Friday 4th September 2026

Newsletter #1

Diocese of Chelmsford
Vine Schools Trust

Year 3 Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating summer holiday and are ready for an exciting new term. It has been wonderful to see the children settle in so well to their new classes, especially our Year 3 students who have embarked on their new learning journey in our school.

As we begin this new term, we encourage everyone to stay informed by reading our newsletters, which will be sent out regularly. These will contain important information about upcoming events, curriculum details, and ways you can support your child's learning at home. As well as this, keep a look out on our Facebook page for regular updates.

Wider Experiences!

This term, our school is thrilled to offer exciting wider experiences through enriching educational visits. Year 3 will visit Chelmsford Museum, where they will take part in interactive workshops. This hands-on experience will help bring their history topic to life. These trips are fantastic opportunities to deepen learning and create lasting memories outside the classroom. Details to follow soon!

Reading Records

Reading records will be used to record and monitor reading both at home and in school. Teachers and parents are encouraged to use the reading record to log children's reading progress and share any comments. We expect children to read at home at least 5 times per week. Children who achieve this will be entered into our weekly reading raffle, where they will have the chance to win a book.

Golden Time

Each week, children will have the opportunity to enjoy **Golden Time** as a reward for their positive choices in class and around the school. This special time will take place every Friday and is designed to celebrate good behaviour, effort, and kindness. It is a chance for pupils to relax, have fun, and feel proud of their achievements throughout the week.

Homework

Home learning is an essential part of your child's learning and it will be set every Friday and is expected to be bought in the following Friday. Home learning prepares children for learning that they will be doing, or consolidates learning, they have been doing in class. Times Tables Rock Stars are an important part of ongoing home learning.

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What's happening in ...

Year 3

This term, our topic has a history focus as we explore **Prehistory** through the question: *"How are we still linked to the first ever human species?"* The children will learn about life in **Stone Age Britain** and how it developed through the **Bronze Age** and **Iron Age**. They will investigate how early humans lived, what tools they used, and how their way of life changed over time. A key part of the topic will be understanding the legacy of these periods and how they have influenced the way we live today. It's an exciting journey into the distant past!

In Science, children will be exploring rocks and soils, learning how they are formed and their uses. They will also study animals, including humans, focusing on skeletons and how they support movement and protection. These exciting topics will be brought to life through hands-on activities and investigations in class.

Year 3 Team:

3P—Miss Pratt

3H—Mr Hockney

3L—Ms Lambert

Year 3 LSAs: Mr Flicker, Mrs Bailey

Reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- **Coat (named)**
- **Water bottle (named)**
- **PE kit including trainers (named)**
- **Lunchbox (named)**
- **Healthy snack**
- **Book bag, or similar, with reading book .**

Naming items is especially important.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026—Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 2nd September 2026—Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 3rd September 2026—First Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 17th September 2026—School Photos

Friday 9th October 2026—Non Pupil Day

Friday 16th October 2026—Last Day of Term

Monday 19th October—Friday 30th October 2026—Half Term

Monday 2nd November 2026—Children to return to school

Monday 10th—Friday 13th November—SCARF workshops

Friday 18th December 2026—Last Day of Term

Year 3 and 4 Spelling Words

100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 4 (age 9). How many can you spell?

accident(ally)	disappear	interest	pressure
actual(ly)	early	island	probably
address	earth	knowledge	promise
answer	eight/eighth	learn	purpose
appear	enough	length	quarter
arrive	exercise	library	question
believe	experience	material	recent
bicycle	experiment	medicine	regular
breath	extreme	mention	reign
breathe	famous	minute	remember
build	favourite	natural	sentence
busy/business	February	naughty	separate
calendar	forward(s)	notice	special
caught	fruit	occasion(ally)	straight
centre	grammar	often	strange
century	group	opposite	strength
certain	guard	ordinary	suppose
circle	guide	particular	surprise
complete	heard	peculiar	therefore
consider	heart	perhaps	though/although
continue	height	popular	thought
decide	history	position	through
describe	imagine	possess(ion)	various
different	increase	possible	weight
difficult	important	potatoes	woman/women