



NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE

Dear Families,

We've had a great start to the new half term! November was all about School tours for Reception 2026- we have already welcomed over 30 families. Many are visiting from outside Cambourne as well, thanks to your recommendations—thank you for spreading the word! It was lovely to see so many parents at our parent consultations. Thank you for so many wonderful comments about the school and staff.

Together with our Governors, we've finalised our School Development Plan. While The Vine is strong in lots of area, we are always looking to grow and move forward. Please see further in the newsletter to see some of our development areas.

Again, we recognise it is a really busy time of year so we have tried to streamline key events over the rest of term. Please take a moment to jot down all key dates!

A special message to say well done and thank you for all your commitment to the Beat The Street Challenge. The Vine won out of all the schools in Cambourne and it was spear-headed by some incredible efforts by Esme C, Mrs Richards and Mrs McKnight. I'm sorry I couldn't be there at the awards, but thank you so much for your excellent efforts (and the enormous trophy which is pride of place in our Reception).

Since the beginning of the year, we have also been holding a 'Golden Table' each month based around our values. Teachers choose children who have demonstrated patience, kindness or respect for our property and it has been an absolute delight having a cup of tea, biscuit and chocolate bar with your children so far. We have used the opportunity to discuss what is working at The Vine and what we can improve. It is from one of these conversations that we have run with our next exciting House Competition!

As we head into December, please remember to stay safe, wrap up warm and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Christmas events.

Kind regards, 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*****



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Summary of School Development Priorities

Leadership and Management

Budget Management

Ensure the school continues to run efficiently and remains successful in a time of financial constraints.

Leaders

Continue to develop our leaders through regular updates and training (external and internal)

MIS

Ensure our new MIS (Arbor) is embedded across the school to ensure effective record keeping and communication between school and home.

Teaching

Vocabulary

Highlighting (through our progression and explicitly teaching lessons

Adaptive teaching

Adapting teaching for all learning in the classroom. Evidenced in planning and classroom practice.

Oracy

Embedding in classrooms, curriculum and Worship.

Behaviour, Personal Development and Wellbeing

Personal Development Program

Develop a PDP to reflect our school values and provide enriching opportunities to all our pupils.

Wellbeing

Maximise staff wellbeing through staff voice, wellbeing initiatives and further mental health leads to ensure low retention

Behaviour

Continue to reduce suspensions across the school through a consistent approach to managing challenging behaviour.

Inclusion

-Develop a robust and effective curriculum and assessment framework for all pupils in our enhanced provision.

-Develop our intervention strategies and assessment practices across the school to ensure pupils maximise progress.

-Develop inclusive practices across school. E.g. (ADPRs)

Curriculum

Curriculum Subjects

Maintain a consistently high-quality curriculum, across all subjects, with a particular focus on:

Writing

Maths

Phonics

Develop our foundational curriculum to include Big Words, Big Ideas, Big Knowledge and Big Question

Attendance

Maintain high standards of attendance (at least 95%) across The Vine and provide targeted support to families where necessary

Attendance Lead

Successfully induct a new attendance Lead (WJ) and establish a strategic approach to attendance across the school.

Early Years

Continue to create a child-centered environment that is rich in play and sensory experience. This will be achieved through the following:

Environment

- **Outdoor learning:**
- **Indoor environment:**
- **Quality and purposeful Interactions**

Improve adult-child communication, utilizing the SHREC approach (Share attention Respond, Expand, Conversation) and the "comment more, question less" principle.

Achievement

High outcomes

Strengthen our KS2 outcomes in line with national and above.

Progress

Ensure all pupils make good progress from their starting points.

Assessment

Develop a robust and effective assessment program across the school to outcome and progress and be tracked accurately.



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Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2025

- 26 Nov—3 Dec Winter Book Fair
- 8–11 Dec Y5 Bikeability
- 9–11 Dec Y6 Hilltop
- 8/9 Dec Y1/2 Nativity 2pm
- 10 Dec EYFS Choral Nativity 2pm
- 11 Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- 16 Dec Christmas Dinner
- 17 Dec KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2pm
- 18 Dec Christmas Disco—after school
- 18 Dec Pre-School last day.
- 19 Dec Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm

Spring Term 2026

- 5 Jan Spring Term Starts
- 16—20 Feb Half Term
- 27 March Spring Term Ends 1:30pm
- 25 May—5 June Half Term
- 21 July Summer Term Ends 1:30pm

The school is closed on staff development

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Our **Lead Learners** this week are:

Oliver (Amber), Aaron (Topaz), Frankie (Emerald), Oakley (Jade), Alfie (Turquoise), Dexter (Jasper), Emmanuel F (Sapphire), Iris (Moonstone), Roseanna-Marie (Amethyst), Ameen (Tanzanite), Jessica (Pearl) and Dervis (Opal)

Friday footsteps

Hawk, Eagle 30 points—Kite 10 points.

ATTENDANCE AWARD - WEEK 12

WHOLE SCHOOL YEARLY ATTENDANCE— 96%

YEAR GROUP WINNER— Year 6

CLASS WINNER - 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 Harper who helped me



write snow in phonics
-Robyn. Mrs
Grimshaw for helping
the site team by
sorting and tidying
up after a timer



September 2023

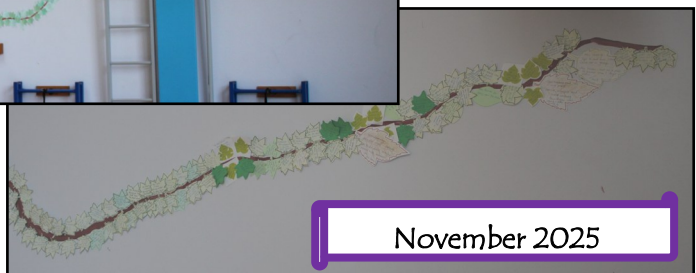


September 2024

broke outside year 4.



September 2025



November 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 reached their AR target in Autumn 2:



Danyil and Kayan (Y2)

Holly B (Y3)

Çatılın-Rae, Evie, India G, Lily, Rosie, Sanaya and Scarlett-Ava (Y4)

Layla and Owen (Y5)

Erin, Evelyn, Osman and Yusef (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



Thank you

We are so grateful for all the books donations we have been given recently; it's brilliant for the children to have new books to enjoy. Our current focus is Dork Diaries - these books won't be on the shelves for long! Check out our display in the foyer to see what's new in and help yourself if you fancy reading any of our featured books.

SCHOOL HOUSES

HOUSE BAKING

We will be holding a House Baking Competition for Autumn 2. Pupils (if they want to) can bake some cookies, cake, muffins etc over the weekend of 13th and 14th December to be judged on Monday 15th December. We will be introducing it to the children on Week Beginning 8th December so more information will be following soon...



Thank you to Julia K (Moonstone) for this idea!

Eagle



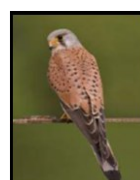
Falcon



Harrier



Hawk



Kestrel



Kite





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FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Fundraising for....

Fete—July 2025—**£4,300**



Break the Rules Day—enjoyed by all. Raised **£578**

Christmas Cards—Thank you for all the orders placed. The shop is open again until 1st December. Commission so far **£467**.



Always available—Reminders

Easy fundraising—such an easy way to raise funds

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

Vintage Uniform—items available on the rail in the office—thank you to Mrs Charlton for helping us sort out the donations. We have raised £95 since September.

Coming up

Christmas Disco—Have you booked your tickets yet? Please book on Arbor.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be sold at our Christmas events—Y1 / 2 Nativity, EYFS Choral Nativity and the KS2 Carol Concert. Cash only £1 a ticket.

Look forward to more sponsored events, the Holi Festival Colour Run and our main event of the year—Summer Fete—Friday 10th July.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or would like to get involved with helping organising and running our events do let us know. We will need our parents to help us at the Summer Fete. Pop into the office and talk to Mrs Beedle.



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Remembrance at The Vine

In Year 5, we have been learning lots about poppies and what they symbolise in preparation for Remembrance Day. In recent weeks, we have been making clay poppies which included sculpting, painting and glazing them. We also have helped the Cam-bourne community by making recycled poppies out of plastic bottles to line the remembrance parade. Additionally, we met a real army veteran who talked about her experience in more recent wars (Iraq) and helped us to understand the importance of our military services. By selling poppies for the Royal British Legion in our school, we have helped to raise money for the veterans who have served in previous wars.



On Tuesday 11th November, Year 5 led the Remembrance worship in school where we focused on the theme of the brilliant animals who helped us through WWI and WWII. Did you know they have their own purple poppy to symbolise the work that they did?

All of this learning has helped us to understand more about our Global Value of Conflict and Peace, and about our Courageous Advocate, Anne Frank. We now understand the importance of honouring the people who died in the wars to make sure they are not forgotten. Anne Frank once said, 'Think of all the beauty still around you and be happy.' This means even though there are still wars taking place today, we should never give up on the hope of peace and let the light shine through the darkness.

Written by Joanna and Andrea, Y5

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year, you raised an amazing £380.93. Well done for a fantastic result!

Kelly, a Vine parent who came in to talk to year 5 is running the London Marathon for the Royal British Legion. We wish her well, please support her. Thank you.

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kelly-hall>

Wimpole Cross Country Competition

On a relatively settled November morning, 47 pupils from across Key Stage 2 took part in a school Cross Country Competition. Each of the 8 races was run over 1600 metres with around 130 pupils in every race. All the pupils were excited to be taking part and all put in a great effort whilst representing the school. With the amazing backdrop of Wimpole Hall, there were some excellent results. Most notable of these were 6th place finishes for Holly (Y3) and Gustavo (Y4) and an 11th place finish for George (Y6). A notable 3rd place finish for the girls in the Y3 competition was excellent. Many other pupils finished in the top 40 and all put maximum effort in. A huge well done to all those runners involved. You should be proud of what you accomplished.





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Children In Need—Challenge 25



Turquoise class –25 seconds to pick up as many paper clips with a magnet as you can!

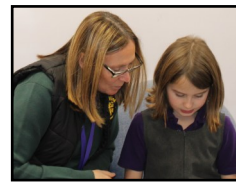
Lots of different challenges took place for children In Need, jumping, dancing, times tables, reading, counting in French, exercises, singing and more dancing.....



The office team read with 25 pupils—not our usual day job—but was lovely!



Looking great in your Pudsey ears Year 1!



Year Five enjoyed an evening visit from the St Neots Astronomy Association this month. Telescopes were set up on the Vine School playground for some star-gazing fun. Although it was a cloudy evening, we did manage to see the moon and enjoyed learning all about the Solar System during the presentation.



Vine Green Team

The DfE's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy sets an ambitious target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 75% by 2037 across all education settings. With this in mind, our staff and pupils are eager to create a greener, sustainable Vine School

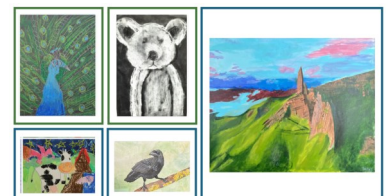
We now have a Vine Green Team made up of staff and pupils. We will work together next term to assess what impact we currently make with our carbon footprint and come up with a realistic yet ambitious action plan to reduce this. We would love to hear from any parents who have expertise in this field or a passion to get on board and help us in our mission.



Have you seen our new scooter pod installed over half term?



Young Artists Competition (ASHYAC) – enter by **Friday 5th December**, please ensure the name of the pupil is on the **back of the artwork** and not the front. Pupils are welcome to enter finished artworks which were completed at school during an art lesson. There is no set theme for the competition; artwork can be on paper or canvas (maximum size A3). Entries can use paint, pencil, or pastel but must not be a copy of another artist's material.





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WHAT'S COMING UP

Parent Engagement Dates

Autumn Term 2025

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| 26 Nov—2 Dec | Winter Book Fair | Outside School Office after school. Card and QR payments, no cash |
| 8-11 Dec | Y5 Bikeability | |
| 9 -11 Dec | Y6 Hilltop | Remember to follow the activities on Instagram @thevineprimary |
| 8/9 Dec | Y1/2 Nativity 2pm | 8th Adults only
9th All are welcome
Book on Arbor 2 tickets per child |
| 10 Dec | EYFS Choral Nativity 2pm | Book on Arbor 2 tickets per child |
| 11 Dec | Christmas Jumper Day | All pupils are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, fun colourful jumper if you do not celebrate Christmas. |
| 16 Dec | Christmas Dinner | Please book on Arbor for numbers, pay as normal. |
| 17 Dec | KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2pm | All are welcome, come and join the Christmas cheer and have a mince pie. |
| 18 Dec | Christmas Disco | Book your child's ticket on Arbor |
| 18 Dec | Pre-School last day. | |
| 19 Dec | Autumn Term Ends 1:30pm | |

Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be sold at the Christmas events above, Y1/2 Nativity, EYFS Choral Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert

£1 ticket—cash only

Hamper kindly donated by Bowdens Estate Agents—plus other prizes

