

May 2025 Newsletter



Welcome



Welcome to our summer newsletter, keeping you up to date with some of the things that have been going on over the last five weeks at Vernon!

Year five started the term on a high as they went on their residential to The Anderton Centre in Chorley; they were very lucky with the sunshine for their water sports and outdoors team-building events.

Year three have also had a residential, camping on the school field! They learnt various bush craft skills topped off with a camp fire toasting marshmallows. Thanks to our staff and volunteers who support all our trips and parents for your financial contributions as we simply cannot run them without your help.

Last week was a big week for our wonderful Year six children as they took their SATs. As always, I was incredibly impressed by their positive attitude and amazing hard work; they took the week in their stride and we know they will do themselves, us and you proud.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the chocolate bingo night; we all had a great time and lots of chocolate was won and consumed!

Diary dates



Date	Event
9 th June	Back to school
9 th – 11 th June	6W Menai residential
11 th – 13 th June	6K Menai residential
w/c 9 th June	Y1 phonics screening
w/c 9 th June	Y4 multiplication check
19 th June	Summer beach party discos
w/c 23 rd June	Sports week
26 th June	Sports day (weather permitting)
7 th July	Open evening
7 th July	Y6 Poynton High School transition day
9 th July	Y6 leavers production
17 th July	Y6 leavers party
23 rd July	Last day of school year

Catering News



The new payment system will go live on Monday 9th June. Information on how to download the app can be found here¹. The parents' guide with full instructions for setting up and managing your account can be found here². Your child's SwiftKitchen key has been sent home with your child.

Please download the SwiftKitchen app and register for an account; from 9th June we will no longer be taking payments through Spider. You will be able to order and pay for meals directly through the app. KS1 children and those on free school meals are also required to order meals this way. The cut-off time for ordering, paying (if applicable), amending and cancelling your child's lunch via the app is 8am on the day of the booking.

Once you have downloaded and registered your child on the app, please check any dietary restrictions/allergies are correct, and contact the school office if you require any changes.

¹https://www.vernonprimaryschool.com/serve_file/35795133

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Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chocolate Bingo night on Thursday 8th May and the sweet sale: we raised a fantastic £660!

Our next event will be our summer beach party disco on Thursday 19th June.

Miss Hurst's class spent time during their Easter holidays to raise money to improve our technology resources in school. Thank you to all the children in Year 4 for working so hard on your sponsored walk and second hand toy stall; they raised an amazing £1600 for the school.



Reception



This week, Reception have been learning about 'caring for our planet'. We have considered all aspects of looking after our world, such as recycling, the importance of plants and trees, how to

save energy and water and reusing items. We enjoyed a fun afternoon of upcycling an item of recycling from home into our own wonderful creations such as bird feeders, money boxes, pencil pots, hats and puppet theatres! We have also been going out onto the playground litter picking after playtimes and have created our own posters about how to care for our planet.

Year 1

Year One have had a wonderfully exciting term with our '*Oh I do Like to be Beside the Seaside*' theme. The children have written some lovely stories related to our books '*The Storm Whale*' and '*The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch*'. They have also created some amazing non-fiction booklets based on the style of the book '*The Big Book of Blue*'. In Art we have studied the textile artists Vanessa Barragao and Martina Celerin. They created their own seaside themed art, using the technique of weaving and the results were incredible. What a talented bunch they are!

We also enjoyed our Geography field work, where we walked into Poynton, accompanied by our teachers, the local CCSOs and parent helpers to look for human and physical features. The children were so well behaved and fantastic at spotting whether things were human or physical. In Computing, we have been programming robots by using the Bee-Bots. The children directed the Bee-Bots from one part of a map to another and they wrote algorithms to describe their route.









Year 2



What an exciting and busy half term Year 2 have had! We have continued our learning through our theme '*Where the Wild Things Are*' and the children have become fully immersed within the story. Over the past few weeks the children have been developing their own ideas, gathering

vocabulary, and writing setting descriptions ahead of writing a retell of the narrative. The children created some wonderful booklets, retelling the story. It's fantastic to see the language and grammatical features that the children are now confidently using!

Year 2 had their educational visit to Lyme Park this half term. They explored the gardens and the house, whilst learning all about the Legh family who once owned and lived at Lyme. This links to our History theme at the moment as we are investigating our local area and the history surrounding us. The children's knowledge of Lyme and the Legh family was detailed and impressed the National Trust volunteers.

In Art, we have been having fun exploring the work of Nick Park. The children have learnt about the animator, sculptor, and director as well as investigating how animations such as Shaun the Sheep are created. The children will be making their own Wild Thing sculptures and learning how to bring them to life through animation.

In Year 2, we celebrated Earth Day by listening to the story '*Someone Swallowed Stanley*'. We then discussed the learning and moral within the book. The children created their own posters explaining why people should recycle, reuse, and dispose of plastic safely. The children had so many great reflections about plastic pollution and how it can damage our oceans and seas.



1 - Lyme Park



2 - Plastic pollution posters created on Earth Day



3 - Earth Day!



4 - Wild Things!



5 - Where The Wild Things Are story booklets

A forest grew
 in this room, his
 walking, humming, smooth
 vines, and the silver
 moon danced very up
 high with the shimmering
 stars, the forest grew misty,
 the forest grew mistier,
 the forest was the
 twisted like diamonds. A
 forest appeared. The forest
 was dark. The forest grew
 darker. The forest was
 the darkest that Max
 had ever encountered.

As Max wore his cozy wife
 suit on one freezing night
 and decided to make
 naughty mischief of ^{an} ~~on~~ bed.
 His mom said "Wild thing!"
 Max said "I'll eat you
 up" and he got sent to
 bed without supper.

On that dark night Max
 decided to stand on his
 big, precious boots and
 by ~~leaving~~ ^{leaving} on ~~leaving~~ ^{leaving}
 sail into his beautiful
 world. So he sailed like
 a lion "I'll EAT YOU
 UP!!" Max roared.

Max sailed in the sea that
 sounded like thunder in

6 - Year 2 writing

Year 3



We have had an incredibly exciting half term in Year 3. The children have immersed themselves in our 'To Infinity and Beyond' theme and have learnt and shared lots of incredible facts about space. As always, we have been amazed by the incredible projects they created for homework and have loved sharing these together.

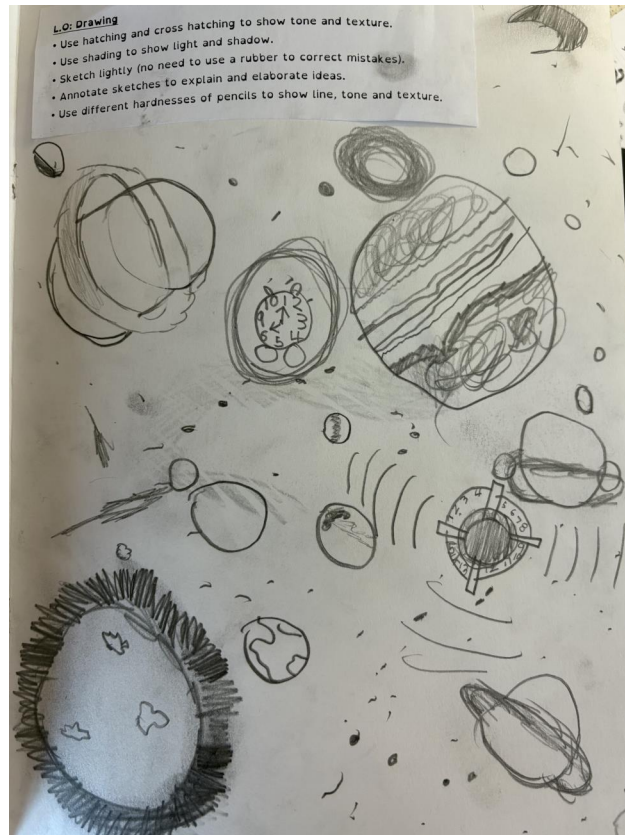
In English, we have been looking at 'Cakes in Space' and the children created some brilliant characters for their narrative writing, focusing on 'evil foods' such as Petrifying Pineapple, Destructive Donut and Sinister Cinnamon Roll. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading their wonderful stories and it has been brilliant to see them using all of the knowledge they have gained in Year 3 to make them so exciting.

In History, we have been learning about the history of Jodrell Bank. The children have created fact files about Bernard Lovell and we are all very exciting for our trip to Jodrell Bank next half term!

In Art, the children have particularly enjoyed refining their sketching skills by drawing some brilliant pictures of the solar system, thinking about the different shading skills we can use to create different textures with our planets. We will start next half-term by looking at our focus artists, James Kitchen and Inge King, and planning space sculptures.

We ended our half-term on a high with an amazing residential on our school field. We participated in some incredible activities such as creating survival bracelets, fire-lighting and toasting marshmallows around the camp fire. The children particularly enjoyed playing 'Kin Ball'. Despite the cold night, all of the children managed some sleep and showed fantastic resilience. We are incredibly proud of them and can't wait for an exciting final half-term of Year 3.







Year 4



What a brilliant half term it has been in Year 4! The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork throughout all of their learning – especially during our exciting Viking topic.

One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly **Viking Day**, when we were lucky enough to welcome a real-life Viking visitor into school. The children were captivated as they learned all about Viking life, from daily routines to the daring raids that made the Vikings so infamous. They asked brilliant questions and listened with great interest as they explored the differences between Viking and modern life. The day didn't stop there – the children then had the chance to get hands-on with Viking-inspired activities. Using clay, they crafted their very own Viking games, showing great skill and creativity. The excitement reached new heights when they took part in battle drills, practising formations and defensive stances with shields in hand. It was wonderful to see their energy and team spirit on full display!

We also saw some incredible artistic talent this half term with our **watercolour dragon eye paintings**. The children explored texture, shading, and colour blending to produce striking, detailed pieces that really captured the mysterious and magical essence of dragon eyes. The results were absolutely **stunning** – a real testament to the children’s focus and creativity.

In Design and Technology, Year 4 took on the challenge of building Viking longships, and what an amazing job they did. Every group worked collaboratively to design, build, and test their ships, considering important factors such as buoyancy, weight, capacity, sail function, and overall appearance. The final testing was great fun, and the results were impressive across the board. A special congratulations to team **“Blood Wars”**, whose longship sailed to victory as the top performer!

This half term has been packed with memorable moments and incredible learning. We are so proud of Year 4 for their hard work, curiosity, and enthusiasm – they truly brought the Viking era to life! Enjoy a well-earned break, and we look forward to more exciting adventures next half term!









Year 5



Year 5 Residential at the Anderton Centre

The first week back after Easter, Year 5 headed off to the Anderton Centre for their residential. It was a fantastic two days, with sunshine and plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved in a range of outdoor activities. Over the course of the trip, pupils took part in tree climbing, archery, and canoeing.

In the evening, we completed a variety of bushcraft activities and learnt about the essentials for survival. This was followed by a campfire and s'mores, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

It really was a brilliant residential, and all of the children had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the parents who joined us and supported the visit – your help was greatly appreciated!



7 - Arriving at the centre





8 - Preparing for the tree climb



9 - Tree climb





Year 6

Year 6 have truly shone this half term in the lead-up to their SATs. Their dedication, focus, and enthusiasm have been nothing short of outstanding. As part of their English work, they have created some fantastic *Flanimals*, showcasing their creativity and imagination. From bizarre beasts to wonderfully weird creatures, their writing has been full of humour, originality, and flair.

During SATs week itself, the children approached each day with positivity and resilience. They supported each other brilliantly and made the most of the experience, helped along by a range of well-deserved treats and rewards to keep spirits high. It was a week not only of assessments but also of teamwork, encouragement, and celebration.

A huge thank you goes to **Pablo and Sons Ice Cream Van**, who made a special visit to the children at **Barnaby Park** after SATs. The post-SATs ice cream treat was a well-earned reward and a highlight for many.



10 - Having fun in SATs week.



11 - Year 6 at the park!



School Council



It's been a fantastic half term for the School Council, filled with exciting opportunities and meaningful celebrations that really helped us understand the importance of citizenship, democracy, and protecting our planet.

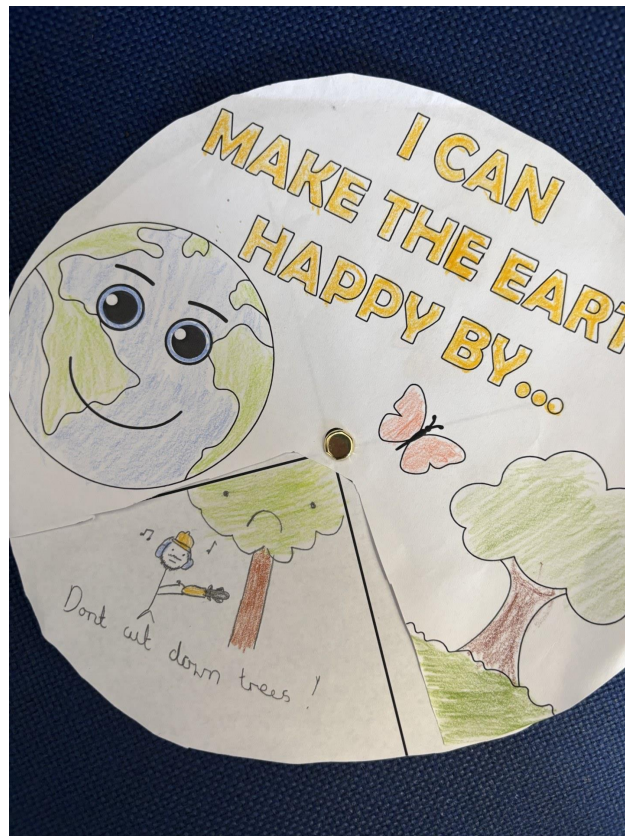
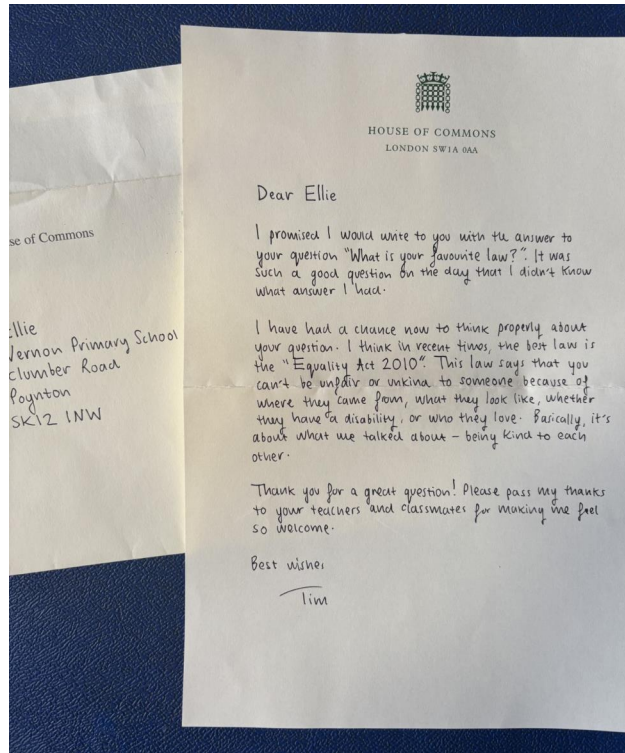
To mark Parliament Week, we were honoured to welcome Tim Roca MP into school. Tim gave a fascinating and engaging talk to the children about his role as a Member of Parliament and what life is like working in Westminster. He explained the importance of democracy, how laws are made, and how MPs represent the voices of their communities. The children were full of thoughtful questions, and Tim was incredibly generous with his time and answers – it was a brilliant opportunity to see democracy in action and inspired many pupils to think about how they can make a difference, too.

Eleanor in year 4 asked Tim the brilliant question, "What is your favourite law?" Tim needed some time to think this over so told Eleanor that he would be in touch. This week we received this wonderful letter to school addressed to Eleanor and explaining his answer in full. We cannot thank Tim enough for the time he took to write this message.

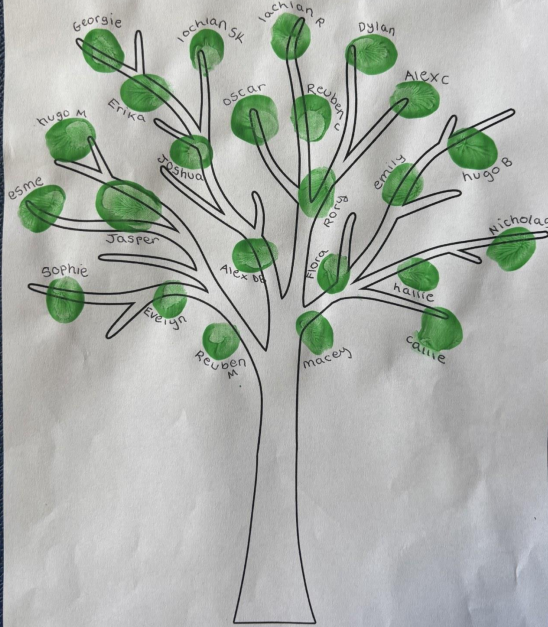
We also celebrated Earth Day in a big way this term! Every year group got involved, producing some outstanding work to mark the occasion. From posters and poetry to eco-art and pledges for change, the creativity and passion shown by the children was truly inspiring. The day was a powerful reminder of the importance of caring for our planet, and it really helped to renew our whole school's commitment to environmental responsibility. We were proud to see such thoughtful discussions taking place about the small changes we can make every day to help protect the Earth.

The School Council would like to thank everyone who took part in these events and helped make them such a success. We look forward to continuing our work next half term – watch this space!





We promise to always look after our
world by picking litter up.



Earth Day 2025

Comic Strip

Use the space below and create a comic strip which
communicates an environmental issue important to you.

<p>SAVE EARTH</p>	<p>You can leave plastic by making it into your homework or project.</p>
<p>don't buy plastic bottles buy Metal bottles!</p> <p>No more wants to buy me</p>	<p>if you get a take away you can wash the plastic and leave use it</p>

VE Day Commemoration



On 8th May, our school commemorated VE Day by observing a 2 minutes silence to remember and thank those who fought for our freedom. Our year 5 and 6 children also took part in a flash mob on the playground at the end of the school day, entertaining the parents and carers with an amazing lindy hop dance. Well done to all who took part.

Sport



Sports **Day Date**

This year, Sports Day will be held on Thursday 26th June.

KS2 - 9:30 - 10:30

EYFS and KS1 - 13:30 - 14:30

Football Team News

It continues to be a busy half term for our school football teams.

We've had a number of exciting matches, and we're especially thrilled that the girls' team is through to the next round of their Cup tournament. We look forward to seeing all of our teams continue their success in the next half term.



Dynamo Cricket Competition

On Monday 19th May, a group of Year 5 children took part in a Dynamo Cricket Competition at Macclesfield Cricket Club. It was fantastic to see the children putting into practice the skills they had learned during the *Chance to Shine* sessions. There was some sensational batting, with players hitting 4s and 6s, and the accuracy of their bowling improved throughout the day.

The final match was a Vernon Derby – 5W versus 5ME – and it was wonderful to see the team spirit and encouragement from all the players. Well done to everyone who took part!



12 - 5W



13 - 5ME

Eco Council



The Eco Council applied for and were awarded a grant from WME to help support environmental initiatives across our school. This half term the Eco Council have been busy deciding how to spend the money and what would be most useful to our school. We decided on improving our school garden by planting fruit trees, using bee-friendly plants for pollination and planting herbs to create a sensory area. The funding will also help support and improve habitats for minibeasts as we plan to create bug friendly areas. We are very grateful to WME for their support and look forward to enjoying the fruits and flowers!



14 - An example of how to use the money by Hettie.



15 - Planting up!



16 - Lots of herbs



World of Work



This half term the children have had the opportunity to learn about more careers in our World of Work assemblies.

Mrs Beswick joined us in May to tell us about her job selling advertising and events for radio stations; Mrs Leigh told us about her role as Commercial Project Manager at Siemens Energy; and Mr McGregor joined us to tell us all about his role as part of Greater Manchester Fire Department!

We were overwhelmed by the number of parents who offered to take part in our World of Work scheme. If you previously completed the survey, Mrs McNeil has been contacting parents on the list and will be in touch with as many parents as possible to make arrangements for the Autumn term 2025 and Spring term 2026. Thank you again for your enthusiasm in teaching Vernon pupils about the world of work!



School Lottery

Did you know that Vernon Primary has its own school lottery? It is a great way for you to support our school and be in with the chance to win the weekly cash prize, regular special draws and maybe even the £25,000 jackpot!

It is simple: choose 6 numbers between 0 and 9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. Tickets cost just £1 per week and for every ticket sold, a donation is made to our school. Every Saturday at 8pm, the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

Sign up to support our school³

³[https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/5df8a6fa-b7fa-4d45-9de4-b5ba460f043f/leaflets/69e46f80-491d-49a9-96d5-b4f5cc58eff7/how-it-works - digital.pdf?updated=638416055884900000](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/5df8a6fa-b7fa-4d45-9de4-b5ba460f043f/leaflets/69e46f80-491d-49a9-96d5-b4f5cc58eff7/how-it-works-digital.pdf?updated=638416055884900000)



Uniform

The school uniform policy can be found on the website.

We request that skins/base layers are not worn under the uniform.

For health and safety reasons, please remove any jewellery before coming to school; a watch and small stud earrings are permitted but earrings must be removed for PE and no necklaces, bracelets or hoop earrings should be worn in school.

Makeup and hair dye is not permitted and long hair must be tied up.

If you need assistance with uniform, please speak to the office and we will help.

Please ensure that all uniform, coats and other personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If you purchase name labels from www.mynametags.com⁴, please use the school ID 49069 and a proportion of the purchase price will be donated to school.



⁴<https://www.mynametags.com>

School office



You can contact the school office by email to admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk⁵

Call us on 01625 872556 or visit us in person; we are open from 08:30-16:30 every day.

Please continue to report absences in the usual way. If you are informing us of a period of absence, not medical related, please ensure you email us:
absence@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk⁶

We kindly request that, where possible, any appointments for the children are made outside of the school day. We understand this is not always possible. However, we request that your appointment letter or confirmation is emailed to school so that it can be recorded accurately in the register.

Extra-curricular clubs



17 - [Click here to book 8BY8](https://8by8football.classforkids.io/term/393)⁷

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STREET DANCE CLUB

Commencing
Monday 28th April- Monday 21st July
3:15-4:15
£5 per session
£50 for the whole term
Reception- Year 2

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP PLEASE
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STREET DANCE CLUB

Commencing
Tuesday 29th April-Tuesday 22nd July
3:15-4:15
£5 per session
£55 for the whole term
Year 3-Year 6

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COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

Vernon Primary School | KS2

AFTERSCHOOL Code Club

Half Term 1: Stop Motion Animation
Design your own characters using plasticine or Lego, develop unique storylines, and bring them to life through animation. Teamwork, imagination, special effects, and loads of laughter all lead up to a final week showcase.

Half Term 2: Simulation City
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Morning Gymnastic Club

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Parking



Please be mindful of our neighbours when you are parking your car at pick up and drop off. Please do not park on the double yellow lines, park too close to any of the junctions near school, block driveways or double park in the school car park.

We understand that it can be very busy around school in the morning and afternoon. However, we would advise taking an extra five minutes to park in the large car park next to Waitrose or walk to school.

If you have any specific concerns about parking and road safety, please contact our local CCSOs, PCSOs and Cheshire East.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and helping to keep all our children and families safe.

⁸<https://ccgym.co.uk/book-classes/ola/services/c-c-gymnastics-at-vernon-primary-summer-term-2025>