



OCTOBER GRAPEVINE

Happy Autumn!

Well it has felt like an 8 week half-term (both as a parent and teacher) so I hope all families take the time to reset, reenergise and revitalize before a busy Christmas period. It has been a busy and productive half-term where the children have settled brilliantly and are doing well. Here are some of my personal highlights:

- The pupils talking so excitedly about recent trips (Year 3 Wandlebury and Year 5 Careers Convention in particular)
- Finishing above Monkfield in a recent Girls Football Tournament
- Seeing how caring and interested the children were when our chicks hatched!
- The children taking so much pride in their House and doing everything they can to win House Points!
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- Making a fire with Pre-School and Mrs Bransbury in our new Forest School
- Seeing the Pupils and Teachers 'Dance Off' at our Autumn Disco
- Hearing all the lovely comments about The Vine from our new trainee teachers who are with us.
- Finishing above Monkfield in a recent Girls Football Tournament.

A special thank you to all the staff for their efforts this half term. Like mentioned, it has been busy and we have even had a fair amount of illness, but learning and progress has not been interrupted! That is a real credit to the team spirit we have.

Many thanks as well to all the parents and carers for your continued support. A particular thank you for the fundraising and time given from volunteers. The disco was a real success in particular. Apologies that we had to cap the numbers. Ultimately, it was run by staff who gave up their time which meant we had a limit in terms of health and safety of those we could supervise in a hall at one time. Rest assured, next time (and there will be one!) we will try and fit everyone in!

In the meantime, have a lovely break and Happy Diwali to those who are celebrating next week.
Mr Hynes

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*****

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

*****Closing date for applications 31st October 2024*****



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Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2024

- 28 Oct—1 Nov Half Term
- 7 Nov Y6 Hilltop 5pm
- 12 & 14 Nov Parent Consultations in school
- 20 Nov Y1 RWI Session 2:30pm
- 9-10 Dec Y2 Nativity pm
- 10-13 Dec Y6 Hilltop Trip
- 11 Dec Y1 Christmas Singing 2:30pm
- 13 Dec Christmas Movie Night
- 17 Dec EYFS Christmas Singing pm
- 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

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** have been celebrated for their determination and persevering in subjects.

Dhruv (Ruby), Oscar (Coral), Alex (Amber), Judy (Topaz), Tyler (Emerald), Ivy (Jade) Simon (Turquoise), Toby (Jasper), Aida (Sapphire), Tabitha (Moonstone), Esme (Amethyst), Isabelle (Tanzanite), Kauan (Pearl) and Nora (Opal)

Our **Courageous Advocate** this week is **Jason Arday** who we discussed in Worship this week.

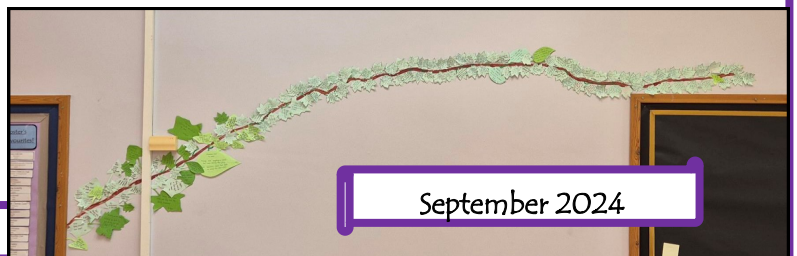
Cayla (Little Gems), Sienna (Ruby), Harper (Coral), Anderson (Amber), Miana (Topaz), Georgina (Emerald), August (Jade) Anisha (Turquoise), Isabella (Jasper), Arthur (Sapphire), Tabitha (Moonstone), Isaac (Amethyst), Somaiyah (Tanzanite), George (Pearl) and Maya (Opal)

KINDNESS VINE

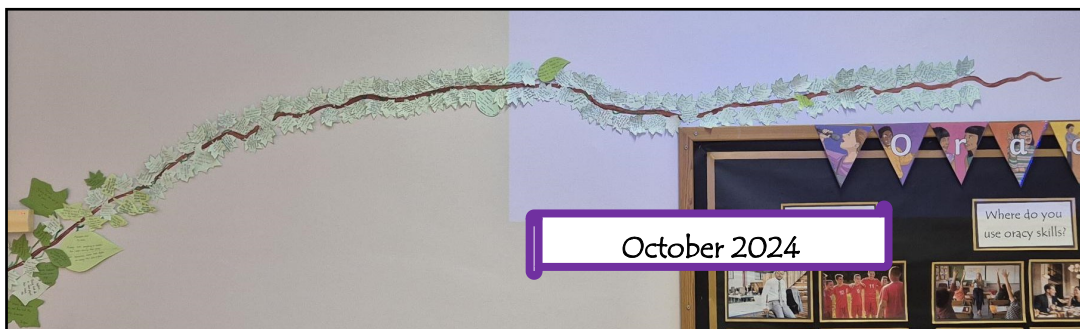
We are slowly creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated these value, has had their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'. Our Kindness Vine has grown lots this week—Leaves have grown for Ivy for looking out for a friend, Marley-Roy for sharing with a younger pupil and to Willow, Simon and Emelia for helping to sort the multilink cubes..



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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 the following pupils who reached their AR target in Autumn 1:

Eddie, Emmanuel F, Emmanuel O, Ivy and Keerthi (Y3)

Eden, Elliott, Henry, Krum, Riagan and Siya (Y4)

Ben, Emily H, Finley, Joshua Y, Pia and Yusef (Y5)

Noah (Y6)

Don't forget there's still time to reach your target! You can quiz over half term, then targets will be reset on Monday 4th November.

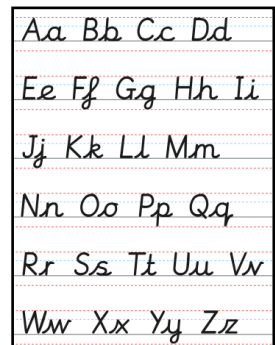
**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**
-Dr. Seuss

School Develop Priority 1

Handwriting

Our aim this year (and beyond) is to improve the writing of our pupils by the time they leave The Vine. One part of that is improving the handwriting of the pupils. As a result, we will be spending the next 6 weeks really focusing on the children's handwriting and presentation.

Below is an example of how Miss Foster (English Lead) has clarified how we expect our pupils to write here at The Vine



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SCHOOL HOUSES

Mrs Teirlinck (Art Lead) has created a wonderful opportunity for our budding artists! She has provided every child with a canvas and has asked them to draw, design, collage, paint etc their favourite book/ book character / book scene onto one.

Just a reminder

- Entries in on Tuesday 5th November
- Judged on Wednesday 6th November
- Name of artist on the canvas.



Eagle



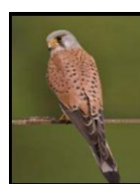
Falcon



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.

Punctuality

School starts at 8:40am

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.

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 Scholarpack App

Not yet downloaded the App?

Please contact the School Office

Please do not pass messages to the teachers
–tell the office

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.

Attendance Raffle

Starting again after half-term!
£5 gift card if you are the winner!



ATTENDANCE AWARD – WEEK 8

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 96.9%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE—96.7%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 1

CLASS WINNER – Amethyst



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Wandlebury

On a crisp October morning, Year 3 set off back in time to an Iron Age hillfort site; Wandlebury Park, near Cambridge.

Here the children learned what life might have been like for people living at the hillfort; they made examples of round houses by weaving willow to create a mini-version of the wall structure (thankfully, minus the cow-dung wattle and daub waterproofing!). They learned how these first farmers would have harvested and milled the grain to make flour. A real treat ensued when we were able to cook our own bread dough on an open fire. Another favourite activity was defending our hillfort with slingshots! This experience day really brought the ironage to life for us and enabled us to think creatively to write a holiday brochure about Wandlebury once we were back in the classroom.

"I loved baking bread on a stick. It was yummy!"

India

"The weaving was tricky to start with but I was so proud of myself." Tilly



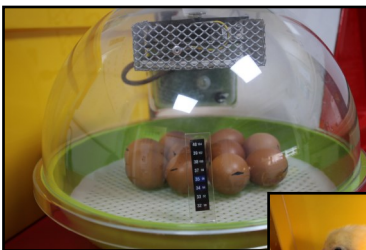
Year Four pupils planned and delivered a special Harvest Worship, along with a visit from Mr Griffiths on behalf of Jimmys night shelter. We would like to say a massive thank you to The Vine families for their generous donations to Jimmys during harvest this year. We received an



incredible amount of food and toiletry items, which the charity are so grateful for and will help to offer warm meals during the winter months. Last year Jimmys prepared over 40,000 meals and our contributions this year will enable them to continue providing this service to those experiencing homelessness.

What a fabulous whole school learning activity. We eagerly watched the eggs hatch day by day. The new fluffy bundles caused quite a stir, and when they were old enough they even visited the classrooms to inspire some extra learning. Truly egg-cellent experience for all.

Thank you to The Happy Chick Company for making this possible.





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Sporting Updates

On Monday 7th October, two teams made the trip to Cambourne Village College to represent The Vine at Netball. Each team played games against other local Primary Schools and even played each other. Both teams showed great teamwork, determination and perseverance considering this was the first time they were playing with each other.

The Vine Team A showed quick passing, moving and intercepting and soon got up to speed with each other ending the tournament undefeated and as eventual winners!

The Vine Team B showed great vision, movement and again began to work with each other playing some excellent netball. The team ended up a commendable 5th place.

It was a great afternoon of netball and all of the players should be proud of their achievements and their conduct in what was the first sporting competition of the year.

Well done to all involved.

On Wednesday 23rd October, a group of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament at Linton Village College. They played three games in the morning and considering they are a new team, played some excellent football with great passing and dribbling. They won one, drew one and narrowly lost one. This meant they were placed in Division 3 in the afternoon. They played three further games and their solid defensive game ensured they conceded only 1 goal and the attack took shape amazingly well, scoring 9 goals. Winning their three games in the afternoon resulted in them winning Division 3. An excellent result, and a thoroughly great day of football. Played 6: Won 4, Drew 1. Lost 1. Super effort to all involved.

Y5 Careers Fair

Year 5 recently attended the CB23 Careers Convention at Manor Farm, Bourn. There were several exhibitors from a variety of careers ranging from Astronomy to Air Source Heat Pump engineers and much more! The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to talk to the different providers and left the convention with some excellent ideas and inspiration for their future career pathways!"

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

World Mental Health Day
Hello Yellow Day

Thank you everyone who supported us by showing up in all your lovely yellow and those who donated. We raised £294 together.

Garden Club News

After School Club have been enjoying taking part in Gardening activities around the school grounds. Key stage 2 pupils have been learning 'Lattice weaving' to help regenerate our willow maze. We are looking forward to two projects in the winter, weaving a willow throne and learning what a 'three rod wale' is. Perhaps you know?

Key stage 1 have been helping to look after one of our flower beds by planting some new shrubs and perennials and feeding the plants with a compost mulch. After half term we will be learning about different spring bulbs and potting up purple tulips.



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FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Friday Fundraiser—Fabulous to see so many people. Raised **£368**.

Christmas Cards—Thank you for all the orders placed. We are awaiting delivery of some missing items. Hopefully they will be here soon. Look forward to letting you know the amount of commission raised.

Disco—A fabulous fun evening raised **£1295!** All proceeds will be directed towards our Forest School!

Asda—Join Cash pot for Schools Still running until the end of November.

Easyfundraising—<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thevineps>

Think about us as you start your Christmas shopping.

Christmas Film Night Friday 13th December—More information soon

We would like still like a couple of volunteers who can run the vintage uniform. It's very much needed by the local community.



WHAT'S COMING UP

Voice in a Million

Exciting news in March our Vine Voices choir will be performing at Wembley Ova Arena as part of Voice in a Million.



Remembrance

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion. After half term there will be merchandise available in school in exchange for a donation.

Year 5 will be leading worship on Monday 11th November.



Parent Consultations

Tuesday 12th November & Thursday 14th November.

A letter has been sent home. Please remember to sign up for your appointment time at the class.

Children in Need

Friday 15th November

We will all be SPOTACULAR! Wear an item of spotty clothes or a spotty accessory or be totally SPOTACULAR.

Fun activities throughout the day too. Donations through ParentPay—link coming soon.

