



OCTOBER GRAPEVINE

Happy Autumn!

As we head into the winter months, it is tempting to let the gloomy weather sometimes dampen our spirits, but I have been so impressed with our pupils this half-term. There is a real buzz at The Vine and the staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure pupils are happy and learning. Most importantly, in that order. Here are some of my personal highlights from the last eight weeks:

- Seeing a sea of yellow on World Mental Health Day
- Being in awe by the total generosity of our parents and carers donations at Harvest.
- The Year 3 pupils talking about their learning at Wandlebury
- The Year 4 pupils talking about their time at Burwell
- The engagement of our EYFS parents during a recent stay and play.
- Finishing above Jeavons School in a recent Girls Football Tournament
- Naming our five new chicks!
- Eagle House celebrating their Summer Term Victory
- The Year 5 pupils talking about life after school following their Career Convention
- Hearing the beginnings of greatness from our Year 4 pupils when learning the clarinet.

A special thank you to all the staff for their efforts this half term. They go above and beyond on a day to day basis for the pupils and it does not go unnoticed.

Many thanks as well to all the parents and carers for your continued support. We remain suitably ambitious in our target to fundraise towards a school minibus and our Break The Rules Day will be followed up with a Christmas Disco in the next half-term. Any volunteers who can help run this event would be greatly appreciated, please make contact with the school office.

Lastly, I would like to wish a very happy Diwali to those families who celebrated on Monday.

Have a lovely break,

Mr Hynes

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

22 Oct Y6 Hilltop Meeting 5pm
 27—31 Oct Half Term
 6 Nov Photo Day
 11-13 Nov Parent Consultations in person
 14 Nov Children in Need
 26 Nov—3 Dec Winter Book Fair
 8—11 Dec Y5 Bikeability
 9 -12 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:

Harper (Amber), Olivia-Mae (Topaz), Eva (Emerald), Ruby (Jade) Indi (Turquoise), Benji (Jasper), Nathaniel (Sapphire), Ivy (Moonstone), Elizabeth (Amethyst), Alana (Tanzanite), Talen (Pearl) and Amelie (Opal)

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

Tommy (Ruby), Ilias (Coral), Lindi (Amber), Oscar (Topaz), Frankie (Emerald), Victor (Jade), Eddie (Turquoise), Mia (Jasper), Annika (Sapphire), Lily (Moonstone), Zikora (Amethyst), Eden (Tanzanite), Olivia (Pearl) and Karley (Opal)

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 8

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE—95.9%

YEAR GROUP WINNER—Year 3

CLASS WINNER - Turquoise

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 Zikora for helping an



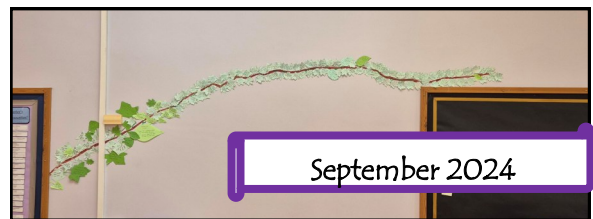
September 2023

injured friend and then checking they were ok.

Willow and Bella for playing with a child who was on their own.

Thanvhi, Joanna,

Zainab and Sharada



September 2024

for neat handwriting. Alfie for showing kindness

to others in forest school.

Kiaan, you are always so polite



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and respectful to adults and peers.

Wonderfully flexible staff- stepping in to do duties, worship, assist with behaviour etc.





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READING @ THE VINE

Accelerated Reader Update

A huge well done to everyone who has reached their Autumn 1 target - keep up the reading! The pupils who have been awarded their certificates this week are:



Danyil and Jack (Y2) Asra, Holly, Isla and Miriam (Y3) India G, Isabella, Julia and Marcelina (Y4) Andrea, Angus, Aon, Bradley A, Dominic, Elizabeth, Georgia, Lola and Seb (Y5) Damon, Jasmine and Maamun (Y6)

Plus a huge shout-out to Ellie (Y4), Amelia and George G (Y6) who have achieved an amazing **1000%** of their target this half term!! Don't forget that you still have until the last Sunday of the half term holiday to reach your target, so it's not too late. I wonder which class

will be the first class to have everyone reach their target...

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

Vine Values

We fulfil our vision through living our values and last week our Year 3 pupils 'refreshed' our values board in our entrance foyer. We used a book—'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' as inspiration for our board.



SCHOOL HOUSES

Well done to Eagle house who had a great time at their treat afternoon at Everyone Active. They were our house point winners in the Summer Term.

House Performance Poetry Competition

Congratulations to our winner.

Joanna—Kestrel house winning 15 house points and a poetry book.

2nd place—Ralph—Kite house

Zora—Harrier house



Eagle



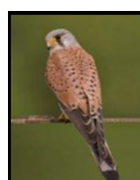
Falcon



Harrier



Hawk



Kestrel



Kite





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SO PROUD...

Following on from the England women's successes at Euro 2025, our Vine Girls (Year 5 and 6) did us proud at the South Cambs ESFA cup where they narrowly missed out on the county finals spot. They did brilliantly to go into the top division following 3 wins in their opening pool and then put themselves in prime position with another win and a draw in the next two games. Unfortunately, we just ran out of steam in our final game against bitter rivals Monkfield. The Vine finished 3rd out of 16 teams having lost only 1 game the whole tournament. An incredible achievement - well done to you all!

Mr Hynes



REPORT BY CHLOE

A team of Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Linton Village College to compete in a girl's football tournament. There were 16 school teams including The Vine competing and the games were 6 minutes each half.

Vine team - Esme C, Esme H, Jess and Erin CH, Holly B, Isabelle, A, Evie N, Chloe B and Talen A.

Game 1: Won 4-0

Game 2: Won 2-0

Game 3: Won 2-1

At this point, we were put into the top division against the best teams, and it got a bit tougher.

Game 4: Won 2-0 against Linton

Game 5: Drew 2-2 against Histon (eventual winners)

Game 6: Lost 5-1 against Monkfield.

Final positions:

1 - Histon

2 - Monkfield

3 - The Vine

Overall, it was an excellent tournament, all the girls had great fun and they played fantastically.

Chickens Update

We can't wait to be out in our new coop and run in the sunshine. We would still like more helpers to look after them at weekends and holidays. Can you help? Thank you to the staff who have been looking after them at weekends so far!





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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Year 3—Wandlebury The excitement started as soon as we left school, heading off on a double decker coach to Wandlebury Country Park. We were transported back in time to the Iron Age period. We loved adventuring around the site, collecting stickers as we learned all about the hillfort which stood on the site all those years ago.

In order to experience a bit of prehistoric life, we learned how to build a round house, by willow weaving our own small panel. We needed to work together as it was tricky, but worth the effort!

We ground corn into flour and then cooked dough on a stick over a fire – delicious!

We also tried out using slingshots which would have been how Iron Age people hunted their meat. (We used tennis balls, and it was a lot harder than it looked to use!)

We were so proud of the children for their engagement in such exciting outdoor learning and we hope it will help inspire them later in the term when they come to write a holiday brochure for Iron Age travellers.

"I loved eating the bread because it was very yummy"

"I learnt to weave with willow. I was very happy with my finished wall"

"My favourite part was doing the slingshot. It would have been tricky to kill animals that way in the Iron Age"

"I learned there was no electricity in the Iron Age. They kept warm by making fires."

"I learned that archaeologists found bones at Wandlebury!" "That was the best school trip ever!"



Y5 Careers Convention

On Thursday 16th October, Year 5 walked over to Cambourne Village College for the annual CB23 Careers Convention. The main aim of the event was to introduce the children to a range of career options, helping them to make connections between learning and their future careers whilst they are still in primary school. Our Year 5s had lots of fun talking to the exhibitors which ranged from conservation to town planning, IT to medical physics and lots in between. "I really enjoyed the event and I found out lots about a variety of different jobs." – Joanna

"I recommend going to the careers convention. I went with some particular jobs in mind, but the event helped me to understand more about a range of jobs and what they involve." – Rayyan

Burwell



They had a **FANTASTIC** time



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

First Aid

We were joined by a volunteer, Rob, from the East Anglian Air Ambulance, who gave our Year 4 pupils some fundamental, life-saving CPR / AED training. We learnt about the vital work that the EAAA do, how to give CPR by following the DRS ABC (Danger, Response, Shout for help, Airway, Breathing, CPR) protocol, and how to use a defibrillator in the case of an emergency. We practised our skills on dummies and our teddies, which was a great way to apply the knowledge we had been taught in a safe way. Thanks for your help, Rob, and the rest of the EAAA volunteers who regularly provide free training for all!



A Crispy-Clean Message on Recycling!

This week, our school was delighted to welcome Mr. Crisp from Cambridgeshire Recycling for a special visit. He brought a fun and interactive workshop to our Reception and Year 2 classes, where they learned all about recycling and sustainability through engaging activities.

Later, Mr. Crisp shared his important message on managing waste with the entire school during a whole-school assembly. He inspired all of us to be more mindful of our waste and how we can make a difference. We hope our students will take what they learned and share these valuable lessons with their families, turning waste management into a fun game at home!

Prize winning Potatoes for Garden Club

Garden Club have some exciting news to report, having entered the Gransden show at the end of September, we were thrilled to receive third prize for our set of 6 potatoes.

Many of our pupils purchased plants at our Garden Club plant sale in the spring. We were amazed to see how much they have grown in the hands of our green fingers gardeners! Feedback included.....Prodigious pumpkins, Countless courgettes and Tasty tomatoes - perhaps

some of our pupils will be making their own entries at the Gransden show next year?





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WHAT'S COMING UP

Parent Engagement Dates Autumn Term 2025

27—31 Oct	Half Term
6 Nov	School Photo Day
11—13 Nov	Parent Consultations—in person. Book on Arbor
14 Nov	Children In Need
26 Nov—3 Dec	Winter Book Fair
8—11 Dec	Y5 Bikeability
9 -12 Dec	Y6 Hilltop
8/9 Dec	Year 1/2 Nativity—please note change of date
10 Dec	EYFS Choral Nativity
11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 Dec	Christmas Dinner
17 Dec	KS2 Y 3 / 4 / 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert
18 Dec	Christmas Disco—after school
19 Dec	Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

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

Young Artist Competition

See flyer attached with all the details. Get drawing, painting and be creative over half term.



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 Tuesday 11th November.



Thank you for helping us support World Mental Health Day with Young Minds. Together we raised **£479**



Thank you for all of your plastic bottle donations, Year 5 have been busy turning them into poppies to line the parade route for Remembrance Sunday.



Children in Need
Friday 14th November
Challenge yourself to 25.....



Watch this space for news on our Challenge 25!
Cash donations to us or directly to Children in Need

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 11th November, Wednesday 12th November & Thursday 13th November.
Please book your appointment slot on Arbor.