



The Vine Schools End of Term Newsletter – Term 2

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy and exciting term, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your children's education. This term has been filled with joy, creativity, and wonderful memories, and it's your involvement that helps make our school community so special.

One of the highlights of the term was the Nativity performances. The children's efforts were nothing short of magical, and it was great to see so many families, friends, and members of the wider community join us to celebrate. The children were thrilled to showcase their hard work.

Another highlight for EYFS and KS1 has been their learning journey into the world of pirates. From designing treasure maps to building pirate ships and writing adventurous stories, the children's creativity has shone through. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have been incredible, and we are proud of their achievements.

KS2 enjoyed a memorable Egyptian Day, where all three schools joined together for hands-on learning and collaboration. It was wonderful to see the children working positively, socialising, and strengthening bonds between our schools. This day truly reflected our vision of '*Growing together*,' and we are so proud of how our KS2 pupils embraced this opportunity.

In addition to all the fantastic learning, we visited the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon for the annual pantomime, which brought all The Vine Schools together for a fun-filled afternoon of laughter and joy. We're delighted to share that we have already booked the 2025 pantomime!

Looking ahead to January, we are excited about the Young Voices concert, where our school choir will join many others in a spectacular performance. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to showcase their talent and be part of something special.

We have also focused strongly on mental health and well-being this term. We celebrated the small but meaningful things that bring us joy and positivity during *Positive Noticing Day*. Additionally, all three schools participated in *Anti-Bullying Week* and the NSPCC's *Speak Out, Stay Safe* programme, reinforcing the importance of kindness, respect, and staying safe.

Key takeaways from our mental health and well-being sessions include:

- **Encourage open conversations:** Make time to talk about feelings and actively listen to children.
- **Maintain routines:** Consistent routines, such as regular bedtimes and mealtimes, provide a sense of stability.
- **Focus on gratitude:** Encourage children to share something they are thankful for each day.
- **Spend quality time together:** Engage in activities that children enjoy.

As we reflect on our progress, we'd like to thank DBAT for their invaluable support over the years in helping to develop The Vine Schools. We have grown so much and are incredibly excited about the next chapter as we begin working alongside Blue Kite Academy Trust. This new partnership promises exciting opportunities, and we look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, do you know a family looking for a Reception school place in September 2025? We'd love to welcome them for a tour before the 15th January application deadline. This is a great opportunity to meet our team, explore the school, and discover how we're '*growing together, in belief, knowledge, and wisdom.*' Please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a visit to our wonderful schools.

Finally, congratulations to all the children who received a certificate for 100% attendance so far this academic year or for 100% attendance in Term 2. We will continue to give out termly attendance certificates to recognise the importance of attendance. Every day in school matters, as consistent attendance helps children build essential skills, maintain friendships, and fully benefit from the rich opportunities our curriculum provides.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January for another term of learning, growth, and success.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our school community.

With warmest wishes,

Mr Carter and Mr Austin
Co-Headteachers