richards, Miss Cornwell and Mrs Lee.

We are excited to expand our Forest School provision (under the leadership of Mrs Bransbury and supported by Mrs Maya) to our Year 2 pupils. This will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please see a separate communication regarding what to bring and wear etc from the Year 2 team.

-School Improvement will continue in regards to our site and facilities. We will be replacing and updating our internal and external lighting across the school. We will also be updating and modernising our plumbing, particularly in the pupil toilets and bathrooms. This will help us reduce water consumption from leaks and running taps.

-Mrs Green (Oracy Lead) has been holding heats for our Public Speaking Competition in January. We will send one child from each year group in KS2 to represent The Vine against the other CB23 schools. Hopefully we can go one better than our 4th place finish last year.

-An enormous thank you and good luck to Miss Freeman (Year 6), Mr Metzner (Year 5) and Mrs Woosnam (Year 1). They have been training hard to become a teacher whilst at The Vine and supported our pupils brilliantly. We wish them the best of luck in their new placements in the New Year.

Finally, I wanted to say thank you to the staff here at The Vine. They work incredibly hard as I am sure you agree, always placing your child's interest at the heart of any decision. I am fortunate as a Head Teacher to have a great staffing body here as I am sure you will agree.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, I hope every family has a lovely break over the festive period and a Happy New Year.

Mr Hynes

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 15

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.7%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE—89.2%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 6

CLASS WINNER - Opal



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Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

20 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2025

6 Jan Spring term Starts. Training for all Tas during the day.

13 Jan Clubs Start

17—21 Feb Half Term

19 March VIAM

19—21 March—Y4 Burwell

4 April Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

Summer Term 2025

22 April Summer Term Starts

The school is closed on staff development days!

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 Autumn 2:

Bella, Caitlin-Rae, Desire, Eddie, Emmanuel F, Emmanuel O, Evie, Idris, Iris, Isabella, Ivy, Joben, Jude, Lucy, Rayan, Reyaansh, Roshan, Sanaya, Sandro, Teddy and Vihaan (Y3)

Anaya, Andrea, Aon, Harry, Javier, Owen, Quinn, Sharada and Zac (Y4) Alexandria, Annabelle, Debnandini, Dervis, Emily H, Finley, Jacob, Jasmine, Leon Z, Lydia, Maamun, Max, Patrick, Talen, Vishruth and Yeva (Y5)

Annabelle, Audley, Elsa, Nathan and Stanley (Y6)

There's still time to reach your target if you haven't quite made it – the deadline is the last day of the Christmas holidays.

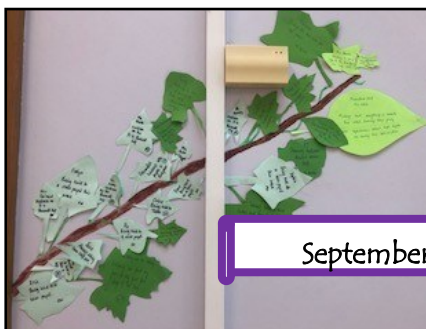
If you've reached your target already and you read any brilliant books over Christmas, don't forget to save your quiz for next term so that it counts towards your new target!

KINDNESS VINE

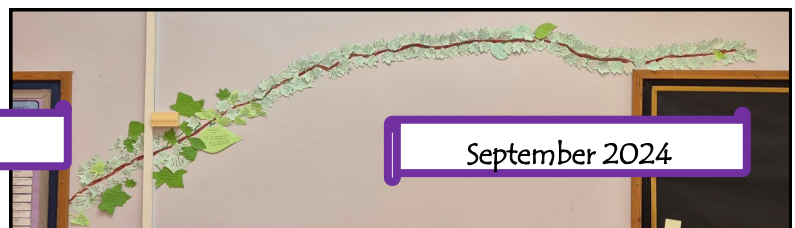
We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated these value, has had their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'. Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for all the adults helping with



the stage over the last two weeks. Thanvi helping to thread needles. Layla for helping with serving. Ellie for making a card for the cleaners.



September 2023



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SCHOOL HOUSES

HOUSE WINNER —the wining House for Autum Term was Falcon. They will enjoy their treat on Friday 10th January in the afternoon. Further details will be shared in the new year!

Cross Country

Congratulations to Falcon House for winning the inaugural House Cross

Country Competition. The standard was brilliant and all the pupils (from Pre-School to Year 6) made a fantastic effort walking or running the course.

A particular mention to the Henderson family for having all three of their children in the top two positions!

Friday footsteps has got off to a flying start - for the Kestrels, who have maintained their lead from week one! Well done Kestrels

Let's make it a resolution in 2025 to see if we can knock them off their perch and see other houses win points for their house!

Remember, walk, wheel or park and stride once a week!



Year Group	1 st Girl	1 st Boy	2 nd Girl	2 nd Boy
Reception	Robyn (Hawk)	Mahad (Eagle)	Royale (Hawk)	Riaz (Kite)
Year 1	Mia (Eagle)	Danyil (Kestrel)	Leah (Hawk)	Rayyan (Kite)
Year 2	Annabelle (Kestrels)	Bodhi (Falcons)	Indi (Falcons)	Charlie (Kestrels)
Year 3	Evie (Hawk)	Thoe (Kite)	Bella (Eagle)	Isacc (Eagle)
Year 4	Mia (Falcon)	KJ (Kite)	Ella (Hawk)	Arthur (Kite)
Year 5	Nina (Falcon)	Finley (Harrier)	Hamza (Eagle)	Swara (Kestrel)
Year 6	Indi (Hawk)	Josh (Falcon)	Nina (Kestrel)	Tommy (Falcon)

Eagle
60 points



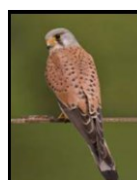
Falcon
100 points



Harrier
20 points



Hawk
90 points



Kestrel
70 points



Kite
70 points





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Hilltop—Year 6 had an amazing time at Hilltop. We faced all challenges with a smile on our faces, overcoming fear of heights and enclosed spaces. The visit to the beach was a particular highlight as we had it to ourselves (even if we did have to walk back uphill!). All came back exhausted, happy and very full from all the excellent food.

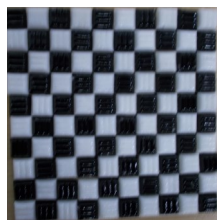


Garden Club News

Our Garden clubs have been busy despite the cold weather this term. We have been learning some new weaving techniques such as 'lattice weave' and 'three rod wale'. Now that it's dark at ASC we have been using a weaving frame inside, and will be making willow stars for Christmas. We have also been looking at the different ways to propagate plants and have grown over 40 new plants such as strawberries, Coleus and spider plants. These plants will contribute to our Garden Club Plant Sale in the spring sale. We have enjoyed reading seed catalogues and deciding what we would like to grow in 2025. Thank you for all your wonderful feedback about the plants you bought last year, it's heart warming for us to know how much joy our plants bring to your lives.

Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 all enjoyed an exciting Roman Day last week. As part of the day, we conducted an archaeological dig where we found a wax tablet, an oil lamp, a broken pot and beads from a necklace. We worked out that we were excavating a midden, which is a Roman rubbish dump. Dressed as Romans, we designed our own shields and performed the dance we have practised in P.E. Mr Hynes treated us to a Latin lesson and we designed our own Roman coins. The pupils then all worked hard to create mosaic tiles. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for supplying costumes, it was lovely to see the enthusiasm from all involved.





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Nativity

This half-term, Year 2 have worked tirelessly on perfecting their performance of *'The Angel who nearly missed it all'*. Incredible costumes and a few strange props (who knew the wise men wore sunglasses!) meant that Jade and Emerald Classes certainly looked the part. Countless hours of singing practice alongside many rehearsals meant that all the children in Year 2 were ready to wow a large audience of their adults on Monday and Tuesday. There were laughs at Natalie's innkeeper joke and 'ahh's' at the beautiful singing during *we've got a feeling*. The Angel Gabriel kept us all in line and as for that Late Angel - thank goodness she made it for the performance! The Year 2 team are so incredibly proud of the amazing children in our cohort - they have earned their Christmas break!



Christingle



Christingle services have been held throughout UK since 1968 when the Children's society started them.

The orange represents the world, the red ribbon symbolises Jesus who died for us. The four seasons of the world with the fruits of the land are the raisins and cocktail sticks. The candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the World.

Christmas Door Competition

Christmas traditions around the world.

Who will win?

Only a few doors shown





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Operation Mince Pie Christmas Dinner was a huge success this year. We ran it a little bit differently to our normal lunchtime routine, but the children enjoyed their crackers, jokes, Christmas music and of course—their Christmas Dinner. Well done and thank you to the lunchtime team and our caterers (ABM) for putting on such an excellent occasion.



Carol Concert

What a fabulous afternoon. Lovely to welcome so many visitors.

COMING SOON.....



Girls Football—The Vine Vikings will be holding our first Girls Football Tournament at the 3G pitches in March. This will be attended by 8 schools—resulting in a winning team! Our Year 5 and 6 girls will continue practising on a Monday and Friday lunchtime to ensure maximum success! Take a sneak peak at our new football kit. If you are interested in financing our 'alternative strip' through sponsorship—please get in touch with the office!

GOVERNOR

Thank you to Nusrat Hussan and Rob Metcalfe for supporting our school on the governing body. Congratulations to Scott Rushforth and Jose Pedro Pinto Vieira who will be joining the governing body as Parent governors. Welcome!