



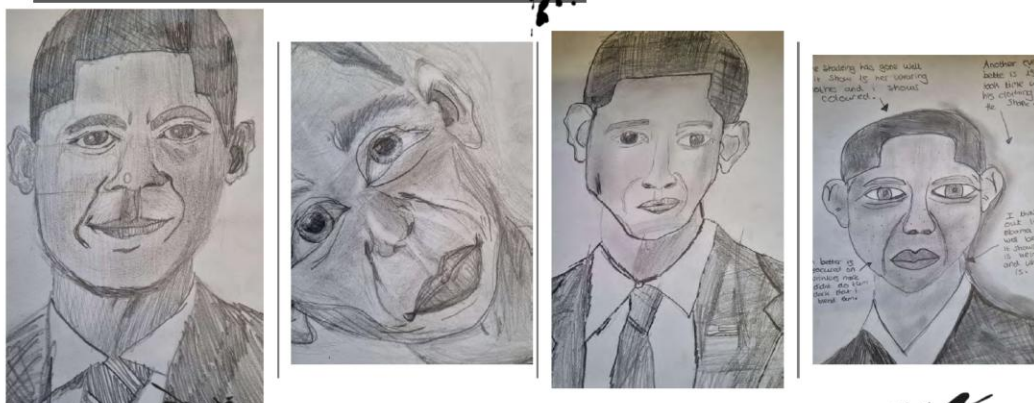
Purbrook Park School Purbrook Park Newsletter



**Week commencing Monday 5th October 2026
WEEK B**

1. Notes from the Headteacher
2. Calendar
3. Messages
4. Department Leader Boards & Pupils/Work of the Week
5. Faith & Festivals this Week
6. House Competitions
7. Weekly House Attendance and Praise Point Leader Boards
8. Christmas Market Tombola Donations

ADT WORK OF THE WEEK



YR 8 - PORTRAIT DRAWINGS

1. Notes from the Headteacher

We remember the remarkable broadcaster and campaigner Dame Esther Rantzen, who founded the charity Childline.

Childline is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. If you ever need help, follow the link below or call Childline on 0800 1111.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

With best wishes,

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 05.10.26	Flu vaccination – all years Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Year Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday 06.10.26	Lead Teacher Meeting – 3.10pm – 4.10pm
Wednesday 07.10.26	Hampshire Book Award Winner's Ceremony - 8.30am – 1.30pm After School Staff CPD (1) – 3.10pm – 5.10pm
Thursday 08.10.26	School Day
Friday 09.10.26	School Day

3. Messages

Science – Celebrating Success	<u>Sparx</u> The top 3 Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 21 st September 2026 were as follows:		
	Year Group	1st Position	2nd Position
	7	Abigail (KSH)	Rosina (KSH)
	8	Izzy (HDO)	Oscar (LBR)
	9	Felix (CSI)	Alana (DBL)
	10	Hattie (AWA)	Charlotte (JMS)
	11	Savannah (MBR)	Elsa (GEV)
Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points for their efforts. This academic year pupils have already correctly answered 112,413 questions on Sparx Science!			
<u>Scientists of the Week</u> The following pupils have been nominated as “Scientist of the Week” by Mrs Botham for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons and have been awarded 50 Praise Points: Austen (7KSH) and Rose (11TGO).			
Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science			



WHERE	WHEN	WHAT TIME
Sparsholt	03/10/2026	From 9.30am
Warsash Maritime School	03/10/2026	9.30am-2pm
Chichester College	06/10/2026	4.30pm-7pm
HSDC South Downs	06/10/2026	5pm to 8pm
St Annes Sixth Form	07/10/2026	6pm to 8pm
Bay House 6th Form	08/10/2026	5pm-7.30pm
HSDC Alton	08/10/2026	5pm to 8pm
Itchen College	08/10/2026	5pm to 8pm

Please check out the college websites for information on how to enrol for their open evenings.



Marine Careers Evening

Marine Careers Evening
26 November 2026
Arrival from 6:00pm
Event: 6:15pm – 8:15pm

Join us for an exciting evening at the Lymington Town Sailing Club exploring the diverse career opportunities in the marine industry!

Aimed at Year 9 students upwards, parents and carers, this event is perfect for anyone looking to dive into the world of marine professions.

Come and explore exhibitors and connect with industry professionals in the marine sector, including presentations, practical work and goodie bags to take away.

Don't miss this opportunity!

Scan the QR code to register your place.

For more information, please email lisa.fox2@hants.gov.uk

Lymington Town Sailing Club, Bath House, Bath Road, Lymington, SO41 3SE

Unifrog Apprenticeship Webinar

There is a live webinar on Unifrog on Wednesday 7th October at 5:30pm for parents to understand more about apprenticeships. If parents do not have a Unifrog account then you can easily create one by visiting the Unifrog website and clicking to sign up and using your email address

<https://www.unifrog.org/parent/webinars/upcoming/1989-what-parents-and-caregivers-need-to-know-about-apprenticeships>

Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor

Punctuality Matters

Punctuality Matters: Start the Day the Right Way

Arriving at school on time is an important part of a successful school day. Good punctuality helps pupils settle quickly, feel prepared for learning, and make the most of every lesson from the very start.

Being late, even by just a few minutes, can mean missing key instructions, important learning opportunities, and valuable time with classmates. Frequent lateness can quickly add up, leading to gaps in learning and making it harder for children to keep up.

To support good punctuality, we encourage families to:

- Establish a consistent morning routine
- Prepare school bags and uniforms the night before
- Allow enough time for the journey to school
- Aim to arrive a few minutes early so children can start the day calmly

The school day begins promptly, and we ask that all pupils are in their classroom and ready to learn by 8.30am.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children develop positive habits that will benefit them throughout their education, and future careers.

Every minute counts—being on time sets the tone for a successful day.

Attendance Team

Performing Arts Update

Diary Dates

05.10.26	'Charlie' Scene 8 - the factory gates	Whole cast except Oompa Loompas
06.10.26	'Charlie' Scene 7 - the candy shop and bucket shack. Guitar Club	Charlie, Wonka, Mrs Green, All grandparents 3pm - 4pm Music Dept.
07.10.26	NO CLUBS	TEACHER TRAINING
08.10.26	'Charlie' run through Backstage club	All in act 1 3pm - 4:10pm
09.10.26	Choir Club	2:20pm -3:20pm

Thank you

Huge thanks to Frank at Graham Russell Drums in Fareham who helped us out with fixing a few items from our drum kits. Great shop and the best service!



Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician

Word of the Week:

PRECISE
adjective
exact, accurate
and carefully expressed

exact • accurate • specific • meticulous
"Use **precise** language to explain your method."

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

MATHS
Precise measurements help us reach an accurate answer.

SCIENCE
Scientists record precise measurements in experiments.

DESIGN
Precise drawings help a designer communicate an idea.

🎉🏆👏 CONGRATULATIONS! 🏆👏🎉

After entering the last writing competition, the following pupils in 8FMI have been chosen to have their writing published!

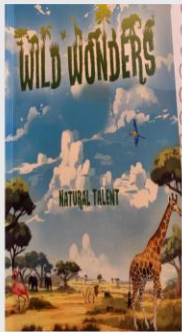
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Alfie M	Grace C
Ana M	Grace E
Brody H	Poppy G
Brody H	Fin D
Erin A	Shay M
Freya A	Georgie R
Ivy E	Olivia T
Leila	Riley W
David V	Emily Y
Jonah P	Cece M

🎉🏆👏 CONGRATULATIONS! 🏆👏🎉

After entering a writing competition at the end of last academic year

Adam P (7EHA)
&
Alex P (9EMI)

have had their writing published!
Congratulations boys ☺

Writing Competition

POETRY – Theme 'UNITE'

Poetry can bring people together.

Write a poem about something that matters to you
Any length up to **80 lines**
Any poetic style

- See **Ms. Evans** (EN6) for an entry form
- Hand in entries to **Ms. Evans**
- Deadline: Friday 12th October**



POETRY CAN BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

WRITE A POEM ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MATTERS TO YOU

ANY LENGTH UP TO 80 LINES

YOU CAN WRITE IN ANY POETIC STYLE

Year 11 Drama	Congratulations to all Year 11 Drama pupils who performed their Component 1 devised pieces on Tuesday evening. All pupils performed brilliantly and we had a great turn out from friends and family. Now on to the evaluation and to finish coursework in lessons! Mrs Shepherd – Teacher of Drama
Bikeability	Bikeability sessions are running during the October half-term holiday. To view and book available courses, please visit : Hampshire Outdoors - Bikeability – Hampshire County Council Shop Courses currently available: 27 and 28 October 2026 Weeke Primary School, Winchester 30 October 2026 St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Waterlooville Pastoral Team
Food Practical Reminders	FOOD PRACTICAL LESSONS 9C Bread workshop 5.10.26 7X Fajitas 7.10.26 8Y Mac and cheese 7.10.26 7Z Yorkshire puddings 7.10.26 7Y Yorkshire puddings 7.10.26 FAJITAS  Method 1. Prepare the marinade: • squeeze the lime; peel and crush the garlic; de-seed and slice the chilli; chop the coriander • stir everything together with the oil. 2. Remove any skin from the chicken and cut the chicken into strips. Mix with the marinade and place in the fridge, covered, until needed. 3. Prepare the remaining ingredients with a clean knife on a clean chopping board: • slice the onion and green pepper; chop the tomato; grate the cheese 5. Add the marinated chicken to the wok or saucepan and stir-fry for about 4 minutes. Check that the chicken is cooked. 6. Add the onion and green pepper and continue to cook for a further 2 minutes. 7. Spread a little chicken in the center of the tortilla, add some tomato, cheese and guacamole, then roll up. 8. Serve and eat Ingredients 1 lime 1 onion 1 green chilli - Small bunch of coriander 1/2 tsp paprika 1 small chicken breast (already cooked) 80g 1/2 a bagged 1 tomato 1 green pepper 100g cheddar cheese 1 tortilla 1 x 100g guacamole (or salad, optional) YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS  METHOD 1. Heat oven to 230C/450F/gas 8. 2. Brush a little sunflower oil evenly into Yorkshire pudding tins and place in the oven to heat through. 3. To make the batter, tip 75g plain flour into a bowl and beat in 2 eggs until smooth. 4. Gradually add 300ml milk and carry on beating until the mix is completely lumpy-free. Season with salt and pepper. 5. Pour the batter into a jug, then remove the hot tins from the oven. Carefully and evenly pour the batter into the holes. 6. Place the tins back in the oven and leave undisturbed for 20-25 mins until the puddings have puffed up and browned. Ingredients 75g plain flour 2 eggs (200ml/7fl oz) 300ml milk - sunflower oil, for cooking - gryy MAC, VEG 'N' CHEESE  METHOD 1. Bring a saucepan of water to the boil, and then add the macaroni. Cook for about 10-12 minutes, until al dente. Drain the frozen vegetables 5 mins before the end. 2. Grate the cheese. 3. While the pasta is cooking, make the sauce: • place the fat, flour and milk into a small saucepan; • bring the sauce to a boil, whisking all the time until it has thickened; • stir in 25g of the grated cheese and mustard or mustard powder; • simmer for 2-3 mins. 4. Preheat the grill. 5. Drain the boiling hot water away from the macaroni using a colander over a sink. 6. Stir the macaroni into the cheese sauce and add a few twists of black pepper. 7. Pour the macaroni into a hot tray/dish. 8. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top. 9. Place under a hot grill until the cheese is bubbling and golden brown. Ingredients 100g Macaroni 100g frozen mixed veg 40g Cheddar Cheese 25g Butter 25g Plain flour 250ml Semi-Skimmed Milk - Black Pepper 1 tsp Mustard or Mustard Powder BREAD WORKSHOP  INGREDIENTS 300g strong bread flour 1 tsp sugar 1 tsp salt 300ml warm water 1 tsp oil METHOD 1. Mix the flour, salt and sugar into a large bowl. 2. Add the water and make a well in the middle. 3. Combine the water and oil in a jug then add. 4. Stir the mixture to form a dough. 5. Knead the dough for about 10 minutes. 6. Roll out the dough to 1/2 cm, roll into a long shape, shape it into a ball and roll into a long shape. 7. Place the dough in the oven and leave undisturbed for 20-25 mins until the bread has puffed up and browned.
Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology	

Year 11 ADT Deadline



Mrs Sanderson – A, D & T Technician

PE Update

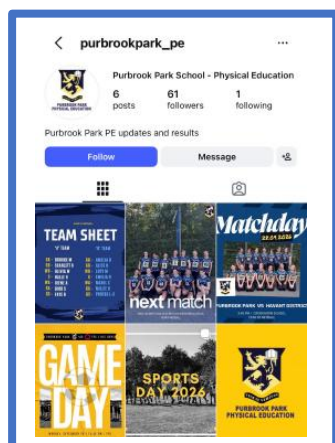
Year 9 and 10 Netball

Wow what a fantastic week for our four Year 9 and 10 netball teams. Both Year 10 teams won all of their league games and should be congratulated on such outstanding play. Thanks also to the boys who played their debuts this week, due to illness within the core teams. They worked really hard at club to ensure they knew the rules and were such an amazing asset.

Next up were our Year 9 teams who as always brought the fun and excitement (including some interesting singing vocals on the minibus) but took this energy onto the netball courts dominating all games. Purbrook A won both their games and Purbrook B gained a fantastic draw against a strong Oaklands side. The support each team had for the others, cheering and congratulating each other was a great sight to see and I genuinely look forward to these fixtures each week.

Netball club continues to grow as we see pupils across all year groups attending to practise and refine skills within their teams and pupils who are just learning their love for netball and starting with the basics and progressing each week. Already I can see lots of improvement being made and lots of netball stars in the making. Well done to all involved and if you are thinking of joining, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Purbrook PE Instagram



We have recently started a new Instagram account dedicated to PE for pupils and parents to ensure all are kept up to date with any club/fixture information, sharing successes and upcoming events or trips. Please 'give us a follow' on the account pictured.

Miss Brailey – PE Teacher

Sparx Legends of the Week

Year 7 – James (7EHA)

Year 8 – Izzy (8HDO)

Year 9 – Irene (9NBO)

Year 10 – Albie (10ATO)

Year 11 – Louie (11BSO)

**50 Praise Points for
each Winner!**

ENGLISH:

☺ Pupils of the week ☺

Year 7 – Tillie C (7NMI)

Year 8 – Emma J (8LWA)

Year 9 – Lottie LL (9JHE)

Year 10 – Kiara R (10MBU)

Year 11 – Dylan N (11TGO)

Week commencing 28th September 2026

Historians of the Week!



Congratulations to...



Year 7 – Sunny. S

7EHA



Year 8 – Matilda. W

8FTU



Year 9 – Oliver. B

9NBO



Year 10 – Macey. I

10AWA



Year 11 – Bethany. LS

11TGO



FAITH & FESTIVALS THIS WEEK

3 OCTOBER – 9 OCTOBER 2026

3 OCTOBER

SHEMINI ATZERET • JUDAISM

A Jewish holy day that comes immediately after Sukkot. It is a time for worship and includes a special prayer for rain.

Begins at sunset on 2 October.



4 OCTOBER

SIMCHAT TORAH • JUDAISM

A joyful celebration marking the end of the yearly cycle of Torah readings and the beginning of a new cycle. In many communities, people sing, dance and celebrate with Torah scrolls.

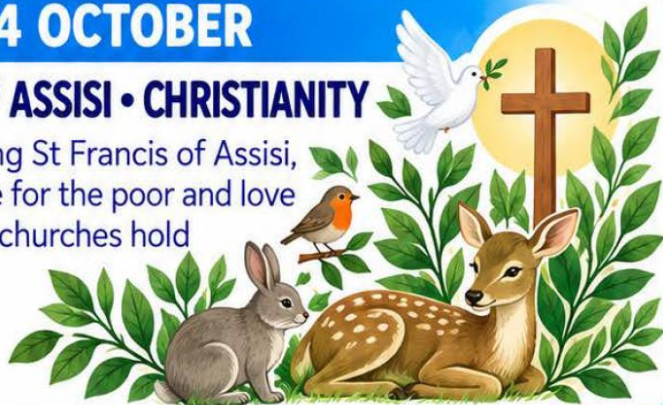
Begins at sunset on 3 October.



4 OCTOBER

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI • CHRISTIANITY

A Christian feast remembering St Francis of Assisi, known for his simple life, care for the poor and love of animals and nature. Some churches hold blessings of animals.



● Festival dates and customs may vary between communities and local calendars. ●



Every Wednesday of Week B at PPS we will be taking part in House Competitions during the PDL session to encourage our tutees to work as a team in their Houses and to boost their competitive spirit. See below for the winners of the second PDL House Competition this academic year who have been awarded 1000 praise points to their house total!

House Competitions 2026-7



YOU'RE WELCOME

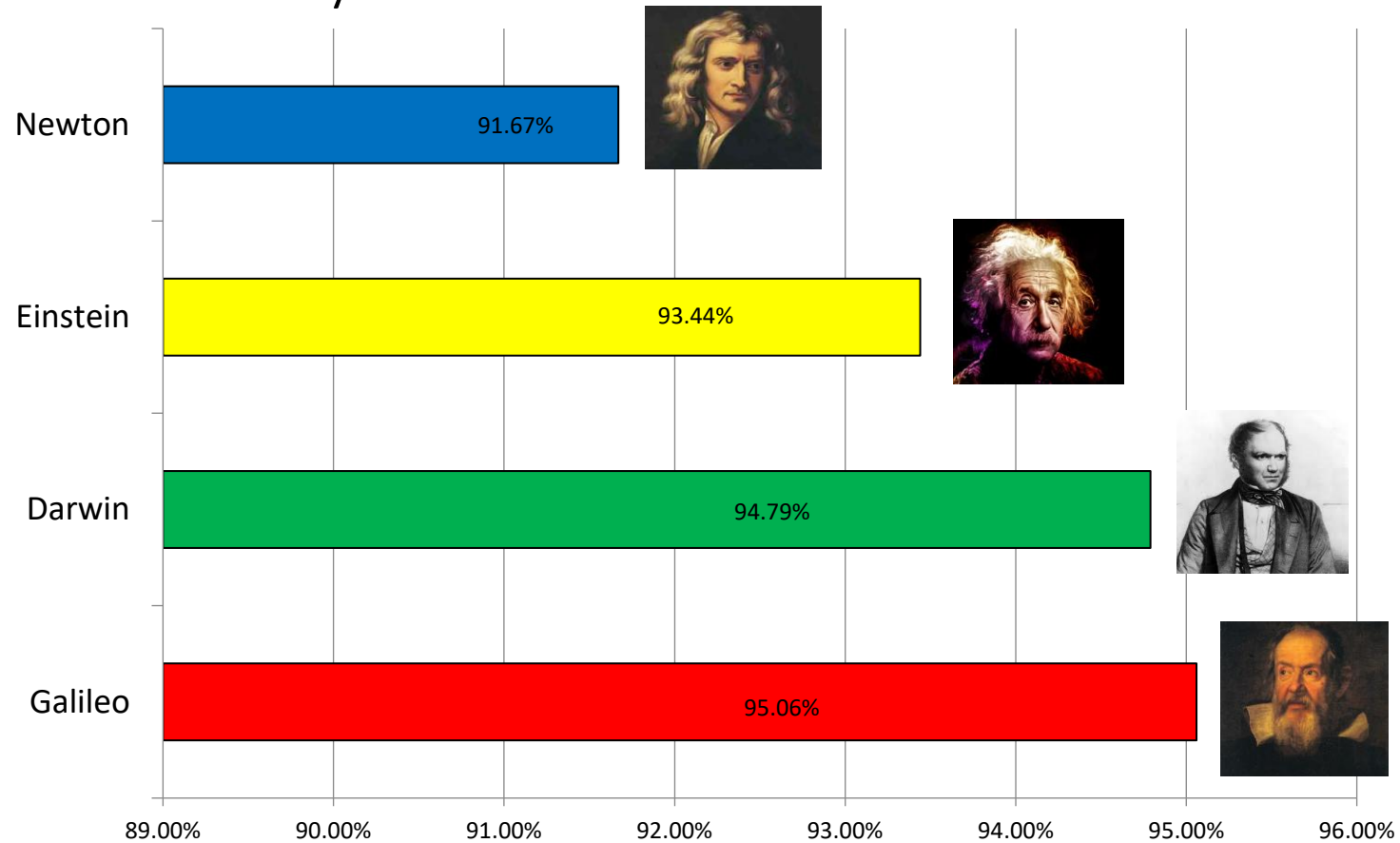
Both open hands with palms facing signer bend at knuckles in short repeated movements.

Last week the Tutor groups were asked to use their creativity and curiosity to do some research on British Sign Language and learn some key signs to convey inclusive ideas. Huge congratulations to Galileo who have earned a whopping 1000 praise points.

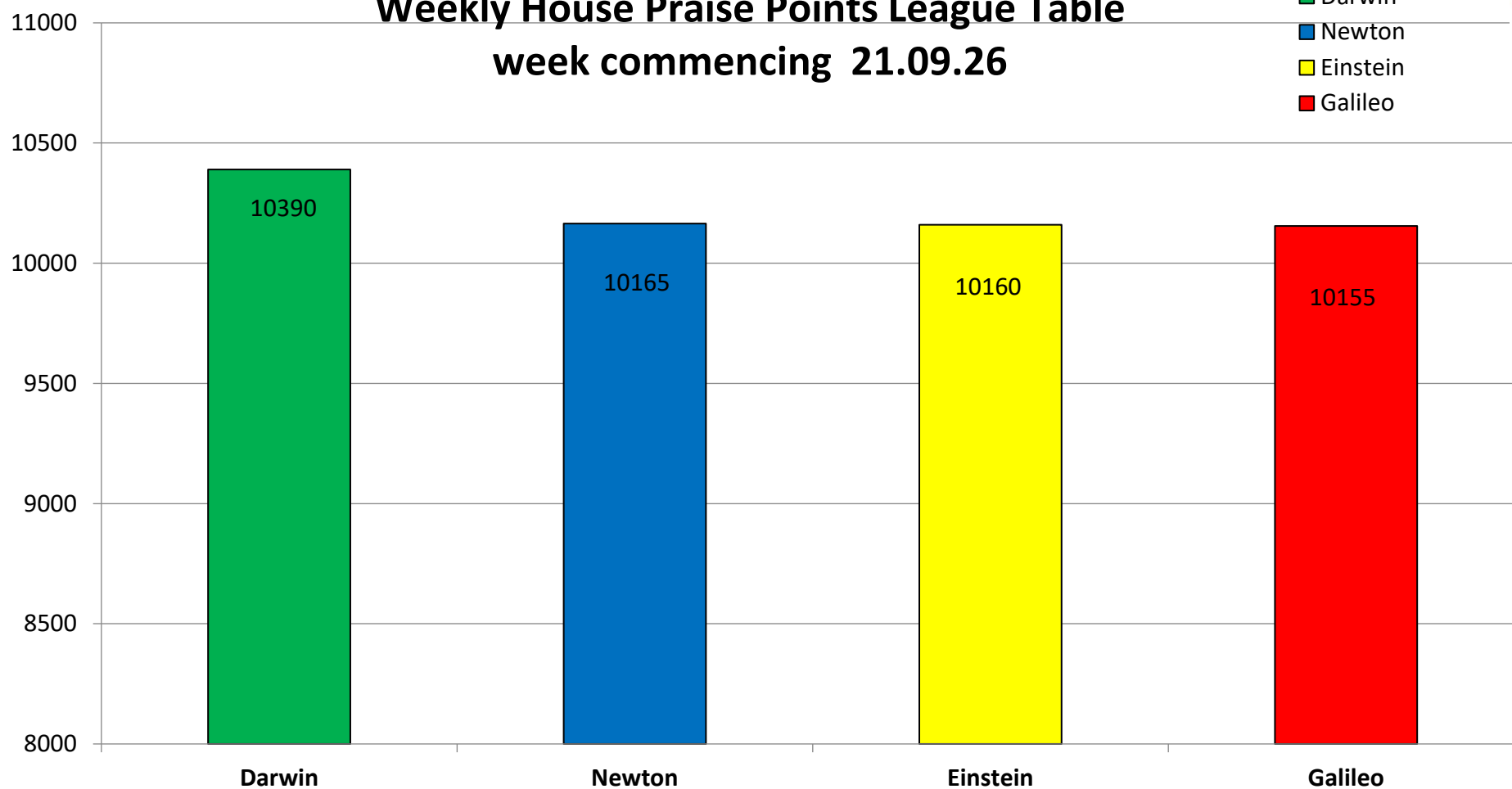
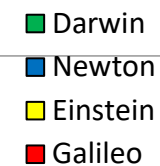


1.	Galileo
2.	Einstein
3.	Darwin
4.	Newton

Weekly House Attendance - 21.09.26 - 25.09.26



Weekly House Praise Points League Table week commencing 21.09.26

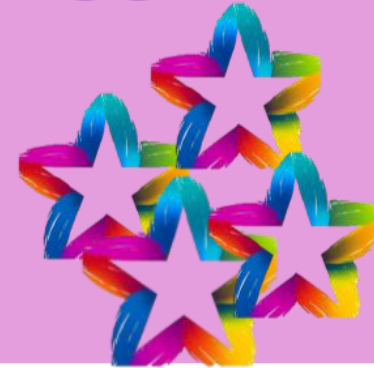


E- Praise Leaders This Week



Talent is a gift, but
character is a choice.

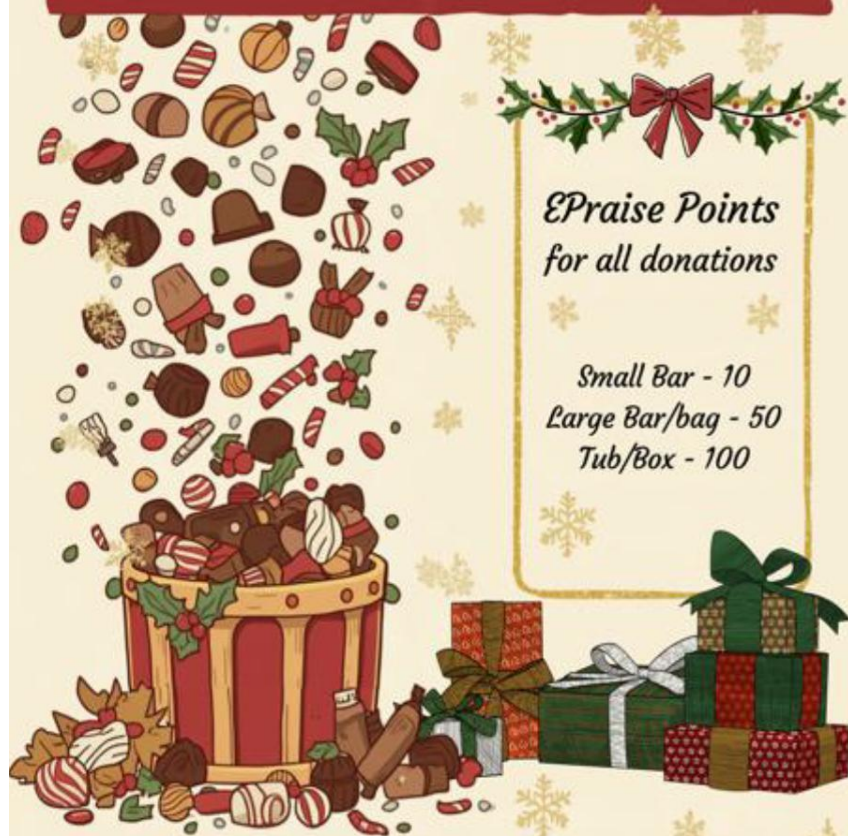
John C. Maxwell



Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Hayden CST	Ben API	Liam LBA	Sean AWA	Owen TGO
Beth KSH	Alfie FMI	Olivia CSI	Macy AWA	Robyn GEV
Alethea SWI	Jonah EMI	Dexter EMI	Molly ATO	Scarlett JHD

A huge well done to all our E-Praise Leaders. Your efforts make you stand out from the crowd.

Chocolate Donations Wanted for Our Christmas Market Tombola!



*EPraise Points
for all donations*

*Small Bar - 10
Large Bar/bag - 50
Tub/Box - 100*

*Please bring your chocolate donations to
main reception.*

Donations requested **CHRISTMAS** **BOTTLE TOMBOLA**



**EPRAISE
POINTS FOR
DONATIONS**

**SMALL BOTTLE
20 POINTS
LARGE BOTTLE
50 POINTS**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO MAIN RECEPTION.
NOTE: ALCOHOL BOTTLES SHOULD BE BROUGHT
IN BY AN ADULT - NOT PUPILS**