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# VINELINES

YOUR WEEKLY VINEHALL NEWSLETTER



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# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

**Such joyful occasions and so many life-long memories made.**

As I write, Year 7 have just returned from an afternoon watching Twelfth Night in the grounds at Claremont and Year 8 have returned from Go-Karting in Lydd. Our final weeks of the summer term are hotting up nicely!

With exams behind us and the reports now written, considerable amounts of time will now be spent out and about and on co-curricular challenges. Vinehall's 'Trips and Activities Week' has the perfect balance of adventure and camaraderie. I urge the children to be the most enthusiastic participants and the greatest company they can possibly be, and I pass on my thanks to our incredible staff for their impeccable organisation, loving care and fabulous creativity. The weather is set to be very fine indeed.

And all was fair for our fabulous FoV Fete last Saturday and again for today's Pre-Prep Sports Day. Such joyful occasions for our children and when so many life-long memories are made. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for the Prep Sports Day, to witnessing the array of House colours, to hearing the cheers of encouragement and rivalry, and to surveying the many delicious picnics on offer.



*Jeff Davis*



# FOV FETE





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**A HUGE THANK YOU TO CHARLOTTE LYONS, AMY EASTALL AND ALL THE FOV FOR A WONDERFUL DAY!**



# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK



## MONDAY 26 JUNE

YEAR 7 DEPART FOR NORMANDY  
YEAR 6 DEPART FOR YOULBURY  
YEAR 5 CAMP AT VINEHALL  
YEAR 8 ROTHESAY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## TUESDAY 27 JUNE

9.00AM NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN PLAY  
GULLY WALK AND PRE-PREP PICNIC

## WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

YEAR 3&4 TRIP TO LEGOLAND  
1.15PM YEAR 2 SWIMMING GALA  
YEAR 8 CAMPING

## THURSDAY 29 JUNE

JUNIORS BEACH SCHOOL  
1.15PM RECEPTION SWIMMING GALA  
2.15PM YEAR 1 SWIMMING GALA

## FRIDAY 30 JUNE

2.30PM PRE-PREP FAMILY PICNIC

## SATURDAY 1 JULY

10.00AM-3.00PM COMPULSORY REHEARSAL FOR YEAR 7&8

## SUNDAY 2 JULY

11.00AM LEAVERS' SERVICE  
12.30PM VINES' SOCIETY & YEAR 8 LEAVERS' LUNCH  
2.00PM VINES XI V HEADMASTER'S XI CRICKET MATCH



**Following yet another horrific accident right outside the school, please may we remind you to turn left onto the A21 from both exits.**



## FOCUS OF THE WEEK – ART & DESIGN



How to put everything into a concise account of what we have been doing this year? It has certainly been a packed year of creativity.

One of the standout highlights was the Prep school exhibition at the Blackshed Gallery in Robertsbridge. The decision was made to take Vinehall art out of Vinehall and to show what we can do in a professional gallery setting. The exhibition was on the theme of 'Land, Sea and Sky' and showcased a range of disciplines including photography, painting, collage and carpentry. The private view was extremely busy, and word spread about the delights on display. As a result, the dates were extended to give those coming from further afield a chance to view. It was a great experience for the pupils.

The art that the pupils produce often reflects the world in which they live, and the range has been extensive. From the experimental pieces from Year 2, through to printmaking by Year 8, all years are posed the question, 'What is Art?' By the end of Year 8, the goal is to have answered that question. Or, at the very least, to have a greater idea of what it means. In terms of our curriculum, we cover the technical aspects and the fundamental rules relating to the visual elements. However, we also reflect, in our work, the world in which the pupils live and operate today. This involves looking at aspects of architectural design, the importance of cultural art and revolutionary art movements to name but a few topics. Links are made to as many other subjects as time allows.

Here is a breakdown of our year.





# FOCUS OF THE WEEK – ART & DESIGN



The Year 8 pupils have studied the revolutionary work of the DADA movement and were set the challenge to answer the question, 'What is Art?' and do we need it? This involved photomontage and photography.

The Year 7 pupils investigated the innovative work of Norman Wilkinson and the subsequent 'Dazzle Ships'.

Year 6 pupils looked at Pop Art and became graphic artists. They were inspired by Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein.

Year 5 created looms on which to weave and studied Navajo rug design.

Year 4 pupils experimented with the complexities of colour theory and moved forward into architecture, taking inspiration from Zaha Hadid and Antonio Gaudi.

Year 3 used mark-making to express themselves and investigated early art.

Year 2 pupils also used mark-making to link to their class ocean project.

The art produced has extended beyond the classroom and into art school.





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As part of the changing curriculum, Art and Design Technology have joined forces to devise a project which creates a fusion between the two subject areas.

Both projects were designed to introduce the, sometimes lengthy, design process and to give a sense of these subject areas in the 'real world'. Promoting applicable skills was and is the essence of this project, and recognising the marketplace in which our pupils will be involved at some point in their lives, whether as a designer, producer or a consumer.

Whilst it was important to achieve a result, it was important to recognise the road to that result. With design, there are a multitude of ever-changing scenarios, and it was the pupils' job to decipher what to keep in their plan and what ultimately to exclude. Plans were made through sketching and the research of existing products. Then moving onto top and side elevation plans to scale, through to isometric drawings and prototypes. We asked Years 3 and 4 pupils to join us in some market research for an initial product which was a writing/drawing implement directed at younger children. We applauded their honesty.

The main product was to be produced initially from a restricted list of materials with which to hone their skills. This included wood, clay, wire and Modroc. As their designs progressed, they were able to add found materials which would otherwise be thrown away. In the Art and DT department, we never throw anything that is useable away.





# FOCUS OF THE WEEK – ART & DESIGN



So, to the brief.

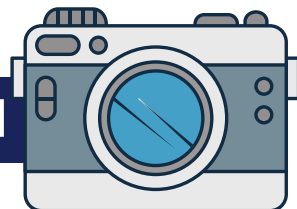
Year 8 - To create an item in which to house a variety of objects related to stationery. Following the theme of 'Planet Earth', the pupils' imaginations took hold, and the pieces became rich in both form and texture. From a spooky tree to a wasp's nest, the pupils were able to take their initial plans forward to a final product, which in a lot of cases, could be taken to market.

Year 7 - To construct a portable mini golf course game in response to the World Crazy Golf Championships 2023 held in neighbouring Hastings, using as many sustainable materials as possible. The product had to be of interest to the customer, have openings large enough for a marble to move through and create interest with the use of scale, proportion, shape, texture and form.





# REPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



AMELIA A



HANNAH Q

The Vinehall Photographers took part in the Repton School Photographic Competition 2023. The theme was 'Horizon and Light' and here a selection of the beautiful entries, showing an understanding of the quality of light.

Those who made the winners' shortlist were Amelia A and Hannah Q. Amelia A achieved joint second place with 'A beguiling and painterly landscape capturing an ambiguous sense of distance and scale in a vertiginous, nostalgic and almost fairy tale scene foregrounding a Paul Nash-like natural form'.

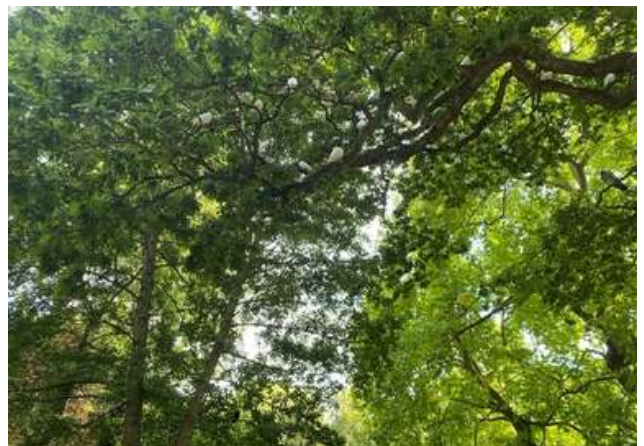
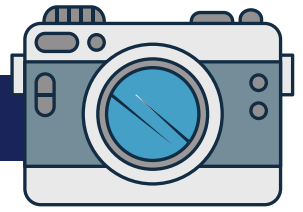
Hannah Q achieved joint fifth place with 'The balance between reflection and sky in this moody image, dramatised as it is with the mysterious dark areas and hazy light, evokes an almost medieval sense of mythic narrative'.

Well done to all our talented photographers! 'Bravo and thank you to everyone who took part' from Mr Whitfield, Head of Art at Repton School.





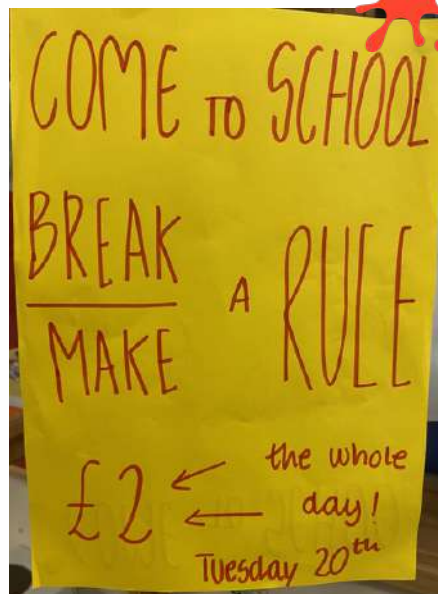
# REPTON PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION





# RUSHTON'S BREAK THE RULES DAY

# BREAK THE RULES

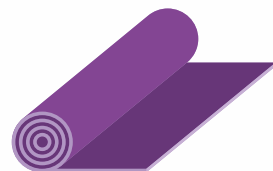


Thank you for your generous support of our Rushton Charity Event which took place on Tuesday. Children were able to break many school rules on the day and particularly enjoyed eating doughnuts for morning break, having ice lollies for tea, and making members of staff wipe the tables at lunch. Some Junior pupils embraced the opportunity to put on a tie, while some seniors mixed it up with kilts, crazy hairstyles and creative jewellery. Some Year 5s said that they would like to have Break the Rules Days at least once a week, they enjoyed it so much!



Rushton is grateful for your support of our chosen charity, One Tree Planted, which plants trees around the world in places that are in need due to forest fires or deforestation. Thanks go to our Rushtonites for their eye-catching publicity posters, to Patrick L and Poppy C (Rushton House Captains) for mobilising the masses and to Skye R and Ines C for promoting the event via notices at lunch. It is not too late to bring in donations – these should be passed to Patrick or Poppy so that they can be added to our total – we have raised £168.20 so far!





## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



What a wonderful way to celebrate International Yoga Day, as Ally Linney led a relaxing, stretching and balancing session during Wednesday's morning break.

In the glorious sunshine, with the delightful back-ground sounds of children playing and birds singing, and the wind in their hair, a little group of keen yogis enjoyed Sun Salutations, Tree poses and a colourfully creative Butterfly.





# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRE-PREP



## JUDO CHAMPIONS

Every Thursday, the children in Pre-Prep have the opportunity to learn Judo from Paul Everest, of Westerleigh Judokwai. You may remember that Paul's daughter, Izzie, made a hugely positive impression on Pre-Prep when she visited us last year, and a few weeks ago we were able to welcome Izzie back to Vinehall. This time, Izzy had just won some pretty impressive awards, and she was able to inspire the children by sharing some of her amazing achievements with them!

In April, Izzie had travelled to Holland for the Pan Disability World Championships, where she had scooped not only the European Championship but also the World Championship title. During the session at Vinehall, she taught the children alongside her Dad, Paul. We are deeply grateful to Izzie for her time and commitment in helping our children to find a passion for a sport, just as she has. Congratulations Izzie on your fantastic achievements.

Next week, we invite parents of the Pre-Prep children who partake in the weekly sessions after school to come to an open session and watch the children win their "red belt." I went to see the preparation the children have been doing for this after school this week, and I was really impressed by the determination and focus they showed. They were clearly all having a great time, and developing a wonderful skill set while doing so. We look forward to welcoming you next Thursday!



*Nicky Whittaker*



# LITTLE VINES NURSERY



## NURSERY

Art and design in the Early Years includes using our imagination, with creativity as well as self expression and resourcefulness.

Our Little Vines children achieve this on a daily basis and are exposed to opportunities and resources to be creative. The children love to use paint to create wheel patterns; they use construction equipment to design and create buildings; and design and plan their own original clothes, to name but a few.





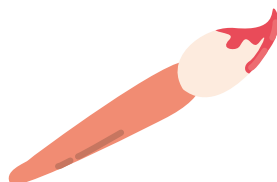
# LITTLE VINES NURSERY



## KINDERGARTEN

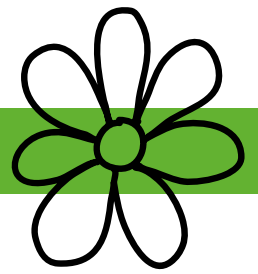
This week we have been exploring the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and the children have thoroughly enjoyed painting the characters. They thought carefully about which colours to use and utilised their colour-mixing skills to create the shades they required. Then they looked at pictures of the characters and used their observational skills to add interesting details to their paintings.

What a wonderful gallery of character portraits the children created.





# PRE-PREP



## YEAR 1

Year 1 combined science and art this week. We spent time learning about what a plant is and what it needs to survive. We took our learning outdoors and explored our school grounds, searching for different types of plants and deciding whether they were 'wild or garden plants.'

We spent time in different locations looking closely at the shape of the plants and then worked hard to sketch our plants with our pencils.

Well done for working like Ollie Owl and concentrating so well on your sketches Year 1!







## YEAR 2

Year 2 have been thinking like scientists, observing and describing what happens to a seed when it germinates. They found that runner bean seeds will still germinate even if in a paper towel, as long as they have water. They have also been comparing what a plant needs to grow and remain healthy, noticing that the water, sunlight and air are important. Great observational skills!



In Maths they have been describing position and movement, using the Pre-Prep pals to help them. The children have given directions to get to the gems and have been making clockwise and anti-clockwise turns around the classroom. Thankfully no one got too dizzy!"





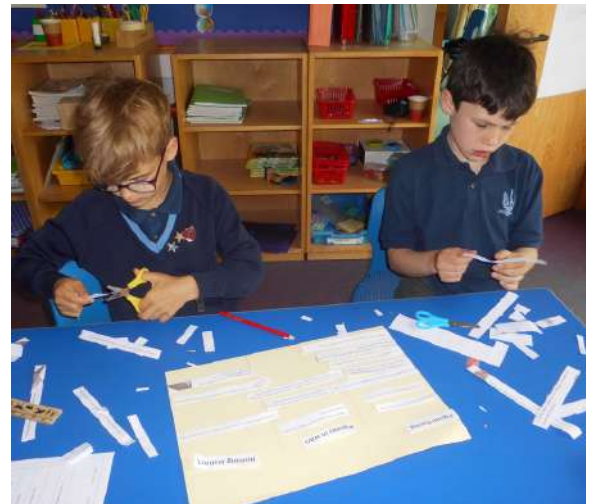
## PREP ACADEMIC – YEAR 3



3E have been finding out more about the bluestones that make up part of Stonehenge, on the day after the Summer Solstice. They loved making mini 'henges' and were all interested in Mrs E's small bluestone from the Preseli hills in Wales. The BBC documentary, 'The Lost Circle Revealed' proved fascinating; we are all much more aware now of what archaeologists might do.



Continuing the investigations into what a plant needs to grow healthy and strong, 3E's seedlings have produced fruits, just in time for their Science topic on Fruits and Seeds. The children also made some lovely zig-zag booklets explaining what happens after pollination.



The children have been sorting facts about pigeons into paragraphs, under the headings 'Homing Instinct', 'Pigeons in Wars' and 'Pigeon Racing'. They worked well collaboratively, reading and discussing before deciding on where to group the statements. They are all enjoying the story by Nicola Davies.

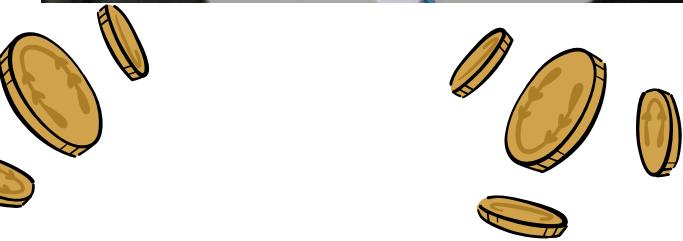




# PREP ACADEMIC – YEAR 4



Year 4 have been learning about money!  
We played lots of games. they loved  
shops.





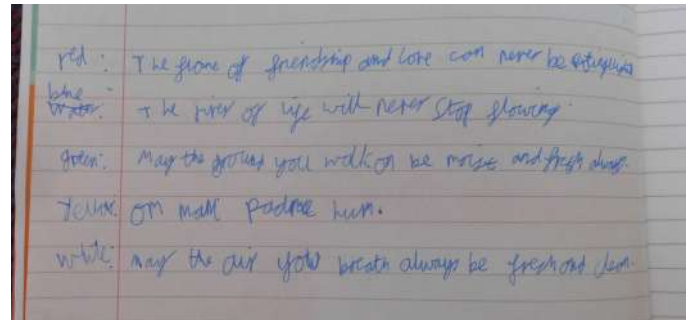
# PREP ACADEMIC – YEAR 5



## 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' IN YEAR 5'S RS LESSON THIS WEEK

Year 5 have begun to write their wishes for a happier world on their mini prayer flags. Hattie finished hers, Margot loved the sunshine and the singing bowl, and Rhian and Seren composed some poetic thoughts.

Well done, girls!



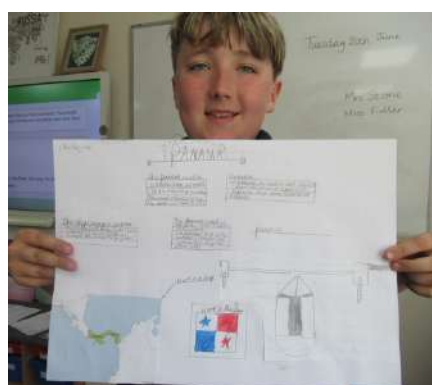
May everyone live long, happy lives.  
May everyone achieve all their life goals, no matter how hard.  
I hope everyone will get through all their life challenges.  
May everyone die happy and old.  
I hope others will get very lucky.  
I wish everyone passing away how they wish to.  
May bullying perish and kindness and forgiveness rise.  
May no-one experience sadness from now.



Year 5 took their lettuce home this week. It was yummy.



They have also made posters about Panama which was very interesting to learn about.





# TWELFTH NIGHT AT CLAREMONT



On Thursday Year 7 were very fortunate to visit Claremont School for a Twelfth Night Day. In the morning the children enjoyed two workshops: the first focussed on a soundscape to conjure up the play's opening storm and introducing movement and music, and the second was a dance session where the pupils learnt the steps for a routine included in the show.



After a picnic in Claremont's garden we were treated to an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity. Year 9&10 pupils showed excellent presence and mastery of the language and there were some exceptional performances, including Tilly R, Vine, as an hilarious Andrew Aguecheek.





# ECO COMMITTEE



The Eco Committee decided to set themselves the task of helping hedgehogs this term so, after assembling our newly purchased hedgehog house a few weeks ago, we finally positioned it in the developing wildlife garden today. It has been tucked under the dead hedge and filled with some hay as bedding material. We look forward to seeing all the different types of creatures that our wildlife garden can attract. This activity also earns us points towards our RSPB School's Wild Challenge Gold Award.





# YOUNG MUSICIAN

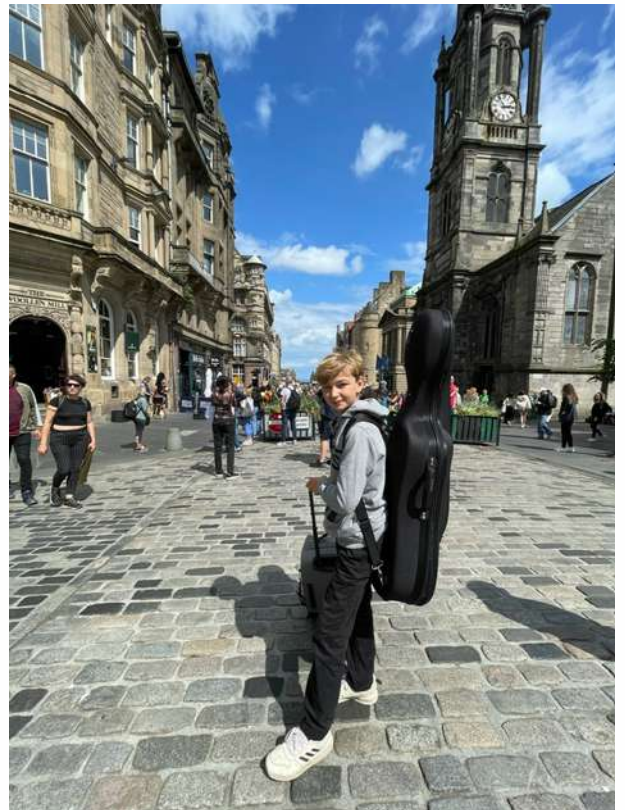


*We are very proud of Arlo K who was invited to play in a concert in Edinburgh. His father has kindly submitted a report and some photographs.*

Arlo was invited by a family friend and piano teacher to play in a recital at the Edinburgh Society of Musicians on Sunday night, alongside a number of other students of piano and violin. The talent on display could have been overwhelming, including 9 year-old prodigies and university music graduates, but Arlo gave everything to his performance and received a resounding cheer from the audience.



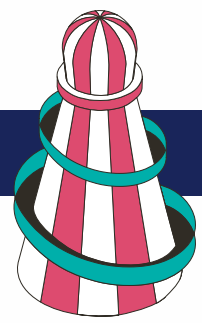
He also visited Stringers of Edinburgh, which has a close connection with Vinehall's music department, chatted about scales with leading violinist Daniel Piro (who lives in the city and has been Artist in Residence at London's South Bank), and even got to hear the bagpipes on Edinburgh's Royal Mile!



*Please do share your child's successes or adventures; we would be pleased to celebrate in Vinelines.*



# BOARDING



Saturday was the Summer Fair. For a while the weather looked as if it was not going to cooperate but it soon improved, and the sun came out for a lovely day.

There was the Helter Skelter, apple bobbing, a mini carousel and loads of stalls. The boarders enjoyed the face painting and tattoo stall the most, and nearly everyone had their nails painted.

By the end of the afternoon everybody was happy and tired, so we had a relaxing evening watching a film and the more energetic boarders decided to have a swim.



On Sunday, after a busy week, we were going to have a Croquet match and scones on the terrace. This was quickly vetoed when the rain came down, so we had a talent contest instead. Among the best acts was Ricky who whistled a beautiful Chinese song, Anouk who played La Marseillaise on her flute and Summer and Ella who performed a very energetic dance routine.

Then it was time to get ready for the new week. With only a few weeks to go, the boarders are excited and also a little sad but for now we will just focus on having some fun.



# SPORT



It has been another extremely busy week of sport, with tennis matches at Marlborough House on Monday, followed by cricket against St Andrew's, Skippers Hill and The Mead on Wednesday and Thursday. Congratulations to Henry C and Alex D who both scored unbeaten 50s for the 1st XI, and the Colts A team who fought back brilliantly to tie their game by scoring a single off the last ball of the match.

The highlight of the past week was undoubtedly the senior athletics team participating in the Sussex Prep Schools Championships last Friday. There were a number of fantastic performances from across the group.

Iden N: U12 100m Champion

Charlie C: U12 1500m 2nd

Henry C: U13 1500m 2nd

Elizabeth H: U14 Long Jump 2nd

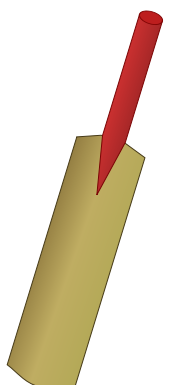
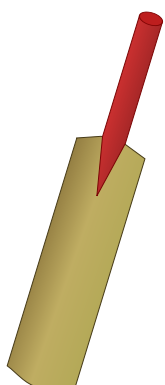
Boys' U12 4 x 100m relay 2nd (Harvey P, Iden N, Masa M & Charlie C)

India A: U14 1500m 3rd

Rosie D: U14 800m 3rd

Tomorrow is the highly anticipated Inter-house Sports Day. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at what is always an exciting and enjoyable day of athletics.

HENRY C AND ALEX D





## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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The Soccer School is open to all children aged 5-13. Places are limited and early booking is advised.



All welcome! Please contact the office if you would like to book seats for either performance.

Year 7 and 8 are very busy rehearsing and would love the support of the entire school community. It is a fun show full of wonderful songs, great characters and hilarious dialogue.

We hope to see you there!



## SHREK The Musical



CHAPLIN THEATRE  
TUESDAY 4TH JULY &  
WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

DRINKS FROM 6.30PM  
PERFORMANCE 7.00PM



## CELEBRATIONS

# Happy Birthday

Henry SC – Year 1

George VG – Reception

Arlo B – Kindergarten

Adeline F – Year 1



Pre-Prep

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Nursery

Asa

### Kindergarten

George  
Anna

### Reception

Freddie

### Year 1

Persie  
Elfie

### Year 2

Vivi

