



NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE

Dear Families,

We are in that incredibly busy time of the year where 101 things are going on at school and in our lives on a daily basis! We have tried to be as organised as possible by sharing all the key dates and events the school is running as far in advance as possible—so please take the time to have a read.

Thank you for the excellent attendance at parent evenings recently. It was brilliant to hear all the supportive comments from parents and carers—particularly around our current handwriting focus. It is making an enormous difference to the children's writing so your support is much appreciated.

Below I have shared our School Development Priorities for this year. It is impossible to focus on absolutely everything at the same time with an increasingly stretched budget, so our key areas of improvement are very much based on what your pupils need now and in the short term future.

Lastly, next month we have a parent survey coming out. Feedback is a gift and we look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts on all matters of The Vine. In the meantime, wrap up warm and enjoy the festive period.

Mr Hynes

1. Quality of Education

- Across all school, but with a particular focus on End of KS2

In order to improve writing outcomes and raise attainment for KS2 pupils (end of Year 6), so that writing is of a high standard (matching reading and maths).

We have evaluated our writing offer and have implemented changes (mindful of cognitive overload) to promote writing outcomes.

-To provide greater clarity in the sequencing of foundation subjects across the school

To ensure that every subject is well sequenced and progressive and the 'big ideas' for each subject are created ensuring children 'know more and remember more'.

-To develop all pupil's independence when learning, especially for pupils with SEND (Ofsted 2023)

To ensure that a well-designed curriculum leads to good outcomes for all the children (especially SEND) across all subjects and to ensure that the curriculum is adjusted to support the specific needs of our children to at least 80% of our SEND pupils are making good progress.

2. Leadership and Management

2.1 - PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

- Fundraising and school development priorities

In order to raise funds, and subsequently attainment (through school development), engage with parents regarding their child's learning and improve home-school links by developing a whole school calendar mapping out fundraising events and sharing information more effectively.

2.2 – Pupil Premium strategy

- Time limited impactful programme

To secure rapid progress for disadvantaged pupils, and those new to the school, ensure a time-limited impactful programme is implemented to provide equitable provision and diminish the attainment gap. (Trial of the 20-day challenge in Spring 1)

2.3 – HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Mentoring - Coaching - Tailored -Research-based

Provide a programme of well-tailored, focused CPD for all staff (experienced teachers, ECTs, trainees and support staff) ensuring that teaching and support for learning is of the highest quality for our pupils and outcomes continue to improve.

3. Behaviour and Attitudes

3.1 - Lunchtime relationships

- Forest School and planned physical activities

To reduce incidents of poor behaviour and support wellbeing at lunch time, deploy the pastoral manager to deliver targeted Forest School activities for specific groups of children.

Establish a regular programme of planned physical activities through the establishment of play leaders.

3.2 - Attendance

- Impact -Positive -Pro-active

Proactively and positively work with parents in order to improve persistent absence levels so that they are inline or above national average.

3.3 – Behaviour at The Vine

- Consistent -Pro-social-Taught -House points

Ensure that a consistent approach to behaviour across the school is established subsequently improving a positive learning experience for all (and reducing suspensions)

4. Personal Development

4.1 'Oracy

- Aspirations - Communication and Language

For all children to make the most progress at school and to equip them for life, begin the process of an oracy curriculum At the Vine. Develop the curriculum so that the school instills in pupils the importance speaking, listening and turn taking.

4.2 Forest School / Sustainability

- Opportunities - Sustainability -Forest School

Ensure the curriculum extends beyond the academic and provides for pupils' broader cultural development. To promote sustainability and pupils' holistic development, ensure pupils in all year groups learn about sustainability, receive Forest School teaching



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Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

- 5 Dec EYFS Stay & Play 2:30pm
- 9-10 Dec Y2 Nativity 2pm
- 10-13 Dec Y6 Hilltop Trip
- 11 Dec Y1 Christmas Singing 2:30pm
- 12 Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- 13 Dec Festive Fundraiser Movie/craft
- 17 Dec EYFS Christmas Singing 2pm
- 18 Dec Christmas Dinner
- 19 Dec Carol concert Y3-Y6 2pm
- 20 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2025

- 6 Jan Spring term Starts
- 17—21 Feb Half Term
- 4 April Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

Summer Term 2025

- 22 April Summer Term Starts

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** have been celebrated for challenging themselves in subjects:

Billy (Little Gems), Zara (Ruby), Jayden (Coral), Zora (Amber), Victor (Topaz), Emma (Emerald), Chaarvika (Jade) Desire (Turquoise), Issac (Jasper), Jasper (Sapphire), James (Moonstone), Lydia (Amethyst), Osman (Tanzanite), Vaishnavi (Pearl) and Elsa (Opal)

Our **Courageous Advocates** have embodied the core virtues of Malala Yousafzai who we discussed in Worship on Friday

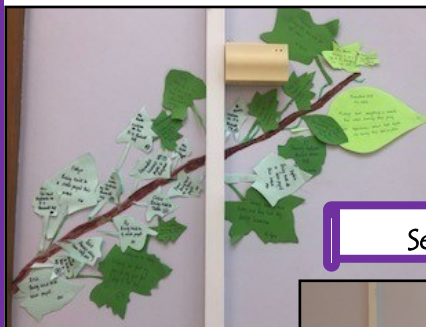
Thomas (Little Gems), Aliza (Ruby), Luna (Coral), Danyil (Amber), Danaï (Topaz), Elim (Emerald), Holly (Jade) Marcelina (Turquoise), India (Jasper), Evie (Sapphire), Thomas (Moonstone), Debnandini (Amethyst), Jenson (Tanzanite), Anu (Pearl) and (Opal)

KINDNESS VINE

We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children and staff 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 Mr Hunter for helping Mrs B put equipment away, Rosie for tidying the cloakroom, Joanna (Y4) for being thoughtful by including others during learning outside and Thomas (Y4) for being a considerate friend when someone was upset.



September 2023



September 2024



November 2024



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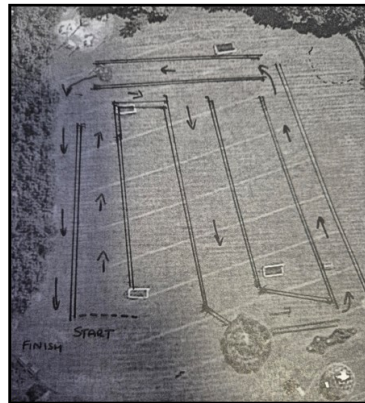
SCHOOL HOUSES

House Cross Country

Next week we will be providing a great opportunity for our budding runners to showcase their talent. The pupils will have the option of walking or running our 'cross country' course during their PE lesson. This may involve 1, 2 or 3 laps of our field. **The pupils don't have to take part, but will gain a House Point just for taking part.** We will have winners for each year group and one House with the most House Points gained during the week will be crowned our Cross Country Champions!

The children will find out a little more detail in the House Worship on Monday, but please see below for the information. They can wear their House Colour T Shirt (if they have one) on this day as well.

- Pre-School - Wednesday AM
- Reception - Tuesday AM
- Year 1 - Friday AM
- Year 2 - Wednesday PM
- Year 3 - Monday PM
- Year 4 - Friday PM
- Year 5 - Monday PM
- Year 6 - Friday PM

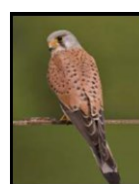


Art Competition

Many thanks once again to Mrs Tierlink for organising our House Art Competition which ran over half-term. Congratulations to the following winners—your art work will be on permanent display in the school corridor.



| Eagle | Falcon | Harrier | Hawk | Kestrel | Kite |
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| Joshua—Little Gems | Thanvi— Y4 | Zora—Y1 | Emilia—Y5 | Simon—Y3 | Izzy—Y3 |
| Zara—Reception | Indi—Y2 | Nathaniel—Y3 | Dolly—Reception | Natalia—Y6 | Isabella—Y5 |
| Noah Y3 | Markos—Reception | George—Y5 | Mia—Y2 | Madeline—Reception | Isiah—Reception |
| Damon—Y5 | | | Raya—Y1 | Max—Y5 | |





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READING @ THE VINE



Accelerated Reader Update

Keep up the excellent work with your reading! We have lots of pupils reading regularly. Congratulations to the following pupils who reached their AR target in Autumn 2:

Annika, Ellie, Emelia, Franck, Gustavo, Julia, Marcelina, Noah, Rosie and Simon (Y3)

Arthur, Eden, Florence, James, Jasper, Keira, Lukas, Mia, Riagan, Seb, Shourya, Thanvi and Zikora (Y4)

Esme C, George L, Leon and Renesmee (Y5)

Jack G, Nakshtra and Shona (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

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reception September 2025 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.

Monday mornings 9am (fortnightly until Christmas)

***** Closing date for applications 15th January 2025*****

Cold Weather Reminders

As it's getting colder please make sure your child has a coat in school every day for outside play. Hats, and gloves are often needed too—please name all items that come to school.

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 12

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 96.3%

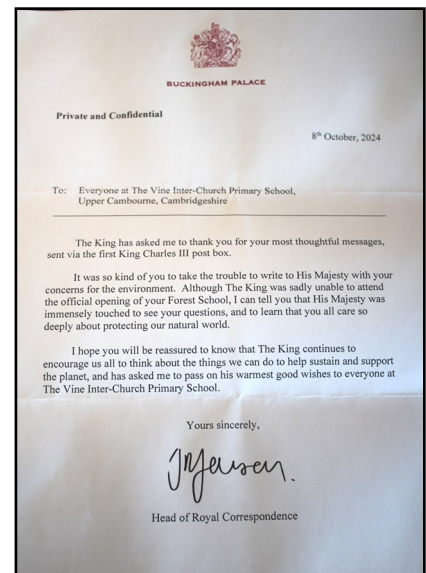
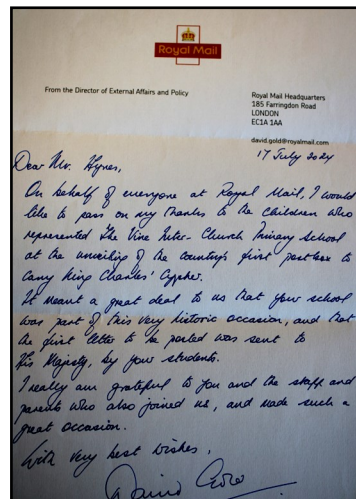
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YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 3

CLASS WINNER – Jasper

A ROYAL REPLY

News from His Majesty—Remember when The Vine unveiled the Kings Postbox and we sent letters. We recently received a reply from Buckingham Palace along with a thank you from the Royal Mail.





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who donated. Together we raised £274. Well done.



World COPD Day—20th November.

Years 4, 5 & 6 had a brilliant talk led by Mrs Fofana, who is part of the Breathe Well Initiative. Mrs Fofana has been supporting the NHS and charities—working across Sierra Leone and the UK and spoke to our pupils about the long-term implications of smoking and vaping.



Last Friday, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed an inline skating workshop delivered by Danny Aldridge. The children completed a range of different activities including jumping, skating backwards and even obstacle courses. It was a fantastic day for Year 5 where the children supported each other, persevered and had lots of fun!

'I wish I could do it again!' Sophia, Tanzanite Class.



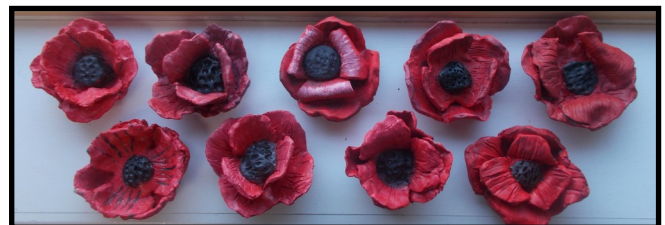
We will Remember Them...

Year 5 have been learning about Remembrance including making 3D poppies from clay, which are painted and glazed. They looked at existing war memorials and art depicting war to gain inspiration for the poppies. Parents were invited in to talk about their own military experiences where the children were thoroughly engaged asking questions. They're looking forward to continuing the topic in History for World War 1 later in the year.



They also helped to organise the sale of poppy merchandise in school raising money for The Royal British Legion, a charity which has been hugely supported at The Vine School over recent years, where The Vine raised an amazing and generous £512.60,

On Remembrance Day, the pupils in Year 5 took part in a special worship to commemorate Armistice Day. The pupils told the story of the Christmas Truce of 1914 and shared their learning about some of the events that occurred. The whole school then took part in the National 2-minute silence that was impeccably observed by everyone. Special thanks go to those pupils who took the time to learn their lines for the worship and for those that lead the prayers. They also led the Remembrance song "Remember".



WHAT'S COMING UP

Christmas Countdown

6 Dec Christingle. Please could you provide your child with an orange for the Christingle activity. If you could provide extra ones, we would be really grateful.

9-10 Dec Y2 Nativity 2 pm

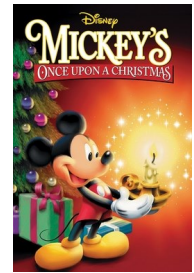
11 Dec Y1 Christmas Singing 2:30pm

12 Dec Santa Dash Fundraiser / Christmas Jumper Day—Full uniform to be worn except swapping the sweatshirt / cardigan for a Christmas jumper. Santa hats/ reindeer antlers can be worn for the Santa Dash— more information to follow.

13 Dec Festive Fundraiser—Movie and Craft Evening. 3pm—5pm. All pupils in Preschool to Year 6 are invited to watch a Christmas movie or take part in some Christmas Craft Activities.



Mickey Mouse— Once upon a Christmas will be showing for Early Years (Preschool and Reception)



Home Alone (PG) will be shown in the hall for all other years and Christmas crafts will be available in the classrooms
Small snack provided.

Please book on ParentPay. £5 per child.



17 Dec EYFS (Preschool and Reception) Christmas Singing 2pm

18 Dec Christmas Dinner—Full menu sent home today. Please book on ParentPay, choose meat or vegetarian option. (numbers needed for ordering purposes)

19 Dec Carol concert Y3-Y6 2pm—in the school hall.

20 Dec Children will walk to Cambourne Church for our annual Christmas Service.
School finishes at 1:30pm