

Weekly Newsletter

23 April 2026

SAVE THE DATE



TONIGHT AT 6:00PM ~ VC BISTRO

PARKING IN VCP PLAYGROUND
 LIMITED PARKING AT VCT

£10.00 PER BINGO BOOK
 £1.00 FOR DABBERS
 DON'T FORGET £1.00
 FOR THE POUND POT!

[PTA EASTER BINGO - BOOK HERE](#)



PTA SCHOOL FETE

VCP PLAYGROUND
 THURSDAY 18 JUNE 12:00PM



SPORTS DAYS AT HEATHFIELD

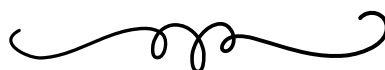
YEAR 3/4 TUESDAY 23 JUNE 1:15PM
 YEAR 5/6 WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 1:15PM
 SPECTATORS WELCOME!

ATHLETICS CLUB ~ MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026

WE WILL BE RUNNING SOME TRIALS FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS
 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MONDAY AT FB FIELDS (VCP DO NOT TAKE BOYS).
 THIS IS OPEN TO ANYONE IN Y5&6 EVEN IF THEY HAVEN'T SIGNED UP!

Online

CLICK ON THIS LINK [ONLINE SAFETY](#) TO VIEW HELPFUL TIPS TO SUPPORT ONLINE
 SAFETY AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL, INCLUDING DETAILS OF A CYBER SECURITY
 WEBINAR DELIVERED BY KOOH.



SCIENCE

Year 3 have begun their work on 'Plants' by looking more closely at flowers. They were astonished to discover that flowers have both male and female parts and learnt a lot of new vocabulary.

Year 4 have been learning about 'Sound' in both science and music. They have started to make a model ear to help explain how we hear sound.

Year 5 have begun their work on 'Lifecycles' by studying the lifecycle of birds.

Year 6 began their work on 'Inheritance' by looking at inherited characteristics and those caused by environmental factors. They enjoyed creating Mr Men offspring !.



MUSIC AT VCP - SING OUT 2026 CHORAL SHOWCASE!

OUR SENIOR CHOIR (YEAR 5 AND 6) ARE PERFORMING AT THE OPERA HOUSE ON

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 9:30 - 11:30AM

BOYS INVOLVED WILL BE NOTIFIED SEPARATELY. THE LYRICS ARE ON SEESAW

& BOYS SHOULD LEARN THESE OFF BY HEART

THE ORGANISERS HAVE PASSED ON THE BELOW MESSAGE FOR TICKETS:

FREE TICKETS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SEATS IN THE DRESS CIRCLE AND UPPER CIRCLE.

EISTEDDFOD PERSONNEL WILL BE IN THE FOYERS OF THESE TWO SEATING AREAS DIRECTLY BEFORE EACH SESSION TO HAND OUT TICKETS WHICH WILL THEN BE SCANNED BY OPERA HOUSE STAFF FOR ACCESS INTO THE THEATRE.

THE TICKETS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE, WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" BASIS AND WILL BE VALID FOR THAT ONE SESSION ONLY. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE BOX OFFICE.



SESSION RUNNING ORDER

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 09.30 - 11.30 AM

D'AUVERGNE (50)

PLAT DOUET (50)

ST PETER (30)

ST SAVIOUR (14)

BEL ROYAL SCHOOL (30)

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 1.30 - 3.00 PM

MUSICAL ORIGINALS TRAINING CHOIR

HAUTLIEU (10)

MUSICAL ORIGINALS

CLOSE HARMONY

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 4.30 - 6.00 PM

VICTORIA COLLEGE 1 (25)

JERSEY MUSIC SERVICE JUNIOR CHOIR (50 COMBINED)

JERSEY MUSIC SERVICE SENIOR CHOIR

VICTORIA COLLEGE 2 (25)

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 9.30 - 11.30AM

JANVRIN (46)

HELVETIA (34)

FCJ (36)

MUSICAL ORIGINALS MINORS

**VCP (30)

FRIDAY 1ST MAY 1.30 - 2.30PM

MONT NICOLLE

GRAINVILLE (30)

JCP

LES QUENNEVAIS

JERSEY Eisteddfod

Sing Out! Choral Showcase 2026

**School and
Youth Choirs**

Thursday 30th April
9.30 - 12pm, 1.30 - 3pm, 4 - 6pm

Friday 1st May
9.30 - 12pm, 1.30 - 3pm

Jersey Opera House

Free entry

YEAR 3 ~ THE WEEK AHEAD

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the Easter holidays.

We have now begun our last term of Year 3! We will be continuing our new English unit, Firework-Maker's daughter by Phillip Pullman and beginning a new maths unit all about fractions. This week we have been learning about capacity in maths and any practical experience you can offer at home—such as reading scales on measuring jugs or helping your son measure out different liquids—will really help them consolidate this learning.

We will continue with our new class reader, 'Charlotte's Web' and will be learning to use grid references to navigate maps in Geography.

WHAT'S NEW?

Why do you think it's important to be able to read scales on a jug accurately? Can you think of a time in real life when this skill might be useful?

Can you go through your Safety Sam comic with your parents and discuss how to keep yourself safe in the various scenarios.

WHAT'S NEXT?

What do you think Firework-Maker's daughter might be about, and what kind of stories do you most enjoy listening to in class?

Can you remember what the key rule is when adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator?

DON'T FORGET

HOMework DIARIES NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO AND FROM SCHOOL EVERYDAY. PLEASE ENSURE READING IS RECORDED EVERY NIGHT AND SIGNED BY AN ADULT.

PLEASE READ THE FARM SCHOOL INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE



FOR MATHS FLUENCY HOMEWORK DURING THE SUMMER TERM, WE WILL BE TRIALLING A NEW FORMAT. INSTEAD OF SENDING HOME INDIVIDUAL SHEETS EACH WEEK, YOUR SON WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET ON FRIDAY. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE TASKS ARE COMPLETED IN THE CORRECT WEEK RATHER THAN ALL AT ONCE. THIS WEEK PLEASE COMPLETE WEEK 1.

YEAR 3 HOMETASK

FOLLOWING OUR YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY FROM CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION, WE HAVE TWO TASKS FOR THE BOYS TO DO:

1. LEARN THEIR ADDRESS ~ MANY BOYS HAVE FORGOTTEN THESE ALREADY!
2. FIND OUT HOW MANY AND WHICH BEACHES IN JERSEY HAVE A LIFEGUARD?

YEAR 3 ~ FARM SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Dear Parents

We have planned for our Year 3 boys to take part in the Farm School Initiative, with the first session being during the first week of next half term on Wednesday 3rd June and then continuing on Wednesdays - 10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July and 8th July. There will not be a session in the final week of term. The sessions will take place in the morning from 9am to 11.35 am. We will return to school for lunch time so normal lunch arrangements apply.

Farm School takes place on a working farm in St Martin and is owned by Mr Billy Davies (owner of the 'Just William' greengrocers in the central market) and managed by his daughter Grace Crake. The Farm School Initiative is best described by this excerpt from their website:

Over the course of 6 weeks, children are able to tend for their own plot of vegetables, learn about the agricultural industry on a working farm, care for farm animals, learn basic animal husbandry and learn through play too!

Please do look at their website www.thefarmschoolinitiative.com for further details.

By taking part in this project your son will not only support his learning in science but will benefit from learning outdoors and equip himself with skills, knowledge and experiences that we could not possibly achieve within the classroom. It will also provide preparation for residential visits where the boys will require the skills of cooperation and teamwork, organisation and responsibility for their own behaviour and belongings. Each week the boys may bring home a bag of vegetables from the farm. In the past these have usually been leeks or leafy greens such as chard, kale and lettuce. During the final session the boys will harvest their crops to bring home. You might like to arrange to share these with family and friends.

Ensuring the safety of our boys on the farm will be paramount. Each group will have a dedicated farm school leader allocated to them and be accompanied by a teacher. I would appreciate you reminding your son about behaviour expectations and following instructions at all times, especially as he will be coming into contact with farm animals and moving around a working farm. The boys will usually travel by minibus directly to the site but we may, on occasion, need to walk along the road from St Martin's church to Farm School and cross the lane to different parts of the farm site. All of this will be done under close supervision.

It will be necessary for the boys to be adequately dressed for the sessions as these will take place regardless of the weather. Please find a kit list below - a warm waterproof coat, wellies, gardening gloves, sun cream and a sunhat will be essential please and your son should bring these to every Farm School session as we do not carry spares. Also, if your son is not used to wearing wellies, could he please spend some time practising putting them on and taking them off.

Each boy will require a plot marker to name his personal growing plot. Instructions regarding this are below. This should be brought into school on the day of the first Farm School session.

To help cover the cost of the Farm School sessions and transport we would like to ask for a donation of £30 per pupil.

This can be paid to:
VCP School Fund
Sort Code: 402533
A/c: 61528513
Ref: Son's Surname/Farm

We would also like to offer the opportunity for parents to come along and help. Please email the boys' science teacher Mrs Pateman directly on w.pateman@vcp.sch.je stating whether you would like to help at every session or stating the date / dates available. Unfortunately, there will not be space for parents on the minibuses so please meet us at Farm School on Rue des Vallees, St Martin.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Pateman directly on the above email address.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pateman

Science subject lead

YEAR 3 ~ FARM SCHOOL KIT LIST



Farm School Kit List

On the day of your Farm School visits
please arrive at school wearing the following:

- Farm School clothes (long trousers / jeans and a suitable top – these will get dirty)
- Trainers (we will change into wellies at Farm School)
- Warm waterproof coat

In the past we have had cold, wet and heatwave weather conditions! Please check the weather forecast and make sure that you are dressed appropriately.

You must also bring with you:

- Wellies in a carrier bag (they may get muddy)
- Sun hat
- A full refillable water bottle
- Gardening gloves (essential for handling chickens)
- Sunscreen (already applied before school too please)
- A fruit or vegetable snack only please (peel and cores may be fed to the pigs at Farm School)
- Waterproof trousers are also a good idea if you have them

Please place all of these in a named rucksack type bag, not a carrier bag, for easy carrying to Farm School.

You will not need your school bag or homework diary on Farm School days.



YEAR 3 ~ FARM SCHOOL

PLOT MARKER ~ HOMEWORK!



Plot marker homework

You will require a plot marker to name your vegetable plot at Farm School. Wooden spoons, wooden signs and painted pebbles with a coat of varnish or PVA glue to waterproof them would all work well. Your marker should have **your name** displayed clearly and you may decorate it however you wish. This will be required for your first Farm School session.

(Wednesday 3rd June)

Here are some examples but remember, **your name** should be displayed.



YEAR 4 ~ THE WEEK AHEAD

The boys have started their new learning journey, Big Blue Whale which they are already really enjoying and are learning so many interesting facts. We will be using non-fiction books to retrieve information about blue whales as well as other types of whales and will be learning specific vocabulary related to whales. We will also be discussing the issue of whaling and the impact it has on the whale population. Our final piece for this book will be a little different and one we know the boys will love. It is a voice over documentary in the style of Sir David Attenborough!

In Maths the boys will be continuing their learning of decimals including ordering, rounding and conversions, as well as the place value of tenths and hundredths as decimals. We will then start our new topic on Money.

The boys will be continuing their Geography topic on Coasts, and we will be looking at features of coasts both in Jersey and around the world. The boys will be learning some vocabulary specific to coasts. We will be going on a fieldwork trip to St Ouen's later in the term. Any photos of the coast would be great for our class displays.

The boys will soon be starting on their technology unit- Building structures- the boys will be building Lighthouses and will have speakers in to discuss the engineering aspect of this study. We will be asking for parental support with this so will be in touch very soon.

In R.E we have started our enquiry question on "How and why people celebrate significant events in their life". We will be looking at the significance of Baptism for Christians.

In Games boys will take part in an athletics, cricket and tennis rotation as well as the climbing wall. Boys should come to school in full tracksuits and their house polo shirt and shorts.

WHAT'S NEW?

How would you define the term coast?

What activities occur/happen at the coast?

WHAT'S NEXT?

What is the rule when round decimals to the nearest whole number?

What are halves, quarters and three quarters as decimals?



YEAR 5 ~ THE WEEK AHEAD

This week the boys have embarked upon a new English learning Journey, The Barnabus Project. The boys read the beginning part of the story learning all about how Barnabus is a failed pet - half mouse, half elephant and how he is stuck in a bell jar unable to see the outside world, until Pip the cockroach gives him some hope of escaping. The boys used their imagination and created their own failed pet, which will be their make character when it comes to writing their narrative for the final piece of work. The boys also delved into inferring characters feelings, looking at different settings and explored the language the authors used to make it more exciting for the reader.

The boys have continued their geometry unit of work. This week they have been looking at calculating angles on a straight line as well as angles that add up to make 360° . They have begun to investigate regular and irregular polygons as well as parallel and perpendicular lines.

Our Geography unit for this term is South America. This started with the boys finding South America on the map, finding Brazil and looking at different countries and placing them onto a blank map. The boys looked at the different landscapes that there are in Brazil, noticing how different they can be from one town to another.

WHAT'S NEW?

How many degrees are there in a straight line?

Can you name any of the countries in Brazil?

Y5/6 KWIK CRICKET
CANCELLED NEXT
TUESDAY - 28/4/2026

WHAT'S NEXT?

What do longitude and latitude mean?

What is the riddle the three witches say in Macbeth?

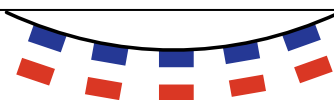


FRENCH
PENPAL MEET
UP!

ON WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL YEAR 5 WILL BE GOING BY COACH TO THE JAAC FOR THE MORNING TO MEET THEIR FRENCH PENPALS. THEY HAVE WRITTEN A COUPLE OF LETTERS TO EACH OTHER AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING THEM FOR A FUN MORNING OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PLAYING PETANQUE, TEACHING THEM HOW TO PLAY CRICKET, QUESTIONNAIRES, GAMES ETC. WE WILL BE OUTSIDE FOR THE WHOLE MORNING, SO PLEASE ENSURE YOUR SON IS PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER. THEY SHOULD BE WEARING FULL TRACKSUITS, BRING A COAT IF IT'S COLD AND A CAP IF IT'S SUNNY.

WE ARE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE BOYS TO BE FRIENDLY AND PROACTIVE EVEN IF THEY CAN'T SAY EVERYTHING THEY WANT TO IN FRENCH! THEY WILL HAVE AN AIDE-MEMOIRE IN THEIR POCKETS WITH USEFUL PHRASES AND QUESTIONS ON, AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL MAKE THE MOST OF THE MORNING.

IF ANY PARENTS ARE ABLE TO COME ON THIS TRIP WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, WE WILL BE LEAVING VCP AT 9:00AM AND RETURN BY 12:00PM
PLEASE EMAIL MRS ECOBICHON ON E.ECOBICHON@VCP.SCH.JE IF YOU CAN HELP.



YEAR 6 ~ THE WEEK AHEAD

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week, full of new experiences and a strong focus on key learning areas.

One of the highlights has been the start of rock climbing sessions. Pupils have begun taking part in these sessions in small groups, working with Mrs Baudains. This has been a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, resilience, and teamwork skills. The children have shown great enthusiasm, and we look forward to these sessions continuing over the coming weeks.

In the classroom, there has been a renewed push on Maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) as we continue to prepare for the term ahead. In Maths, pupils have been developing their understanding of pie charts, percentages, and measures of average, including mean, median, and mode. They have approached these topics with determination and are making excellent progress.

In Computing, we have begun an exciting new unit on data handling, with a focus on big data. Pupils are starting to explore how large sets of information can be collected, analysed, and used in the real world, sparking some thoughtful discussions.

Our reading lessons have also been refreshed with the introduction of new class books, which have already captured the children's interest and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see such engagement and thoughtful responses during discussions.

To round off the week, we were pleased to welcome a special visitor from the RNLI on Friday for an informative assembly. Pupils will learn about water safety and the important work carried out by the RNLI, which will be both educational and inspiring.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week in Year 6, and we are proud of the children's hard work and positive attitudes.

WHAT'S NEW?

How do you find the mean of a set of numbers? How would you find the missing digit?

How is Esther feeling in our English book at the moment?

WHAT'S NEXT?

What are the different types of triangles?

What is the perfect form of verbs?

Y5/6 KWIK CRICKET
CANCELLED NEXT TUESDAY - 28/4/2026

