



# JULY GRAPEVINE

Dear Families,

Where has the year gone? I can honestly say it has been the quickest year I have ever known in my educational career. In our final monthly newsletter, I try to reflect back on the busy year and think about how far we have come as a school community. We have achieved so much and I put that down to the wonderful staff and parents at The Vine. We are incredibly blessed by the patience, skill, passion and dedication of the team here. Thank you for making each day a pleasure to come in. Here are some of my highlights from this year.

21 = House Art Winners from across the school.

20 = Competitions and Events attended by Pupils at The Vine (last year was 15)

19 = Pupils left us this year, but 30 joined us—boosting our numbers!

18 = Pupils can attend our Forest School Lunchtime provision led by Mrs Bransbury

2017 = We have been struggling with our emergency lighting. Now all fixed.

16 = Slots for our catch up swimmers in Year 5 and Year 6—ensuring our children are taught a valuable life skill.

15 = Goals scored by our Girls Football Teams at CB23 Tournament

14 = new ipads purchased for the school ensuring our pupils are ready for the 21st Century.

13 = House Poetry Winners

12 = Songs learnt by our Vine Voices when attending Voice in a Million in Wembley.

11 = Songs sang by our pupils at our KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

10, 000—hot meals served by the kitchen team here at The Vine. An increase of 900 on last year.

900 =pounds raised by our sponsored scoot—leading to some fantastic new playground equipment.

8 = Sections of flooring replaced across the school in every cloakroom.

7 = less RWI groups than at the beginning of the year—our pupils are making great reading progress!

6 = Eggs that we incubated and successfully hatched into chicks. They'll be back in September!

5 = Fundraisers this year raising over £8000 towards Forest School and £4000 towards our minibus.

4 = strands of oracy introduced to pupils this year.

3 = systems the school uses—moving into 1. Parent Pay, Scholar Pack and Kids Club HQ will all move to Arbor in September. (Not to mention a new website in the Autumn Term)

2 = Year Groups successfully trialing the House Point Shop—ready for all pupils in September

1 = roof fixed. 24 weeks and approximately £350000 later, we don't have holes any more!

For those of you leaving us—whether that is pupils across the school or our wonderful Year 6 –I wish you the best of luck and leave you with my favourite quote from The Hobbit.

*The greatest adventure lies ahead. Today and tomorrow are yet to be said. The chances, the changes are all yours to make.*

Have a lovely summer.

Mr Hynes



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## Diary Dates

### Summer Term 2025

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  
19 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

### Spring Term 2026

5 January Spring Term Starts  
16 –20 Feb Half Term  
27 March Spring Term Ends 1:30pm

### Summer Term 2026

13 April Summer Term Starts  
4 May May Day  
25 May—5 June Half Term  
21 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

## FAREWELL

Goodbye and Good Luck!

We sadly say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Teirlinck this summer as she heads to pastures new. I know the pupils will certainly miss her brilliant Art lessons and the staff—her wonderful baking.

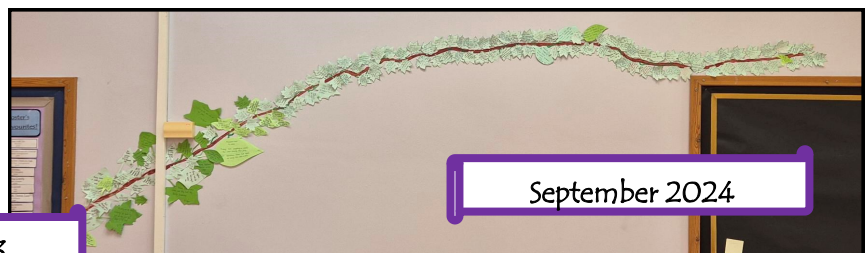
We want to wish Miss Little the best of luck in her new school. Miss Little has been a brilliant addition to The Vine over the past 2 years and I know all the children and staff will miss her greatly.

## 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 year.



September 2023



September 2024



July 2025



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## 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 our newest word millionaires for 2024-25:

Jude, Nathaniel and Olivia (Y3), Rayyan (Y4) and Evelyn (Y5)

And a huge well done to Amelie (Y5) who has read an astonishing 3 million words!

Tuesday afternoon saw the pupils who have reached all their targets this year enjoying a special treat, where they made their own scratch art bookmarks. The children who have achieved this amazing success are:

Amy, Ellie, Elliah, Evie, Franck, Harriet, India G, India J, Isabella, Issac, Jacob, Jude, Julia, Lily, Lucy, Max, Nathaniel, Noah, Olivia, Reyaansh, Roshan, Sanaya, Scarlett-Ava, Toby, William and Willow (Y3)

Anika, Arthur, Eden, Emilia, Evie, Harry, Henry, James, Krum, Lukas, Owen, Riagan, Sebastian, Tabitha, Thanvhi, Zainab and Zikora (Y4)

Alexandria, Amelie, Annabelle, Aya, Ben, Caleb W, Chloe, Emilia, Emily H, Esme C, Evelyn, Finley, George, Isabelle, Jacob, Lydia, Maamun, Peter, Swara and Yeva (Y5)

Anu, Benjamin, Elena, Hana, Harrison, Jack C, Jack G, Nakshtra and Noah (Y6)

**The Book Nook** is finished! Our reading area is snug and welcoming, our study areas are ready for learning and we will be seeing new displays in the coming year – keep your eyes open for "The Vine Recommends..." and the brilliant work produced by our Year 5 book club studying *October, October* by Katya Balen. If you're looking for a summer read, this book is beautifully written and has a heart-wrenching story that will keep your turning the pages to the very end.

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 HOUSES

### Overall winner—Eagle House.

Well done to all our Eagle House Winners. The pupils and staff from Eagle House will be getting together on the first day back in September to choose their prize!

Cakes—Congratulations to Harrier House for winning the House Cake competition at this year's Summer Fete. It was incredibly close—we have attached the final totals below!

Harrier £94.60    Hawk £73.10    Kestrel £58.00    Falcon £51.00    Eagle £36.60    Kite £26.50

Eagle



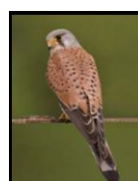
Falcon



Harrier



Hawk



Kestrel



Kite





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## SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

### Black Shoes

From September we will no longer have an outdoor / indoor shoe policy. All pupils will need a plain black pair of shoes for school.

This will be for both indoor and outdoor use. They may continue to wear trainers on their PE days.



PE Jumper  
From £10.50

Nationwide  
School Uniform

## Traffic News

### Kickstart the Day-Walk or Scoot The Vine Way!



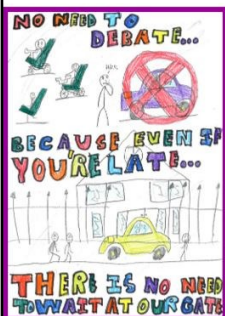
Back in April, Rosemary Mullen, Road Safety Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council invited us to take part in a very special competition to design posters which have now been made into banners for us to hang with pride outside our school. We are so pleased with the finished designs, well done to all our budding artists championing safer travel - watch out for them in September!

### The Vine Pupils Say: Start Your Day the Active Way!

Designs by Scarlett-Ava, Lillie, Marcelina, Jude, Edie, Zahra, Emelia, Max, Noah, Sabrina, Nael and Noah



### Step Up for the Planet Bike, Walk or Scoot to School!





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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

### Bikeability

Pupils from Year 5 recently completed their Bikeability training at The Vine. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. The scheme aims to inspire more children to cycle by equipping them with the skills and confidence to ride more. The pupils learnt basic cycle skills like checking over their shoulder whilst cycling (Level 1) followed by 'real' road skills like passing stationary vehicles, understanding road signs and negotiating junctions (Level 2). The instructors were thoroughly impressed with the concentration and determination shown by all of our Vine pupils and everyone had a great (and safe) time out on the road! Well done everyone!

We can brush up on our highway code for all traffic users. Lets keep our communities safe.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>

### Spelling Bee

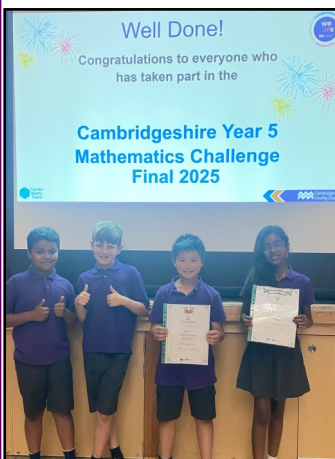
On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 4 children from KS2 (Olivia Y3, Andrea Y4, Lydia Y5 & Miriam Y6) took part in the CB23 Spelling Bee. There were many rounds including Words in a Word, Countdown, Anagrams, Definitions and the challenging Individual Spelling Round. Whilst we didn't win, the girls did very well and showed great teamwork on the day. Well done team, you should be very proud of yourselves!



### Maths Challenge

Following on from their successful heat, pupils from The Vine attended the Year 5 Maths Challenge final and competed against seven other schools from around Cambridgeshire who had also won their qualifying heat. There were rounds that tested their arithmetic, reasoning and memory skills. After a hard fought contest (in which The Vine were leading up until the final estimation round!), we ended the

contest as runners-up. A brilliant effort and congratulations to our team of superstars: Caleb, Finley, Lydia and Osman! We are proud of you!



**Reception Aspirations Week** – At the start of July the reception children welcomed in several visitors to tell them about their jobs. Coral and Ruby classes loved learning about what life was like as a scientist, as a nurse, as a hairdresser and many more. On one day children dressed up to show what they aspire to be when they are grown up, which was really special too.





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### Garden Club News

Our Garden Clubs have had a successful term despite the heat wave. We have continued to care for our potatoes and have grown Courgettes, Pumpkins, Cosmos and Marigolds from seeds to plant in the allotment. We've discussed the rising temperatures and adapted old milk bottles to provide water reservoirs for our thirsty plants. We were able to make blackcurrant and apple slushies after a very successful harvest this year. In addition to the plums, apples and pears in our orchard, we were incredibly excited that one of the apricot trees donated by pupils 10 years ago, has finally soaked up the sunshine and decided to fruit. We had a great harvest!

If you have children in key stage one, they may have told you about our Paw Patrol mission to save the plants on the playground. Inspired by reading a Paw patrol story about a giant plant, we have been weeding and watering our playground plants, and colouring in too! To reward all these children for being so kind to our plants, 'Chase' made a visit to our Summer Fete to thank us.



Year 3 held their last farmer time session last week, with a farming quiz! The pupils staff and farmers have all enjoyed this collaboration and we look forward to continuing in the new year with the new year 3s. We have learned about rare breeds, bee keeping, sheep shearing and sheepdog commands. Several pupils think they would like a career in farming, hooray!



Drawing by Bella "I loved tasting the honey and I loved seeing Badger the sheepdog"



### Goodbye Year 6 Play—Oliver Jr! by Lionel Bart Rumble Fun!

We had star characters including Oliver Twist, Fagin, Nancy, The Artful Dodger and villain, Bill Sikes. It's many songs were sung beautifully and choreographed excellently. Our top three were: Consider Yourself, Food Glorious Food and Pick a Pocket or Two. The play was performed on 21<sup>st</sup> July to participants of the play's parents. After two months of rehearsals, the Year 6s were more than ready. It turned out to be an outstanding performance in the end. The backstage were swift and the prop making and set designing impacted the performance just as much as the actors did. Five plus stars.....Written by Ashton Johannes

Year 6 have had a fabulous finale, the Oliver play, leavers service, hoodies and great fun at Rumble!





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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!

Luna, Royale, Robyn (Reception) Raya (Year 1) Leo, Georgina, Thomas, Indi (Year 2) Christopher, Harriet, Emmanuel O, Sabrina, Annika, Willow, Max, Elliah, Jude (Year 3) Zikora, Angus, Georgia, Sharada, Thomas, Elizabeth, Henry, Lukas, Elliott, Krum (Year 4) Annabelle, Esme, Inesh, Olivia, Joshua, Amelie, Evelyn, Alexandria (Year 5) Nora, Aamina, Tadi, Anu, Poppy (Year 6)

A special mention to Poppy Smith (Year 6) who leaves The Vine this summer with an overall school attendance of 98%. She approximately missed 4 days of school in 6 years. Well done Poppy!

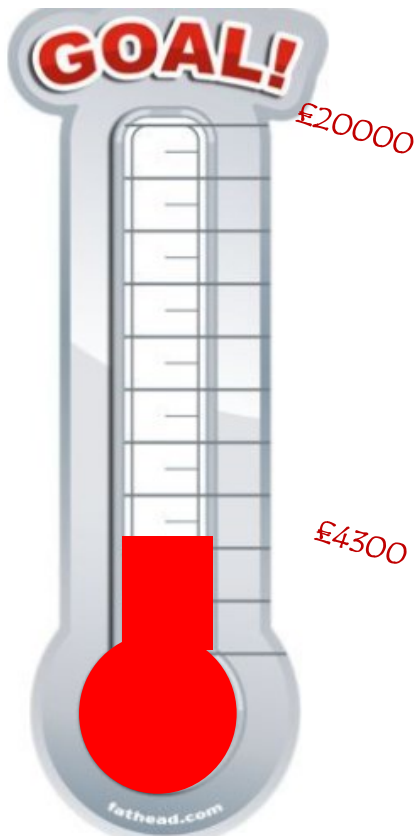
### ATTENDANCE AWARD - 2024-2025

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.8 %

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 3

CLASS WINNER - Turquoise Class

## FUNDRAISING



### 2025+ Fundraising!

Our new (and very ambitious) project for 2025 and beyond is.....a **Vine minibus!**

Whilst they are costly, we hope to raise approx. £20,000 for a minibus. This would allow us to take more children out and about around Cambridgeshire without very expensive coaches or relying so heavily on parents for trips. We would use it for our Young Carers group, our multiple Sports Teams, our School Council and more!

Let's aim for the stars Team Vine!

Really pleased to announce we have started by raising for £4300 at the fete.

### Fundraising for.....

