

5 February 2026



Uniform Reminder

WE ASK PARENTS TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL IN ENSURING THAT BOYS ADHERE TO SCHOOL RULES BY WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING SMART, WELL-FITTING BLACK LEATHER OR SIMILAR SHOES.

Safety & Pick-up Arrangements

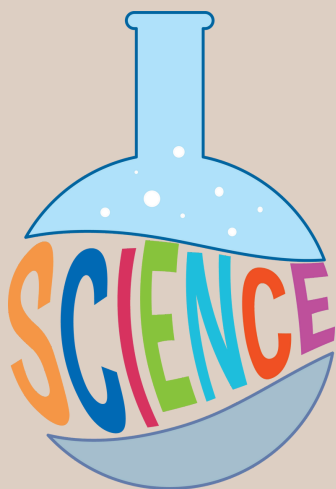
You may have seen recent news coverage about an incident at Grouville School in which a young child was approached by a stranger. Incidents like this remind us how important it is that we all remain vigilant and ensure clear communication with our children regarding pick-up arrangements.

At our school, we continue to prioritise pupil safety at the beginning and end of the day. As a reminder, we offer supervised pick-up from the school gates as well as our walking bus to the JCP car park for families who find this helpful.

Please note that we cannot offer supervision at the Langford site, and it is not permitted for children to wait or “hang around” there. Too often we still see pupils running around while “waiting for parents,” and this is not allowed. These expectations are guided entirely by our responsibility to keep children safe.

Thank you for working with us to ensure all pupils leave school safely and responsibly.

INSET DAY IS MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026



Eco News!

THE ECO-TEAM HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING SURE OUR SYSTEMS FOR RECYCLING PAPER AND CARDBOARD IN SCHOOL ARE WORKING EFFICIENTLY.

next week

Year 3 have been continuing their work on magnets, investigating which materials are magnetic and which are not. Next week they will be testing which of our magnets is the strongest.

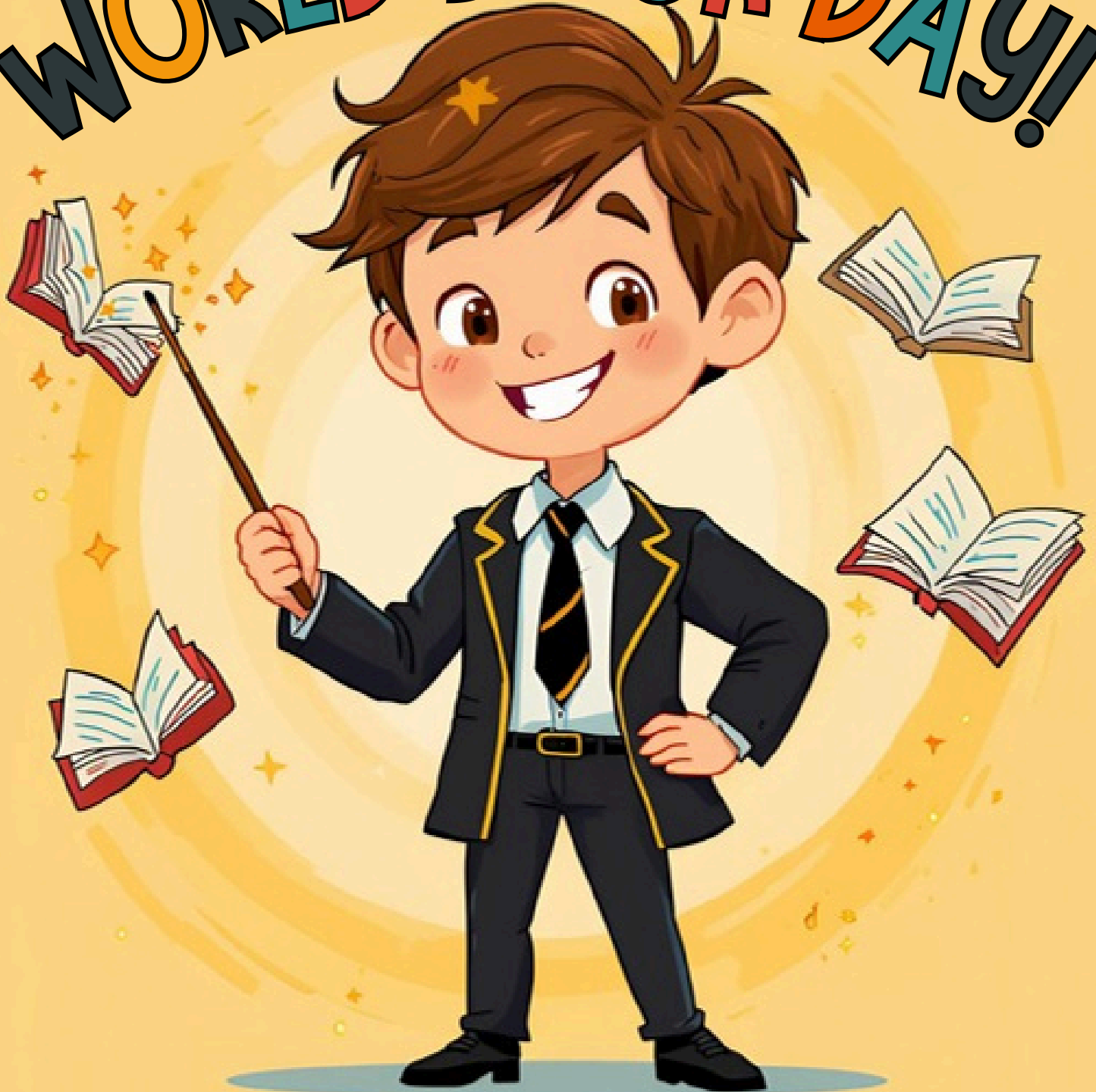
Year 4 have researched the melting points of different substances and tested different chocolate buttons to see which melts the fastest. (Photos on Facebook)
Next week they will begin to learn about evaporation.

Year 5 have been investigating which material which makes the best thermal insulator to keep a cup of coffee warm. Next week they will investigate which material keeps an ice cube frozen for longest.

Year 6 enjoyed finding out how increasing the voltage in a circuit affects the speed of the motor.(Photos on Facebook) They will graph their results next week.

Thursday 5 March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY!



Theme: "Character Clues
Dress-Up" Day

KEEP READING...



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year for World Book Day, we would like to celebrate a love of reading by encouraging the children to talk about the books and characters that matter to them. Instead of coming to school in full costumes, we are inviting pupils to take part in a "Character Clues Dress-Up" Day on Thursday 5 March.

What does this mean?

Your child should come to school dressed in their own clothes, but with a few small items, accessories or props that act as clues about their favourite book character. These clues should not give the character away immediately but should encourage classmates to guess who they are and spark lots of book talk. We want the day to be simple and affordable, while still being creative and fun.

We look forward to a wonderful World Book Day full of curiosity, discussion, and the joy of reading. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Best wishes,

Mr Delahunty,
English Lead

BELOW ARE SOME SIMPLE EXAMPLES TO HELP GUIDE YOU.
FOR EACH BOOK, CHILDREN MIGHT BRING OR WEAR:

PERCY JACKSON (RICK RIORDAN)

- AN ORANGE T-SHIRT FOR "CAMP HALF-BLOOD"
- A CARDBOARD LIGHTNING BOLT
- A MINI TRIDENT KEYRING
- A GREEK ALPHABET CARD
- A HOMEMADE "HALF-BLOOD" ID BADGE

HARRY POTTER (J.K. ROWLING)

- A SMALL TOY OWL
- A HOMEMADE "SPELL BOOK"
- A STICK OR TWIG WAND (SAFE AND BLUNT)
- A PAPER LIGHTNING BOLT TUCKED INTO A POCKET
- A SCARF IN RED & GOLD COLOUR

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (E.B. WHITE)

- A SMALL TOY PIG OR SPIDER
- A PAPER SPIDER'S WEB PINNED TO THEIR TOP
- A NAME TAG THAT SAYS "SOME PIG"
- A FARM-STYLE HAT
- A LITTLE BARN-SHAPED BADGE OR DRAWING

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (JEFF KINNEY)

- A SIMPLE BLACK-AND-WHITE "JOURNAL" (NOT LABELLED "DIARY!")
- CARTOON DOODLES STUCK TO A BACKPACK
- IN A CHEESE-SHAPED CARDBOARD CUT-OUT FOR THE "CHEESE TOUCH"
- A STICK-FIGURE BADGE
- A SPEECH BUBBLE SIGN SAYING "IT'S NOT MY FAULT!"

PADDINGTON (MICHAEL BOND)

- A SMALL SUITCASE OR LUNCHBOX LABELLED LIKE LUGGAGE
- A JAR MARKED "MARMALADE"
- A LUGGAGE LABEL SAYING "PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS BEAR"
- A SMALL CARDBOARD RED HAT
- A PERUVIAN FLAG STICKER

Key reminders

Clues should be small, safe and school-appropriate.
Children do not need to buy costumes.
Home-made clues are very welcome!
The aim is to get pupils talking about books.

Music News



WHOLE SCHOOL

This week we are singing the song 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman. This is in preparation for our Children's Mental Health Week assembly next week. It would be great if the boys could have a listen to this song at home over the weekend and next week so they are even more familiar with it for next Friday.

ORCHESTRA

Polite reminder that due to the Year 6 musical rehearsals after school, there will be no orchestra on Tuesdays after half term (from 24 February.) It will restart after the Easter holidays. Due to a Music Coordinators meeting, I am unfortunately going to have to cancel next week's orchestra as well. Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 6 PLAY REHEARSALS

Please note that after school rehearsals are 3:00 to 4:30pm. All students (unless the few wearing a full costume which has been purchased) are asked to wear a baggy t-shirt of a certain colour. Please see email sent out earlier in the week to see which colour your son will need. For all t-shirts - if the bottom and the sleeves could be cut into a zigzag line, that would be amazing!

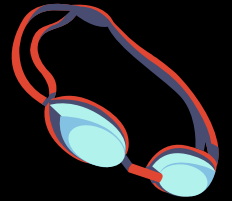
EXAMPLE



ACCESSORIES AND
WIGS WELCOME
FOR CERTAIN
CHARACTERS.



I belong...

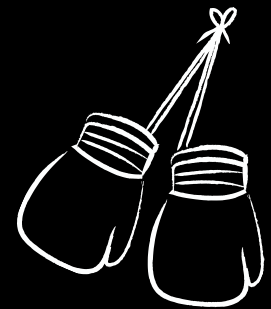


For children's mental health week we are focussing on belonging.

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...



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

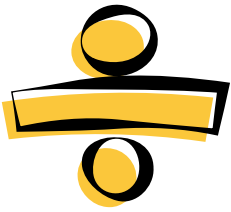
Appropriate content for primary pupils

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!



YEAR 3

THE WEEK AHEAD



The final week of this half term is shaping up to be an exciting and busy one!

On Tuesday 10th February, we will be recognising Safer Internet Day, where the boys will learn about the safe and responsible use of AI.

Next week also marks World Mental Health Week. In PSHE, the boys will spend time exploring and deepening their understanding of mental health and wellbeing.

In English, we are reaching the end of our learning journey. The boys will be writing their final instructional texts on 'How to wash a prehistoric animal'. Your son has already chosen his animal and the special product they will use - perhaps they can tell you all about their plan at home! The boys will also enjoy typing up their final pieces in the Computer Suite using Microsoft Word. Exciting times!

In Maths, we will be concluding our unit on Length and Perimeter as the boys complete their end-of-unit check. If they would like to do some extra practice over the weekend, revisiting how to convert metres to centimetres and centimetres to millimetres would be very helpful.

Please check Seesaw! Miss Nicolle has uploaded a video demonstrating how we teach division in school. Watching it will really support your son with his maths fluency homework, helping him practise the exact method we use in class.

WHAT'S NEW?

What is one interesting thing you learnt from the VCJ students about Islam?

What part of your sewing project are you most proud of so far?

WHAT'S NEXT?

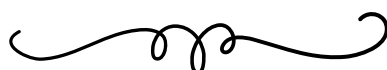
What did you learn about using AI safely and responsibly, and how can it help you online?

What is one thing you discovered about mental health this week and why do you think it's important?

Reminder →

PLEASE CAN WE REMIND PARENTS TO ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY FOR PARENT CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK. THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK THROUGH YOUR SONS' BOOKS AND WRITE A POSITIVE COMMENT ON THE 'JUST A NOTE TO SAY' SLIPS. PLEASE LEAVE COMPLETED ONES ON TOP OF THEIR BOOKS.

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





YEAR 4

THE WEEK AHEAD



Next week we will be completing our Learning Journey – the Iron Man and the boys have been writing detailed instructions on how to trap either an Iron Giant or the Space Bat Angel Dragon. They should complete this, edit and copy out in neat.

In Maths the boys will be completing their work on Perimeter of polygons and converting lengths starting their new Power Maths Unit on Fractions focusing on mixed numbers after half term

All three classes continue with their trumpet or violin sessions. Please ensure your son brings his musical instrument in on the correct day.

Monday 4F trumpets, Tuesday 4BF violins and Wednesday 4B trumpets.

Please look after the instruments. There were a lot of trumpets left at home. The boys should all have a booklet to look at and this should help with their practice. The boys are very enthusiastic, and some great progress has been made as well as developing their understanding of the parts of their instrument. There was great excitement in the violin session when the boys got to use their bows for the first time!! All boys are working towards a class performance at the end of the term.

In history the boys are very much enjoying learning about Ancient Egypt. Next week, we will be making comparisons between different ancient civilizations.

WHAT'S NEW?

The boys will be having a Sparks – fire safety session with White Watch on Friday – an important but fun session, causing great excitement when the Fire Engine arrives in the playground.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In R.E, we will complete our work on our enquiry question, ‘What is good about Good Friday?’ and hopefully following on From Rev Pete Stone’s lesson and their final piece they should be able to answer this question.

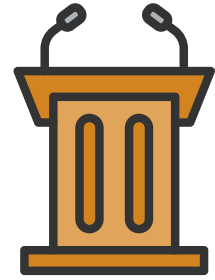
In Art we are working on our needle felting and adding some stitch work and detail.





YEAR 5

THE WEEK AHEAD



Next week in English, we will begin our States Chamber Debate unit. Pupils will investigate how laws are created in Jersey, explore the history and structure of the Island's States system, and examine both current and proposed legislation. Year 5 will then select a topic to debate, choose a position, and craft a persuasive speech to present in the States Chamber. Parents will be invited to attend these debates, and we will share the confirmed dates as soon as they are finalised.

In Maths, we will continue our work on decimals and fractions, extending this understanding to include percentages. Pupils will learn to round decimal numbers accurately and to convert, compare, and order fractions, decimals, and percentages with increasing confidence. Following this unit, we will move on to calculating the area and perimeter of a range of shapes. It would be extremely helpful if pupils could begin discussing and exploring these ideas at home.

The boys have greatly enjoyed their recent work on The Human Figure, studying a variety of artists such as Antony Gormley, Alberto Giacometti, and Elisabeth Frink. They will now apply this learning by creating their own human-figure sculptures using modelling wire and Modroc. We are confident that the boys will draw on their developing understanding of proportion, form, and structure to produce some impressive 3D models.

WHAT'S NEW?

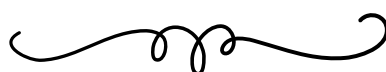
Which is largest? Which is smallest? $\frac{2}{3}$ or 60% or 0.06?

How could you make this more formal? 'Oi pal, what d'you want?'

WHAT'S NEXT?

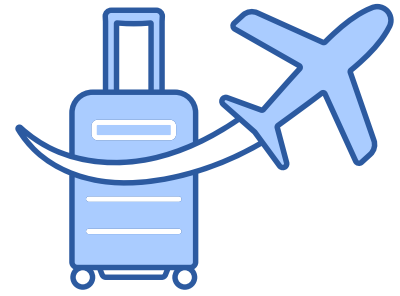
What do all of the different prophecies say about the coming of Jesus?

How does a web crawler find information on the internet?



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YEAR 6
THE WEEK AHEAD



It has been a super week in Year 6 we have started our work on percentages in Maths-this brings together our decimal and fraction work and reminding the boys to keep referring back to previous skills to remind them about this.

In English, the boys have enjoyed designing their own mythical creatures and writing a letter of complaint using different features we have looked at. Whilst some boys had a super time using their engineering skills at the F1, others also had an insightful time meeting our poet on Tuesday, and those who did not will have this opportunity after half term.

Well done to all Year 6 classes for practising their class dances-a reminder to keep going and use the videos which are now on seesaw ready for rehearsals!

Next week, we have two special visitors coming to see Year 6-Margaret and John Baudains-relatives of Mrs Baudains, who lived through the Jersey Occupation in World War Two and are coming to share real stories and answer questions about this period of time which the boys are currently learning about. They also have some Jersey French to share with all the boys!

WHAT'S NEW?

How do you convert a fraction to a percentage?

What features will your mythical creature have?

WHAT'S NEXT?

What are important reminders when staying safe online?

Can you think of any specific questions about the Jersey Occupation that you would like to ask?



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

YEAR 6 PTA LEAVERS PARTY AT JUMP JERSEY
THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026
MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

