

# Weekly Newsletter

29 January 2026

READING YOUR SON'S WEEKLY LEARNING LOG IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO STAY CONNECTED WITH HIS PROGRESS, CELEBRATE HIS ACHIEVEMENTS, AND PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORTING HIS LEARNING JOURNEY. ALSO, KEEP UP TO DATE WITH IMPORTANT REMINDERS THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

PARENTS, PLEASE CHECK THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ANY CANCELLED CLUBS, REVIEW THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, AND TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHERE HE SHOULD GO AT THE END OF THE DAY, AS MANY BOYS ARE UNSURE OF THEIR AFTER-SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS.

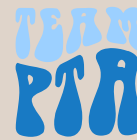
## VCP SCHOOL CALENDAR



BOYS SHOULD ALWAYS BRING THEIR WATER BOTTLES TO SCHOOL, AS HANDING OUT CUPS OF WATER IS LEADING TO FREQUENT SPILLAGES IN THE CLASSROOM, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE TO FOCUS ON THEIR WORK.



SAVE THE DATE



GET YOUR EYES DOWN FOR  
 MR PATEMAN'S  
 'BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO'

VCJ BISTRO  
 THURSDAY 23 APRIL  
 6:00 - 7:00PM

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP  
 OPENING TIMES  
 FOR ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS!

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY  
 SATURDAY 7 MARCH  
 SATURDAY 4 APRIL  
 11:30AM - 12:30PM

INSET DAY IS MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026



VCP



book  
haul

## Share the Stories you Love!

We're refreshing our VCP library and would love your help to fill our shelves with high-quality, much-loved books. If your family has any gently used children's books that you're ready to pass on perhaps from older siblings or favourites now outgrown—please send them in with your son.

Our aim is to inspire a lifelong love of reading with engaging, modern stories and diverse voices that our boys will be excited to pick up.

What we're looking for:

Children's books suitable for primary ages (Years 7–11 especially)

Great condition: no tears, scribbles, stains, or missing pages

Appropriate content for primary pupils

Engaging and (ideally) more recent titles—fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels, series etc...

Please ensure books are appropriate and in good, clean condition. We're not able to use damaged books or adult/YA titles with mature themes.

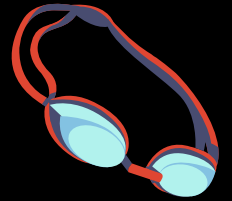
Every single donation helps us create a space where boys can discover new authors, dive into adventures, and read for pleasure.

Thank you for supporting our reading culture at VCP!

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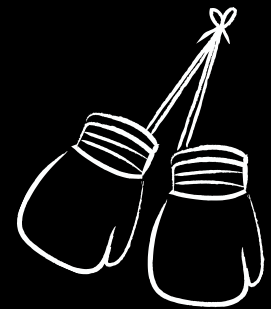


For children's mental health week we are focussing on belonging.

On Friday 13 February boys are invited to wear their normal school uniform with an item that shows a community where they belong.



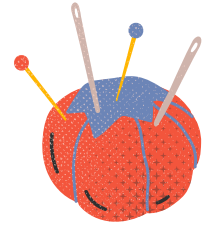
## Ideas:



SCOUTS, SWIMMING CLUB, KICKBOXING, CHESS CLUB, FAITH GROUP, ORCHESTRA, DANCE CLASS, LANGUAGE SCHOOL...



# YEAR 3



## THE WEEK AHEAD

In RE we are looking forward to welcoming some students from VCJ, who will be visiting to talk to the boys about our current unit on Islam. The boys will prepare thoughtful questions, and this will be a great opportunity for them to deepen their understanding through real discussion.

In Maths, we will continue our work on length and perimeter. The boys will be comparing different lengths and practising how to add them together as they build confidence with measurement.

Next week in Art, we are excited to welcome our parent helpers as we continue our sewing project. The boys have been very enthusiastic so far on our sewing journey, and we are grateful for the extra hands and support.

In English, we will be continuing our learning journey with How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by exploring the key features of an instruction guide. This will then lead into the boys planning their own set of instructions on how to wash their very own prehistoric animals.

### WHAT'S NEW?

What do you know about felting?

How many mm in 7 and a half cm?

### WHAT'S NEXT?

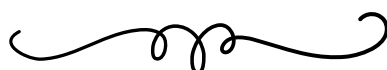
What prehistoric animal are you going to use in your instruction guide?

Can you list any key features of an instruction guide?

### TEXTILES HELP -SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday 4 February 1.15-2.45pm and Thursday 5th February 10.15-11.45am. This will include supporting your son to thread a needle and help him in using some simple stitching to add embellishment to his felting work. If you are unable to attend, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins are all welcome to come! If you are able to, extra sewing practice at home would be really beneficial over the next couple of weeks – especially basic skills like threading a needle. Please note, parking will not be available on site for the Thursday morning session, but you will be able to park in the school playground for the Wednesday afternoon session. Thank you in advance!

SWIMMING WILL CONTINUE EVERY TUESDAY MORNING IN YOUR SON'S NORMAL PE SESSION. PLEASE ENSURE THEY COME TO SCHOOL WEARING SWIM SHORTS UNDER THEIR GAMES KIT AND TRACKSUITS. BRING UNDERWEAR, TOWEL, CAP, GOGGLES IN THEIR SWIM BAGS.





# YEAR 4

## THE WEEK AHEAD



Next week in English, the children will plan and write their own set of instructions on how to capture a space-bat-angel-dragon! They will need to design awesome traps and then explain each step (in detail!) on how to complete the capture. They will be using time adverbials, imperative verbs, prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we will be starting a new unit on length and perimeter. Pupils will be exploring how to measure length accurately using standard units such as millimetres, centimetres and metres. They will also learn how to convert between these units and apply their knowledge to real-life contexts.

A quick reminder to please ensure your son brings his instrument into school on the correct day:

Monday – 4F (trumpets)

Tuesday – 4BF (violins)

Wednesday – 4B (trumpets)

In History, the children will be exploring the fascinating question: Who built the pyramids? We will be looking closely at the people, skills and organisation needed to construct these incredible structures. The children will investigate who the workers were, what their lives were like, and how such remarkable buildings were created without modern technology. They will also explore different historical sources to help them understand how historians piece together evidence from the past.

We are delighted to welcome Rev Pete Stone back into school this term. He will be visiting Year 4 to talk about the story and meaning of Easter, helping the children deepen their understanding through discussion and reflection. Following his visit, the children will complete their written work on our enquiry question: “What is good about Good Friday?”

### WHAT'S NEW?

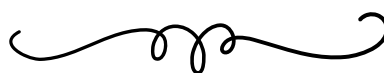
How do you write your name in hieroglyphs?

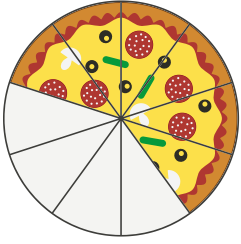
What do you think is good about Good Friday?

### WHAT'S NEXT?

In R.E, we continue to work on our enquiry question, ‘What is good about Good Friday?’ which as you can imagine, has prompted a lot of discussion.

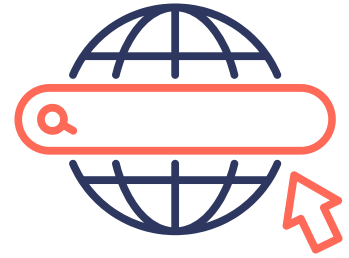
What does alliteration mean?





# YEAR 5

## THE WEEK AHEAD



This week in English the boys have planned their non-chronological report based on their own Mechanimal. The boys have been incredibly creative with their drawings and descriptions to go with them. We have begun writing the introduction and some of the special features that their mechanimal has. We look forward to putting the final pieces together over the next week. We will be moving onto our States Chamber topic towards the end of next week. We are excited to see how the boys bring their debating skills to the classroom. States Chamber visit dates will be sent out nearer the time.

In maths this week the boys have been putting their decimals knowledge into good practise and have been converting decimals to fractions and vice versa. The boys showed a strong understanding of the differences between a whole number, tenths, hundredths and thousandths. Next week we will be continuing with converting decimals and fractions as well as comparing and ordering them.

In computing we have continued looking at search engines and this week we looked at the importance of keywords when using search engines, especially if we are searching for something specific. The boys used keywords and questions to help them refine their searches to find the information that they are after.

### WHAT'S NEW?

What is 1.9 as a fraction?

What are the features of a non-chronological report?

### WHAT'S NEXT?

How do we know that 1.45 is larger than 1.35?

What is the States Chamber?

**THANK  
YOU!**

MANY THANKS TO THOSE THAT HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE MONT ORGUEL TRIP - WE NOW HAVE ENOUGH PARENTS TO SUPPORT.

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

YEAR 5 SWIM GALA  
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026  
1:00PM AT LANGFORD - SPECTATORS WELCOME!

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# YEAR 6

## THE WEEK AHEAD



It has been a great week in Year 6 with lots of new learning taking place!

In English, we have written our first Apprentice Write of this topic, this was based on our creature visiting Year 6 a few weeks ago and a newspaper style piece to warn fellow Jersey islanders! The boys practised using expanded noun phrases, compound adjectives and parenthesis in this.

We have continued to work through our algebra unit focussing on one and two step rules and how to create our own with 'n' representing different items.

We have also explored the idea of 'change' in PSHE and the positives and negatives of this.

A reminder to all Year 6 classes to continue to practice their class dances which are now on seesaw ready for rehearsals!

### WHAT'S NEW?

When you move a number to the other side of the equation in algebra, what happens?

What are the positives and negatives of change?

### WHAT'S NEXT?

What are relative pronouns?

What is a pacifist?



BUDE PARENT INFORMATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 6:00PM -VCP SCHOOL HALL

YEAR 6 SWIM GALA  
MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026  
1:00PM AT LANGFORD - SPECTATORS WELCOME!

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