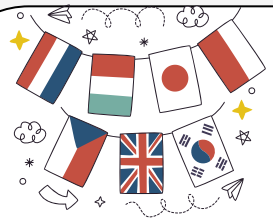
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

5 November 2026



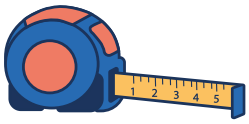
CULTURE CLUB WITH MISS CROSS
OPEN TO ALL YEARS

STARTS MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER
20 SPACES AVAILABLE
BOOK HERE: SOCS VCP LOGIN - BOOKINGS OPEN AT 7:00PM THIS EVENING





DT WEEK CLASS 5D
HELPERS NEEDED - ALL WELCOME!



SUPPORT DURING ANY OF THE BELOW TIMES
WOULD BE HUGELY APPRECIATED AS WE
ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A 3D CARDBOARD HYDRAULIC MAZE!!

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER FROM 9AM - 11AM
WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER FROM 2PM - 3PM
THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER FROM 9AM - 11AM

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE EMAIL MR DELAHUNTY CONFIRMING
THE DATE YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER. M.DELAHUNTY@VCP.SCH.JE

MATHS DROP IN SESSIONS
YEAR 5: MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 11:00AM - 12:00PM
YEAR 6: FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 11:00AM - 12:00PM

OUR TEACHERS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU INTO SCHOOL TO SEE WHAT A TYPICAL MATHS LESSON LOOKS LIKE AT VCP. BOOKING IS NOT REQUIRED.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SEE HOW WE TEACH MATHS AND TO GAIN A BETTER INSIGHT INTO WHAT WORK THE BOYS COMPLETE EACH LESSON.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PARKING AVAILABLE



BBC Children in Need
Friday 13 November

runPudsey 2026





Next Friday, we are excited to be supporting BBC Children in Need with a Dress Down Day and by taking part in the Run for Pudsey challenge!

Our School Council are inviting the boys to come to school in their own clothes and lace up their trainers as we join thousands of children across the country in raising money for an incredible cause.

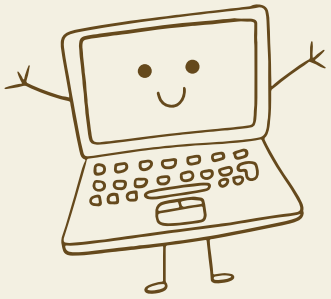
Please make a donation by following the link below:



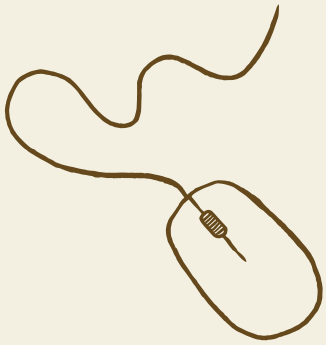
VCP Children In Need - Run with Pudsey!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.









House Computing Competition!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that our pupils will be taking part in the UK Bebras Challenge 2026 between 9 and 20 November. Poster below.

The Bebras Challenge is an international computational thinking competition that encourages children to develop valuable problem-solving skills through engaging and accessible puzzles and will also count towards our House Computing event this year.

Unlike many computing competitions, pupils do not need any coding experience or specialist knowledge to take part. The challenge focuses on skills such as:

- Logical reasoning
- Pattern recognition
- Problem solving
- Algorithmic thinking
- Debugging
- Evaluation

Pupils will have 45 minutes in school to complete as many questions as possible. The questions become increasingly challenging, and it is completely normal not to answer every question.

Every child who takes part receives a certificate, with additional awards available including:

- Gold (Top 10% nationally)
- Best in School
- Distinction
- Merit
- Participation

To help prepare, children can explore previous challenges and practise online at:

BEBRAS PAST CHALLENGES UK

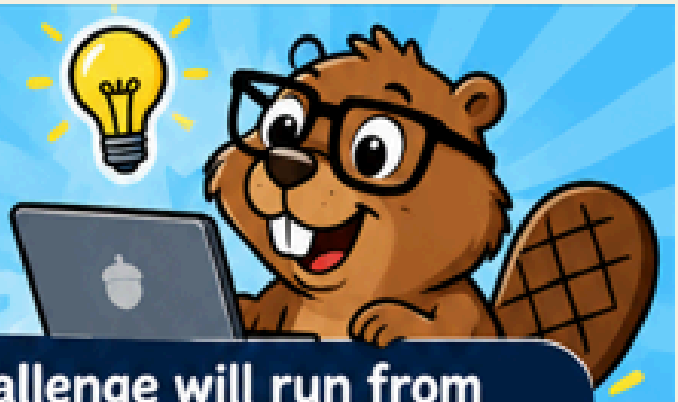
We are looking forward to seeing our pupils demonstrate their resilience, determination and problem-solving skills.

Kind regards,

Michael Delahunty
Computing Lead

UK Bebras

Computational Thinking Challenge



The 2026 UK Bebras Challenge will run from

9th – 20th November 2026

What is the UK Bebras Challenge?

The **UK Bebras Challenge** exists to promote and build **computational thinking** – the set of problem-solving skills that underpins computing, but that students use well beyond it.

Every task is built around one or more of these skills:

- Decomposition
- Pattern recognition
- Abstraction
- Algorithms
- Logical reasoning
- Debugging
- Evaluation
- Generalisation

Because the tasks test thinking rather than prior knowledge, you do not need to have studied computing to take part and do well.

Challenge Details

45 minutes

Try as many questions as you can – it's OK to move on if you get stuck!

Rules

- You may **not** use websites or reference materials to help you solve the tasks.
- You may use a **pencil, paper** and a **calculator** during the challenge.
- You **must work independently**, unless you are entering as a Kits or Castors team.
- You **must not discuss** the tasks or how you solved them until the end of the Bebras Challenge fortnight.

Question Difficulty and Scoring

Category A tasks are the least challenging and category C the most.

Difficulty	Correct	Incorrect	Unanswered
A	+6 points	0 points	0 points
B	+9 points	-2 points	0 points
C	+12 points	-4 points	0 points

Incorrect answers are penalised to discourage random guessing. An unanswered task never costs points, so if you're unsure, it's better to leave it blank.

Achievements

Every student who takes part receives a certificate. Certificates recognise achievement in two ways: within a student's own school, and nationally across all UK entrants.

Gold	Top 10% of participants nationally in each challenge group.
Best in school	Awarded for the best score in each challenge group in a school.
Distinction	Top 25% in each challenge group, based on performance within the school.
Merit	Next 25% in each challenge group, based on performance within the school.
Participation	Remaining 50% in each challenge group, based on performance within the school.

Jersey Bulls FC, are running their popular and annual 'Design-A-Match-Day-Programme Competition'. They had a terrific response last year and would love to see even more involved this year! Details below...

JERSEY BULLS FOUNDATION

IT'S BACK!

CHRISTMAS DESIGN-A-MATCH-DAY-PROGRAMME COMPETITION



We want primary school-aged children to design a Jersey Bulls programme front cover.

Prizes: the winning entrant's design will appear on a Bulls' programme for the match against Cobham FC on 28 December 2026.

Plus... the winner and two runners-up will each receive tickets for the Cobham FC match, a copy of the programme, and a Bulls' Scarf!

- Entries must be from children in Years 1 to 6
- Entries should be A4 portrait size and have a Jersey Bulls Christmas related theme.
- Entries must include the entrants name, age, school and their favourite Jersey Bulls player. They should also include a mobile phone number and/or email address of a parent/guardian.
- Entries must be handed in at your school no later than 11 December 2026.
- Entrants should be aware that entries may appear on Jersey Bulls and/or third party media sites. Entries may not be returned.

GOOD LUCK - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR DESIGNS!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

Dear Parents,

As part of our community outreach projects here at VCP, Year 3 have again decided to give something back to local individuals and families this Christmas that may be less fortunate than us. It was so well received last year and the recipients were so grateful so we would love the whole school to get involved!

We will be collecting some luxury Christmas items so that Year 3 can make up some lovely Christmas Hampers for the St. Helier Methodist Centre to gift to those in need this Christmas as part of their own Outreach work.

It would be lovely for all the boys in our community to think about giving back to others this Christmas and to remember just how fortunate we are. By Friday 27 November, we would like to collect as many of the following items as possible so please start sending these in to school. There will be collecting boxes in the hall.

Many thanks,
Year 3

OUTREACH ITEMS TO INCLUDE FOR A CHRISTMAS TREAT!

CARDBOARD BOXES – RANGE OF SIZES
CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER – TO COVER THE BOXES

FOOD CUPBOARD: TINS OF MEAT/HAM,TINS OF TUNA, CRISPS, JAM, CRACKERS, UHT LONG LIFE MILK, COOKING SAUCES, MICROWAVABLE RICE, SUGAR, CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

CONFECTIONARY: BOX/PACKET OF CHOCOLATE, BISCUITS, SWEETS

DRINKS: CORDIAL/SQUASH, FRUIT JUICE, HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA, COFFEE

HEALTH & BEAUTY: DEODORANT, BAR OF SOAP, CLEANSING WIPES,TOOTHPASTE,TOOTHBRUSH, HAIRBRUSH/COMB, SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS WOULD ALSO BE A GREAT ADDITION!