



SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE

The Start of the Term

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter where we share all the things that have been happening over the past month.

I have been really pleased with how quickly our pupils have settled into the daily routines. We have focused on the basics these last few weeks—routines, expectations, rules, handwriting, uniform etc and the children have responded very well.

I am looking forward to our new additions to The Vine—our chicks, which arrived at the beginning of the week. We successfully hatched 10 eggs and the children will get an opportunity to see/discuss/hold them next week as well. We will be asking the pupils to name the chicks, following on from our first chick to hatch—Princess Layer.

We have had several House Worship as well—with the houses already looking to see who will be the winner of the first House Competition of the Year—our House Poetry Competition. This is an excellent opportunity to focus on Oracy at The Vine, whilst also celebrating National Poetry Day.

Congratulations to the pupils who have been selected for a Leadership Role within the school. Our Head Pupils, Prefects, Librarians and now—School Council—are integral to shaping the future of The Vine and I look forward to seeing what ideas they have.

We are also excited to partner up with Cambridgeshire Music more closely as our Year 4 pupils are all learning the clarinet in school. This will only strengthen our music offer further at The Vine and I look forward to hearing the music flow!

Riddle of the Week

I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I? See Mr Hynes or Mrs Kenny for our answer....

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Reception September 2026 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 until Christmas

*****Closing date for applications 15th January 2026*****

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

*****Closing date for applications 31st October 2025*****



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Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2025

- 30 Sept Y4 Harvest—Jimmys.
- 1 Oct Y3 Wandlebury
- 10 Oct Hello Yellow Day
- 14 Oct EYFS Stay and Play 2pm
- 15—17 Oct Y4 Burwell Residential
- 16 Oct Y5/6 Careers Convention
- 22 Oct Y6 Hilltop Meeting 5pm
- 27—31 Oct Half Term
- 9 -11 Dec Y6 Hilltop
- 19 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2026

- 5 Jan SpringTerm 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

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** this week are:

Luna (Amber), Kiara (Topaz), Judy (Emerald), Danai (Jade) Eddie (Turquoise), Mariia (Jasper), Simon (Sapphire), Issac (Moonstone), James (Amethyst), Bradley R (Tanzanite), Somaiyah (Pearl) and Nina (Opal)

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

Frida (Little Gems), Mariam (Ruby), Tommy M (Coral), Isaiah (Amber), Ryleigh (Topaz), Mia (Emerald), Joseph (Jade) Asra (Turquoise), Zara (Jasper), Harriet (Sapphire), Toby (Moonstone), Pippa (Amethyst), Joanna (Tanzanite), Swara (Pearl) and Erin (Opal)

KINDNESS VINE

We are creating a culture of kindness throughout The Vine. Each week, children who have demonstrated this value, has their name written on one of our 'kindness leaves'.



Our Kindness Vine has grown lots over the last two years! This week leaves have grown for Ivy for lending Anisha her coat as she was cold, Tilly-Mai for helping Year 3 with their learning, Charlotte for lending her coat to Mia as she was cold, Miriam, Indi & Isla for including others in their play.

Elizabeth for helping with PE equipment in breaktime. Mrs Bate for her support—Thank you—Jasper Class. Mrs McKnight for helping in Y3 this week. All our TA's (It's National TA Day! for supporting and caring pupils and teachers.



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September 2024



September 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 the following Pupils who have reached their target in Autumn 1:

Kayan (Y2)

Georgina and Robert (Y3)

Eddie, Elliah, Idris, Izzy, Max, Roshan, Sanaya, Toby and Vihaan (Y4)

Avah, Charlotte, Henry, Mia, Tabitha and Thanvi (Y5)

Alexandria, Annabelle, Chloe, Osman, Swara and Yeva (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



The Golden Table

As we continually look to ensure school funds are spent on enhancing their learning, we are looking to acknowledge and reward the pupils who look after the school.

As a result, we have introduced the Golden Table. Once a month, teachers select one child from their class who really respects the school property (pens, pencils, books, ipads, etc).

Congratulations to Nia, Ishaan, Lewis, Luca, Oliver, Kayan, Dhruv, Georgina, Indi, Sanaya, Harriet, Evie, Eloise, Jacob and Finley—you will be joining the Leadership Team for a spot of afternoon tea on Tuesday 30th September!

SCHOOL HOUSES

House Performance Poetry competition

On the 2nd October, it is National Poetry Day.

It is a day to celebrate and enjoy all the wonderful poems written by poets across our country and beyond! To mark National Poetry Day, our first house competition this year, the pupils will be performing a poem. This also links really well to our vision of developing pupil's oracy skills.

How to Enter

1. Pupils select a poem of their choice to perform. They can perform the whole poem or part of it.
2. The aim is to learn the poem off by heart as this will help you to perform well, but if they need it in front of them, that's ok too!
3. In two weeks (7th October), pupils will perform to their house. Each house will select one person to perform their poem in the final on 14th October.

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.

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 Arbor App

Not yet downloaded the App?

Please contact the School Office

Please do not pass absence messages to the teachers –tell the **office**.

Monitoring Attendance

Mr Johnson is the Attendance Champion for our school. He, alongside the attendance officer, will monitor the attendance and punctuality of every child. They will work alongside teachers and parent/carers when attendance is causing a concern.

Punctuality

Learning starts at 8:40am. Phonics at 8:45am
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.

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 AWARD – WEEK 4

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 95.6%

YEAR GROUP WINNER—Year 4

CLASS WINNER – Moonstone Class



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Garden Club News

Garden club have been enjoying a very successful harvest this year. Reception pupils enjoyed harvesting our potatoes. We sorted the potatoes into different sizes and will be making an entry to the Gransden show which takes place on 27th September. Our entry will be displayed in the produce tent, please do come along to support us (children under 11 go free). After school club children were very excited to start our carrot harvest last week. As in other orchards around the country, we seem to have had a particularly good harvest of apples and pears this year. We have enjoyed hearing about all the delicious dishes you have created with them at home. If you bought plants at our sale in the spring we would love to see your photos in our gallery next month, please send them in to the office.

gransdenshow.org.uk/Gransden_Show/tickets---live.html

Welcome Barney

We are excited to introduce you to our newest member of The Vine Family, Barney the Toy Cockapoo. Barney, a gentle and affectionate puppy, has joined us as part of our commitment to supporting children's emotional wellbeing and learning needs.

Research and experience have shown that therapy and school dogs can have a positive impact on students by reducing anxiety, building confidence, and encouraging a calm, nurturing environment.



Keeping in touch

Arbor Updates

Please join the Arbor portal if you haven't already. This is now being used for messaging, payments etc. Hopefully emails are starting to come to your inboxes without going to junk- apologies this should now be resolved.

Website—Apologies the website has been down for a few days this week. Hopefully very soon you will see that we have a new website. The changeover has taken longer than anticipated.

Socials—Join us on Instagram @thevineprimary

Fowl News

I'm sure many of your children will have already told you, but on Monday, September 22nd, we welcomed 10 eggs to the school. Within four days, we have had 10 successful hatches and next week we look forward to sharing these chicks with the pupils as well as naming them. We already have Henrietta and Princess Layer, but what will the others be called? Hen Solo? Cluck Norris? Chick Jagger? Time will tell...

This year we hope to keep some of the hens in order to allow our pupils to learn more about the husbandry of caring for chickens, including how to clean their coops, prepare their feed, and ensure they get fed and have all the necessary additional nutrients to stay healthy and produce lovely-tasting eggs!

At the weekends and holidays, we hope the chickens will be looked after by our staff and parents, and so, if you are interested in helping us support this community endeavour, please just give the office a ring and we will start a rota!





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WHAT 'S COMING UP

Parent Engagement Dates

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10 Oct	Hello Yellow Day—please donate online—link below
14 Oct	EYFS Stay and Play 2pm
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16 Oct	Y5/6 Careers Convention
22 Oct	Y6 Hilltop Meeting 5pm
24 Oct	Break the Rules Day
27—31 Oct	Half Term
6 Nov	Photo Day
10—14 Nov	Parent Consultations—in person
14 Nov	Children In Need
26 Nov—3 Dec	Winter Book Fair
8—11 Dec	Y5 Bikeability
9 –11 Dec	Y6 Hilltop
10 Dec	EYFS Choral Nativity
11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec	Year 1/2 Nativity
17 Dec	KS2 Y 3 / 4 / 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert
18 Dec	Christmas Disco
19 Dec	Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Dates for diary—more details and times will be confirmed soon

Year 4 Harvest—Tuesday 30th September

Once again we will welcome Jimmy's into school for our Harvest Worship. It would be fantastic if we could send them away with a van full of donations.

Thank you for the donations already brought into school. Full list of suggested donations attached to today's email.



World Mental Health Day – Friday 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 – <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/TheVine/hello-yellow>

