



SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE

The Start of the Term

We've had a great start to the academic year! We are spending this half-term really focusing on behaviour across The Vine and it has been brilliant to see that the school is calm, purposeful, and filled with engaged learners. Our new Reception and Pre-School children have settled in wonderfully, and there's a real sense of excitement across the school.

New Chair of Governors

Congratulations to Tim Smith, who has been elected as our new Chair of Governors. Tim joined The Vine last academic year and brings a wealth of experience in primary education to this role. Many thanks to Dan Rainbow for his 5 years of service as a Chair. Dan is staying on as a governor and I give my personal thanks for his support over the last year.

Support Team

Welcome (back) to Mrs Lee (Year 2) and Mrs Bate (Year 4) who have joined The Vine Family. Both have hit the ground running and are providing great support to the children. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Lee (Year 6 and academic mentor) who has provided The Vine pupils with 10 years of dedication, care and commitment. Mrs Lee will be leaving us at the end of October and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

School Development Priorities

Whilst a good school constantly 'spins all the plates', we recognise we need to move the school forward in specific areas as well. Please take the time to read our 4 areas of improvement this academic year. We will be sharing greater detail in each area over the next month or so.

SDP Target 1 – To increase the % of pupils reaching ARE in writing by the end of KS2.

SDP Target 2 – To provide greater clarity in the sequencing of the foundation subjects across the school.

SDP Target 3 – To develop all pupil's independence when learning, especially for pupils with SEND

SDP Target 4 – to improve the personal development of every child by establishing Forest school / Oracy

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

- 2 Oct EYFS Stay and Play 2pm
- 3 Oct Harvest Festival—Jimmys
- 8 Oct Y5 Careers Convention
- 9 Oct Y3 Wandlebury
- 10 Oct Hello Yellow Day
- 18 Oct Non uniform / Disco
- 28 Oct—1 Nov Half Term
- 12 & 14 Nov Parent Consultations
- 10-13 Dec Y6 Hilltop Trip
- 20 Dec Autumn Term Ends

Spring Term 2025

- 6 Jan Spring term Starts
- 17—21 Feb Half Term
- 4 April Spring Term Ends

Summer Term 2025

- 22 April Summer Term Starts

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** have been celebrated for showing enthusiasm about religion

Felix (Little Gems), Gabrielle (Ruby), Dylan (Coral), Danyil (Amber), Kayan (Topaz), Ryan (Emerald), Tyler (Jade) Gustavo (Turquoise), Sabrina (Jasper), Mia (Sapphire), Joanna (Moonstone), Abeer (Amethyst), Leon (Tanzanite), Krishnan (Pearl) and Noah (Opal)

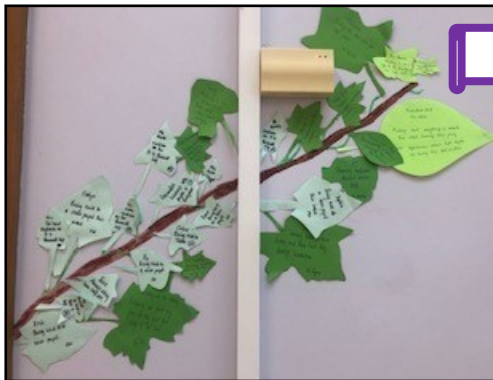
Our **Courageous Advocates** have embodied the core virtues of Betty Campbell who we discussed in Worship this week.

Lydia (Ruby), Holly (Coral), Theo (Amber), Victor (Topaz), Oscar (Emerald), Sofia (Jade) Emelia (Turquoise), Sanaya (Jasper), Elizabeth (Sapphire), Minsa (Moonstone), Abeer (Amethyst), Olivia (Tanzanite), Aaditya (Pearl) and Hafsa (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'.

It's been a year! Let's see how it's grown over the last twelve months!



September 2023

September 2024



ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 4

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 96.9%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY ATTENDANCE—96.2%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 1

CLASS WINNER - Ruby / Amber



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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 have reached their Autumn 1 target this week:

Bella, Christopher, Elliah, Gustavo, India G, India J, Lucy, Marcelina, Max, Nathaniel, Noah, Olivia, Rayan, Reyaansh, Scarlett-Ava and William (Y3)

Anaya, Arthur, Avah and Minsa (Y4)

Abeer, Aya, Emilia, Esme C, Leon T, Lydia, Ralph and Sophia (Y5)

Jack G, Poppy and Vaishnavi (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



Building updates

We have a waterproof roof! After years of water damage in our Early Years classroom, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms we are nice and dry. Just in time too!

Thank you for patience and understanding over the past 24 weeks—especially with different drop off and pick up points for those year groups. It's lovely to see the pupils in those particular classrooms able to access every corner of their environments!

Our next project is to ensure we have a wonderful inclusion space in the school. Miss Coe (SENDco) will be sharing these plans over the next few months. They will include a revamp to our courtyard space.

SCHOOL HOUSES

Please see below for our expectation around 'How to earn House Points' here at The Vine. The pupils have loved earning their tokens and are excited to see who wins at the end of the term. So far Hawks, Harriers and Eagles have won.

| House Point Rewards | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 House Point | Work of good quality Work well presented Good effort during learning |
| | Walking calmly and quietly around school |
| | Visibly demonstrating our school values |
| 2 House Points | Work above expected quality for that pupil Work exceptionally well presented Exceptional effort during a lesson |
| 3 House Points | Above and Beyond in work or effort within a lesson. |



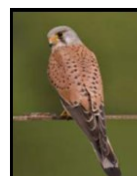
Eagle



Falcon



Harrier



Hawk



Kestrel



Kite



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Forest School—SO IT BEGINS!

It has been a fantastic few weeks with Mrs Bransbury's Forest School. Pre-School and Reception have been having an incredible time learning about nature, taking risks and even lighting fires!

During lunchtime, Mrs Bransbury also has an invitation only group to learn the way of the woods... This includes tree climbing, rope balancing and tree swinging.

Our fundraising from last term and the remainder of this year is all going towards enhancing this provision. We aim to roll this out to every pupil across the school as soon as possible.





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Garden Club have been enjoying one of the best times of year in the allotment - Harvest time. This year we managed to grow sweetcorn, tomatoes and courgettes and the pupils couldn't believe how much their plants had grown over the summer holidays. There was also an abundance of pears in the orchard which After School club have enjoyed picking. Unlike pears you can buy in the shops, pupils commented that our Vine school pears were all different shapes and sizes, but they were all delicious.



WHAT'S COMING UP

Harvest Festival—3rd October

Our Harvest worship is being organised by Year 4. We will be collecting items to donate to Jimmy's Cambridge. Please bring your donation to school from Monday 30th September. A full list of suitable items will be sent home.



What came first the chicken or the egg?

On Monday 30th September, we have a batch of 10 eggs being delivered!

We look forward to seeing them hatch and grow into some lovely chicks.

The children will have the opportunity to watch them hatch and they will go on a journey to each class when they do.



It's an eggcellent opportunity to understand life cycles and how our food grows. We hope to keep 6 chickens permanently here at The Vine as well!

Friday 18th October

Non uniform Day and Disco

Reception and Year 1 3-3:45pm

Years 2, 3 and 4 4-4:45pm

Years 5 and 6 5-5:45pm

More information and live on

ParentPay Monday 30th

September 6pm



World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10th October

We are joining people across the country who are coming together wearing Yellow on World Mental Health Day, showing young people they are not alone.

Donate here – [The Vine School is fundraising on behalf of Young-Minds \(socialsync.app\)](https://socialsync.app)