Purbrook Park School
Purbrook Park Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 2nd November 2026
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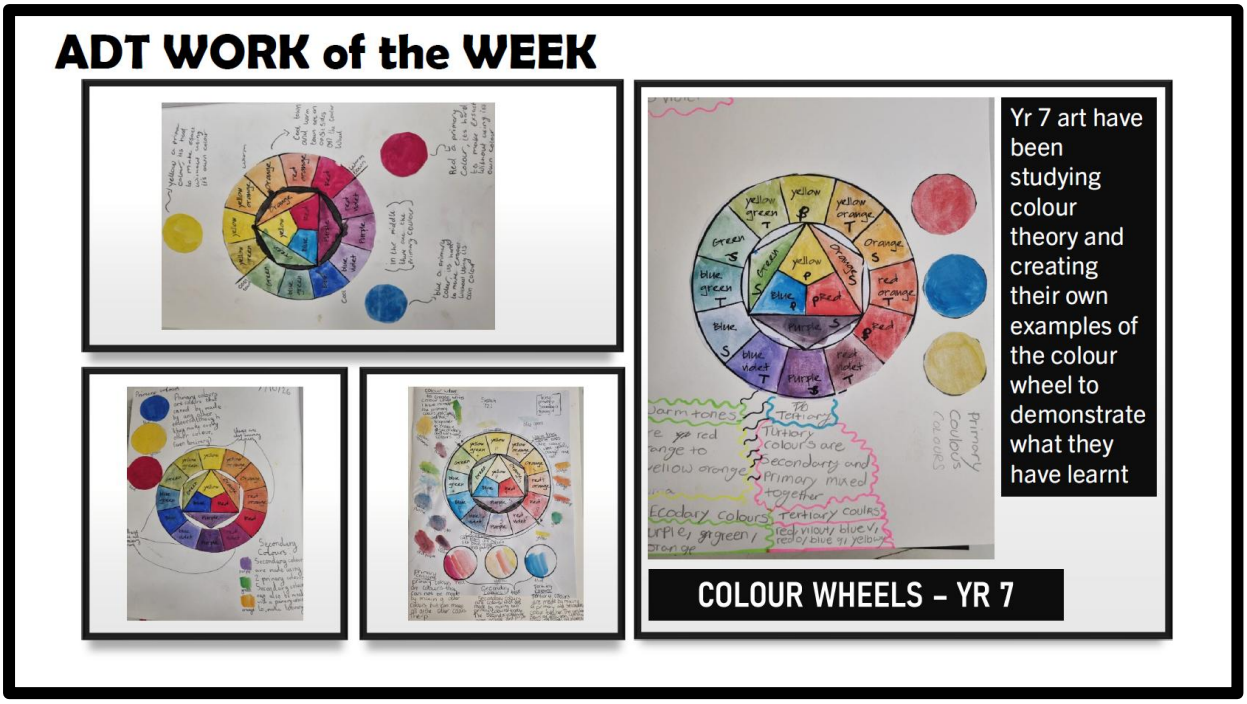


1. Notes from the Headteacher

What a brilliant half term! Our newsletter celebrates so many wonderful achievements, as well as a whole range of useful information. Well done everyone!

With best wishes for a safe and happy half term break.

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 02.11.26	Plastic-Free Week Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Year Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday 03.11.26	Lead Teacher Meeting – 3.10pm – 4.10pm
Wednesday 04.11.26	Year 7 Science/STEM Visit to Portsmouth University – 9.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday 05.11.26	'Dance Live' Auditions – 3.00pm – 4.30pm
Friday 06.11.26	Rome Residential Trip
07.11.26 to 08.11.26	Rome Residential Trip

3. Messages

Science – celebrating Success

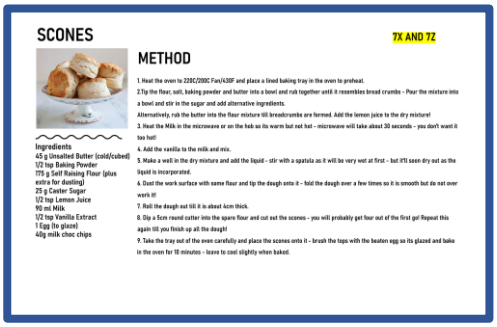
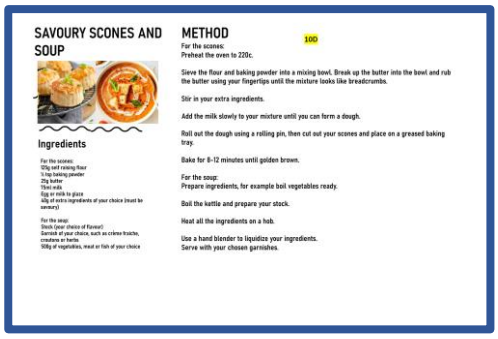
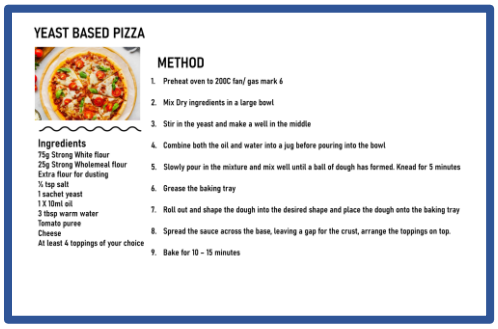
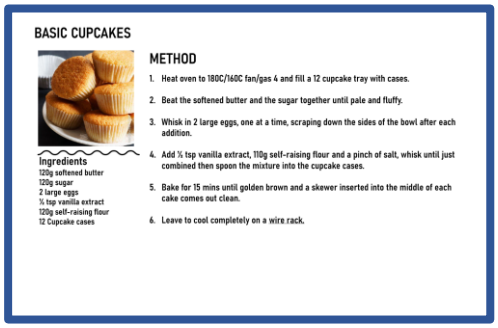
<u>Sparx</u>
The top three Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 12th October 2026 were as follows:

Year Group	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
7	Belle (TEV)	Gracie (LGU)	Tess (TEV)
8	Oscar (LBR)	Hattie-Lea (LBR)	Olly (LWA)
9	Mouaaz (CBR)	Beau (NBO)	Jonty (NBO)
10	Tilly (NSD)	Bradley (AKO)	Daisy (TKE)
11	Savannah (MBR)	Scarlett (JHD)	Lyle (JHD)

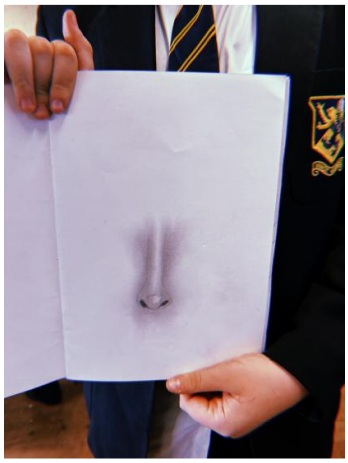
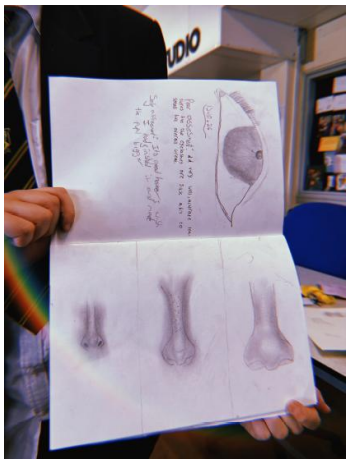
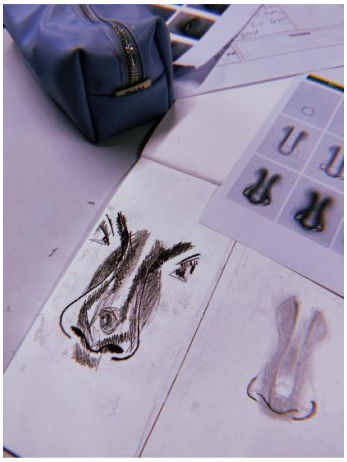
Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points for their efforts. This academic year pupils have spent an incredible 1797 hours of personalised learning on Sparx Science.

<u>Scientists of the Week</u>
The following pupils have been nominated as "Scientist of the Week" by Mr Herman for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons and have been awarded 50 Praise Points: Harper (7KSH) and Keiran (11JHD).

Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science

Plastic Free Week	Parents are reminded that we are having a plastic free week from 2nd to 6th November 2026. We would like you to try and reduce the amount of single-use plastics. For example, using refillable water bottles, fresh fruits, homemade sandwiches, and bulk snacks instead of individually wrapped items. **Sustainability Team**
Food Practical Reminders	     **Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology**
Year 8 Progress Evening	Year 8 Progress Evening is taking place on **Thursday 26th November 2026, from 4.00pm to 8.00pm.** This evening will be intended primarily to meet the parents of pupils for whom we feel there are inconsistencies or concerns over progress. All Year 8 parents should log into the Parents' Evening system on Thursday 12th November 2026 to see if any of your child's teachers have requested to see you and make appointments as appropriate. Any remaining appointments will become available to book for all parents from 5.00pm on Thursday 19th November 2026. Reminders of these dates and deadlines will be sent to parents by text message. https://purbrookpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ **Mrs Davies – Lead Practitioner KS3 Achievement**

Year 7 Restart-a-Heart	**Year 7 Learn Lifesaving Skills on Restart-a-Heart Day!** On Thursday 15th October, our Year 7 pupils took part in Restart-A-Heart Day, giving the whole year group the valuable opportunity to learn the lifesaving skill of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The session helped pupils understand the importance of acting quickly and confidently in an emergency, while introducing them to the essential skills that could one day help save someone's life. Through practical learning, pupils discovered how CPR can make a vital difference when someone experiences a cardiac arrest. Restart-a-Heart Day is an important reminder that anyone can learn CPR, regardless of age or experience. By taking part, our Year 7 pupils developed their awareness of how to respond in an emergency and gained valuable knowledge that they can carry with them throughout their lives. We are incredibly proud of our Year 7 pupils for engaging so positively with this important experience. Learning these skills is a fantastic step towards building a safer, more confident and caring community. **Mrs Udy – Assistant Year 7 Leader**
Good News Story	 Esme (11FCO) took part in the Great South Run on Sunday 18th, just one day after her 16th birthday, making her one of the youngest runners, she completed the 10-mile run around Southsea and old Portsmouth. Well done Esme! **Mr Moon – Year 11 Leader**

Year 7 & 8 Art	**<u>Year 7 Art</u>** This week, Year 7 have been learning about Tint, Tone, Shade and Hue for their Colour Theory Projects. **<u>Year 8 Art</u>** Year 8 have been developing their nose drawing skills this week, for their Portraits projects. We have been creating monoprints and detailed sketches over the last two lessons. Pupils have worked so well and have really improved their drawing techniques and skills.    **Mrs Saltwood – Teacher of Art & Photography**

Careers Update

College Open Events 23rd October – 7th November

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Steve Willis Training Burgess	28/10/2026	4pm to 7pm
Steve Willis Training Portsmouth	29/10/2026	4pm to 7pm
Chichester College	07/11/2026	10am to 1pm
HSDC Havant	07/11/2026	10am to 1pm
HSDC South downs	07/11/2026	10am to 1pm
Sparsholt	07/11/2026	From 9.30am
UTC Portsmouth	07/11/2026	10.30am-12pm

Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor

Netball Update

Year 9 and 10 Netball League Results

As we approach half term I just want to thank and congratulate each and every pupil in Years 9 and 10 who has represented Purbrook so fantastically in this year's Havant Schools' Netball League. The dedication to training and fixtures has paid off massively and the improvement from all teams has been absolutely brilliant to watch.I am thrilled to announce the final results from this year's leagues:

Year 9:
1st Place - Purbrook A (yellow) (tied with Oaklands A)
5th Place - Purbrook B (blue)

Year 10:
2nd Place - Purbrook A
6th Place - Purbrook B

These are fantastic results against 10 other incredibly strong schools and teams. It has been a real pleasure to take you to these fixtures and I am excited to arrange more. A huge shoutout to all players who won the gold medal - how brilliant

Well done to you all and a thank you to all pupils who made their debuts this year to help support the teams. These results include Year 11 teams as well, Purbrook A narrowly lost by just one game to a strong Crookhorn side consisting of all Year 11 pupils. So, to have secured the runners-up place whilst all being in Year 10 should not be underestimated and is a fantastic achievement for the whole team. It highlights the potential within the squad and sets us up brilliantly for next year. I look forward to seeing the Year 7 and 8 teams for their first league games once we're back.

Miss Brailey Teacher of PE

Performing Arts Update	**<u>'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' Tickets</u>** Tickets are now available to purchase. Please choose the date and scan the relevant QR code or click on the link: **<u>Tuesday 1st December 6:30pm</u>** https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-vxjrlzj **<u>Wednesday 2nd December 6:30pm</u>** https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-oevgnpm **<u>Thursday 3rd December 6:30pm</u>** https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-ejqpgvj **<u>Diary Dates</u>**

Monday 2nd November	Scene 11: The Mixing Room: Everyone in factory Scene 5: More of him to love: KS3 Dancers in dance studio Backstage Club
Tuesday 3rd November	Scene 11: The mixing room: Everyone in factory apart from Augustus and Mrs Gloop Backstage Club Guitar club 3-4 Music Department
Wednesday 4th November	All grandparent's scene with set in hall: Grandparents, Mrs Bucket, Charlie. Queen of Pop - dance studio: All in Queen of Pop Backstage Club Rock Band 3-4 Music Department
Thursday 5th November	Dance Live auditions: Hall That little man of mine: Mrs Teavee and Mike
Friday 6th November	Choir Club: 2:20-3:20 Music Department

Music Tuition Lessons

Just a reminder that pupils have 5 lessons each half term. The last week of all music tuition lessons will be the week beginning 30/11/26 - unless stated/emailed All lessons start yhr first week back after half term. Singers only have 2 weeks of singing this term - no lessons on 18/20 November onwards.

Letters

Please make sure choir letters, 'Charlie' letters and 'Mincemeat' trip letters are handed back into our office or emailed to Mrs Brook

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Rehearsal Schedule

All rehearsals are 3:10-4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

Date	Scene	Cast needed
Monday 2nd Nov	Scene 11: the Mixing Room Scene 5: More of him to love	Everyone in Factory KS3 Dancers (More of him to love Dance studio) Backstage
Tues 3rd Nov	Scene 11: The Mixing room	Everyone in factory except Augustus and Mrs Gloop Backstage
Wed 4th Nov	All grandparents scenes (with set) in hall Queen of Pop: dance studio	All grandparents, Mrs Bucket, Charlie All in Queen of Pop Backstage
Thurs 5Th Nov	**DANCE LIVE AUDITIONS.** That little man of mine	Mrs Teevee and Mike
Friday 6th Nov		
Mon 9th Nov	Scene 12: The Nut room Queen of Pop Singing (music room)	All in factory except Augustus, Mrs gloop, squirrels All in Queen of Pop Backstage
Tues 10th Nov 3-4:30 (those not in the nut room can leave at 4)	Act 2 so far	All in factory Backstage
Wed 11th Nov	NO REHEARSAL TEACHER CPD	NO REHEARSAL
Thur 12th Nov 3-4:30	Run everything	Whole Cast
Fri 13th Nov		
Mon 16th Nov 3-4:30	Scene 13: The teevee room All songs/movement All costuming done For Main cast	Everyone in factory. Backstage
Tues 17th Nov	The imagining room (hall) Oompa Loompa song/dance	Charlie, Wonka, Grandpa Joe All Oompa Loompa Backstage
Wed 18th Nov	All singers: Main hall doing songs and movement	All singers (main cast)
Thurs 19th Nov	**KS4 DRAMA TRIP**	All Oompa Loompas
	Oompa Loompas songs/dance	
Fri 20th Nov 3-4:30	Be prepared to stay	Acts and actors - To be confirmed.....
Mon 23rd Nov 3-4:30	Act 1:	Whole cast and Backstage
Tues 24th Nov 3-4:30	Act 2:	Whole Cast and Backstage
Wed 25th Nov 3:15-5PM	**RUN Whole Show**	Whole Cast and Backstage
Thurs 26th Nov	**YEAR 8 PROGRESS EVENING**	No rehearsal
Fri 27th Nov	Be prepared to stay!!	Acts/actors to be confirmed
Mon 30th Nov	TECH RUN ALL DAY	CAST NEEDED AT VARIOUS TIME plus Backstage
Tues 1st Dec	ALL DAY DRESS, JUNIOR SCHOOL SHOW. EVENING PERFORMANCE	WHOLE CAST ALL DAY and Backstage
Wed 2nd Dec	Evening Show	Whole cast and backstage
Thurs 3rd Dec	Evening Show	Whole Cast and backstage

Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician

English Update

Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English

Sparx Legends of the Week

Year 7 – James (7EHA)

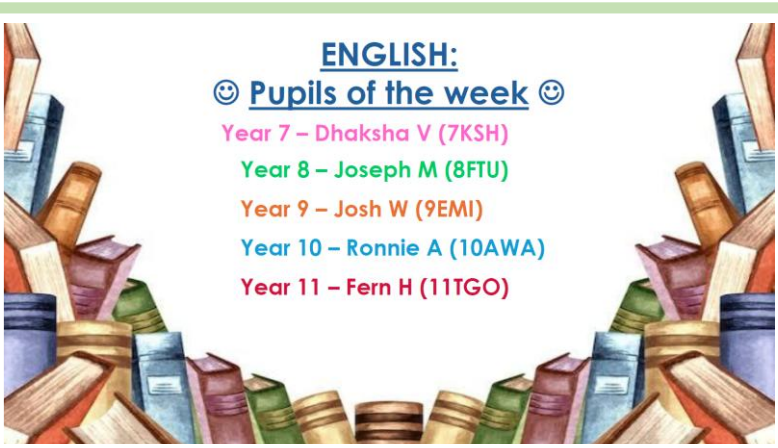
Year 8 – Jonah (8FMI)

Year 9 – Scarlett (9CSI)

Year 10 – Frankie (10ATO)

Year 11 –Louie (11BSO)

50 Praise Points for each Winner!



Week commencing 19th October 2026

Historians of the Week!

Congratulations to...

Year 7 – Lucas. M

7CST

Year 8 – Stanley. B

8HDO

Year 9 – Jake. M

9SSR

Year 10 – Molly. W

10ATO

Year 11 – Leona. W

11GEV

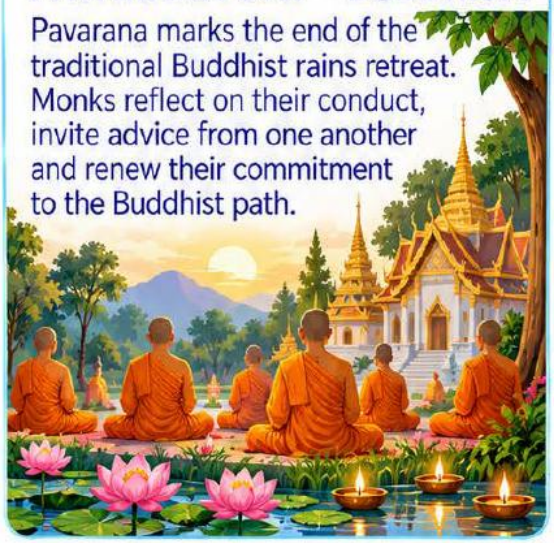
FAITH & FESTIVALS THIS WEEK

24 OCTOBER – 6 NOVEMBER 2026

26 OCTOBER

PAVARANA DAY • BUDDHISM

Pavarana marks the end of the traditional Buddhist rains retreat. Monks reflect on their conduct, invite advice from one another and renew their commitment to the Buddhist path.



31 OCTOBER

SAMHAIN • PAGAN / WICCAN

Samhain marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter in some Pagan and Wiccan traditions. People may remember ancestors, light candles and reflect on the changing seasons.

1 – 2 NOVEMBER

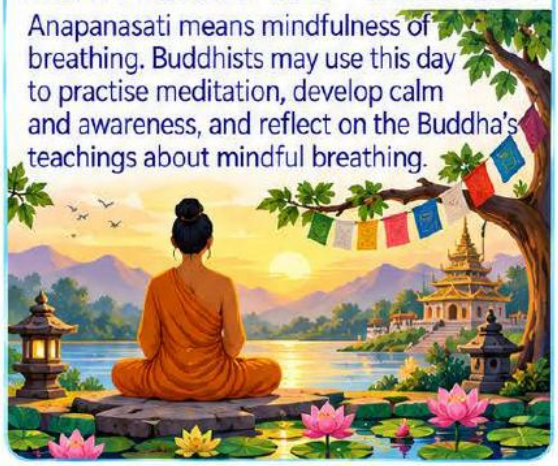
ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS • CHRISTIANITY

All Saints' Day remembers people recognised for lives of faith and holiness. All Souls' Day remembers those who have died, with prayers, candles and visits to churches or graves.

5 NOVEMBER

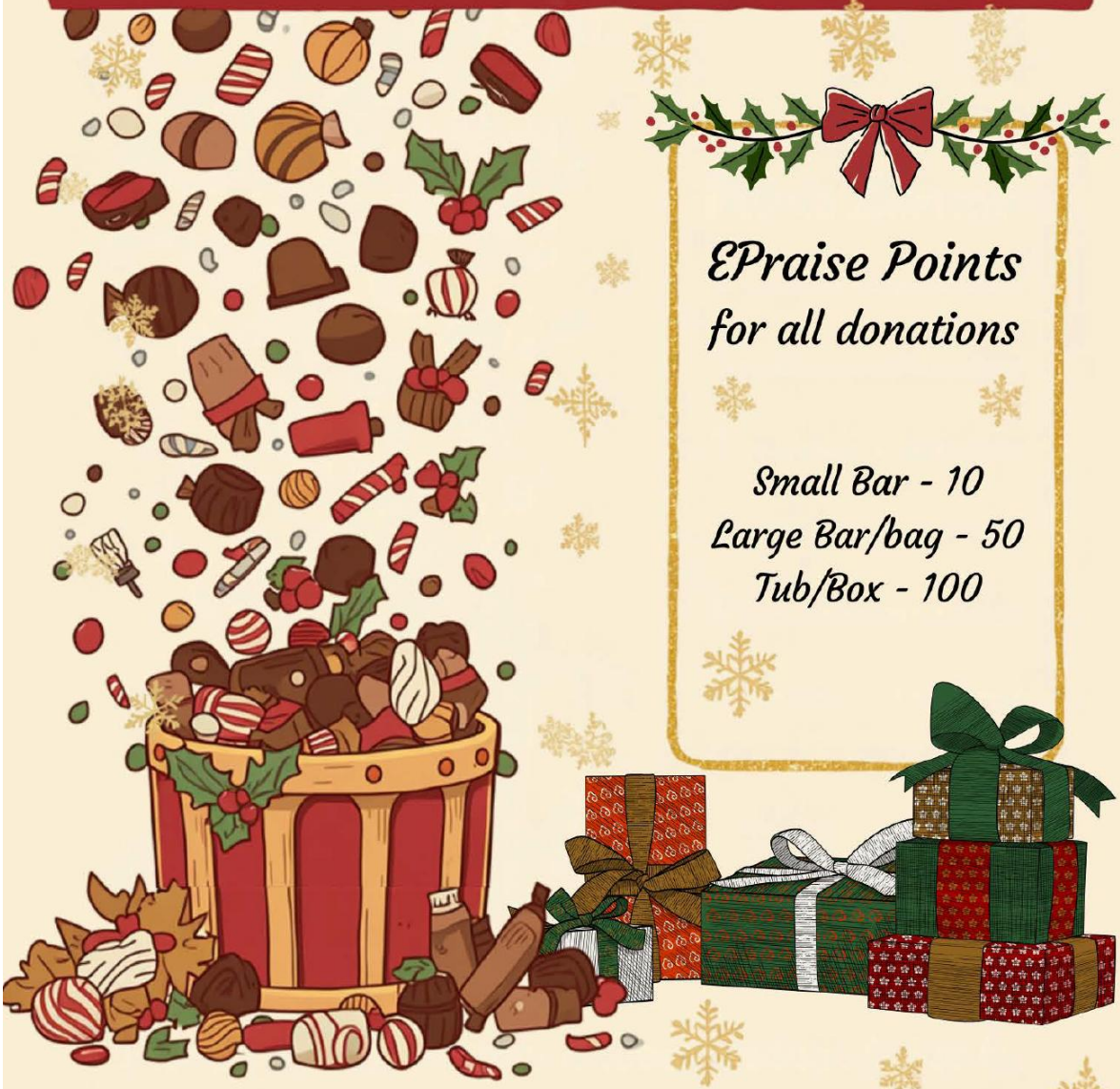
ANAPANASATI DAY • BUDDHISM

Anapanasati means mindfulness of breathing. Buddhists may use this day to practise meditation, develop calm and awareness, and reflect on the Buddha's teachings about mindful breathing.



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

Chocolate Donations Wanted for Our Christmas Market Tombola!



EPraise Points
for all donations

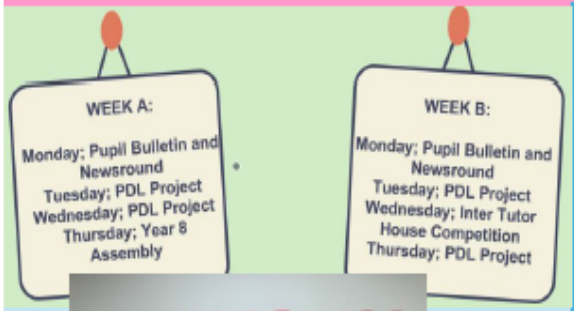
Small Bar - 10
Large Bar/bag - 50
Tub/Box - 100

Please bring your chocolate donations to main reception.

A Snapshot of Year8 – Personal Development Learning (Tutor Time)

Did you know... that all schools in the UK must do some form of character education? These are sometimes known as soft-skills or employability skills. The idea is to help them become the very best versions of themselves.

Did you know... that in our most recent OFSTED visit the inspectors were very impressed with how PPS incorporates Character Education via PDL and within lessons.



The Character Virtues Focus for the **Autumn Term** in Year 8 are; **Enthusiasm and Gratitude.**

Tutor activities focus on a range of skills;

***Literacy** based tasks*
***Creative** tasks*
Thinking about their futures
*Thinking about **the world around them***
***Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural** aspects of the Character Virtues.*

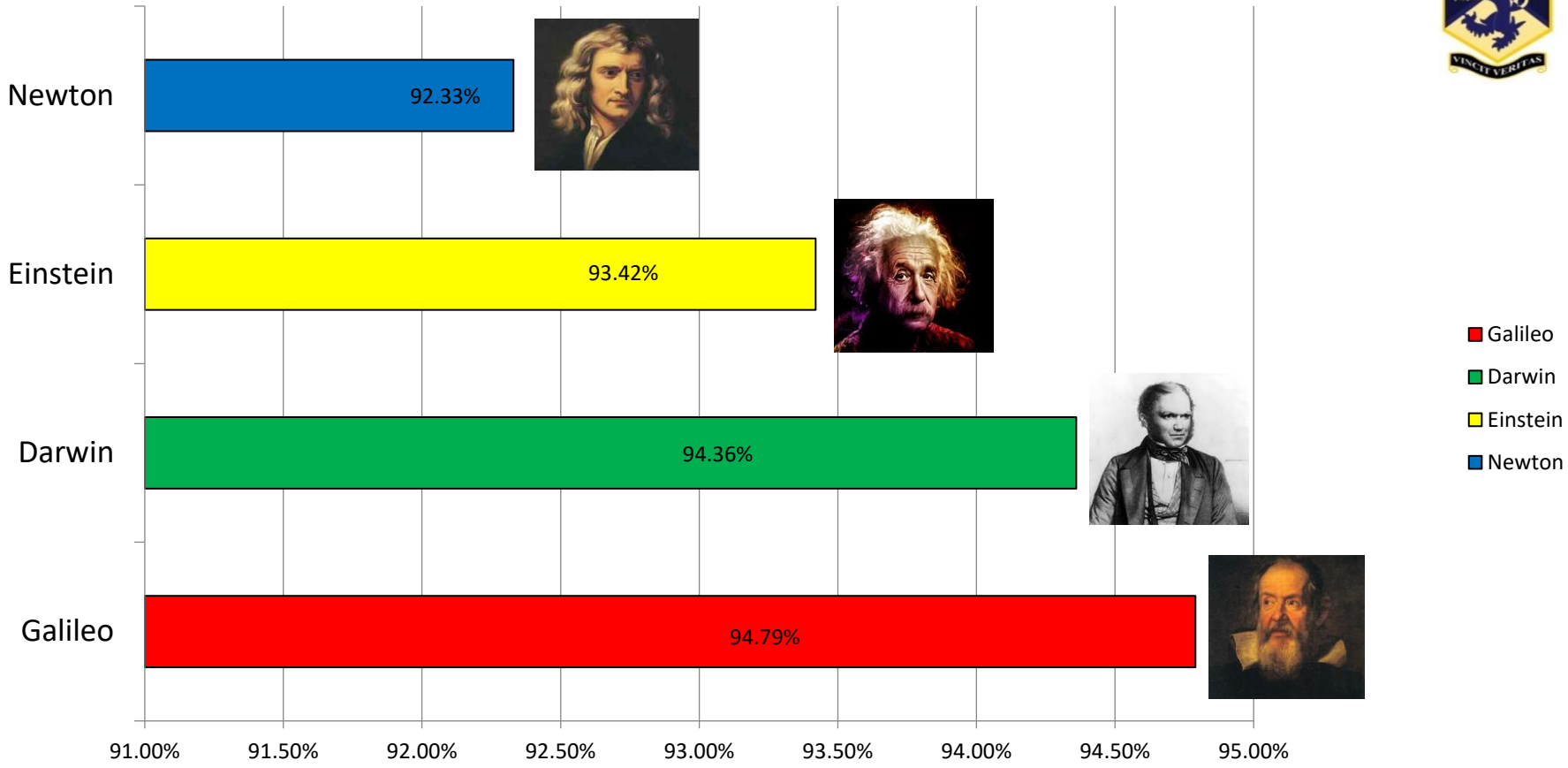
During PDL pupils will be asked to work in groups and teams. They may be asked to contact local businesses and members of the public through phone calls, emails and interviews. There will be fortnightly competitions to take part in too. They will be expected to reflect on their own personal growth across the term.

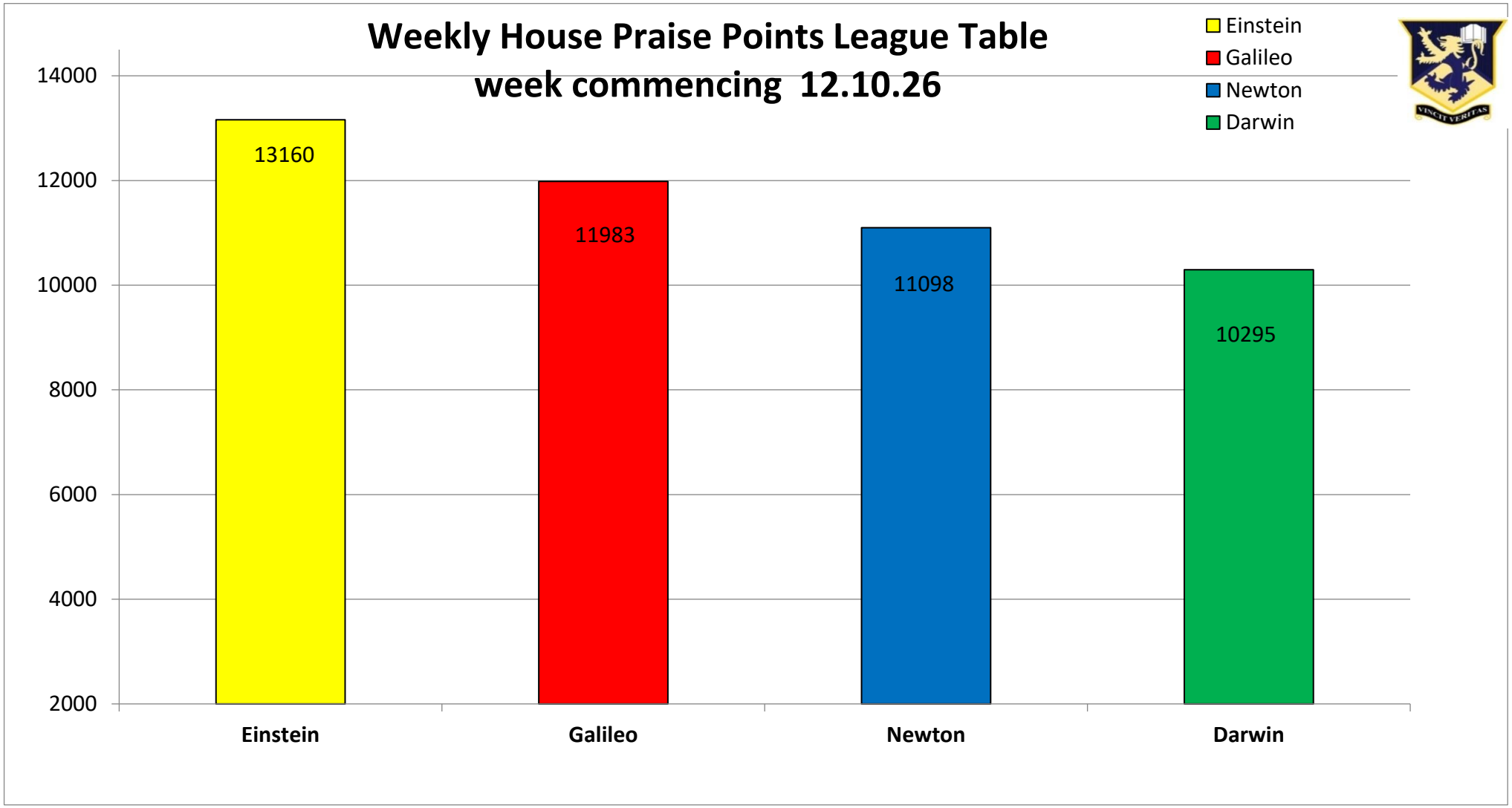
"The Gratitude & Enthusiasm Legacy Project"

Final outcome: Produce an Impact Report for Year 8 Progress Evening to give to parents.
Driving Question: How can we make our school a more positive, appreciative and enthusiastic place to learn?

Pupils will have Year group assemblies every fortnight with their Head of Year and will sometimes be asked to host an assembly. During PDL sessions tutors will engage with tutees about uniform, equipment, attendance and pastoral matters as well as PDL. Your child's tutor should be your first point of contact.

Weekly House Attendance - 12.10.26 - 16.10.26




Weekly House Praise Points League Table
week commencing 12.10.26
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Galileo
Newton
Darwin
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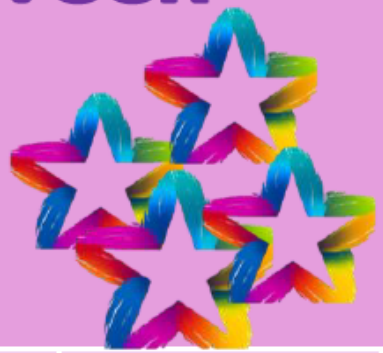
E- Praise Leaders This Week



Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
James EHA	Mai HDO	Oliver NBO	Elliot JMS	Axel FCO
Dylan CST	Poppy FMI	Mia CSI	Lewis AWA	Scarlett SAT
Felicity EHA	Noah API	Lucy LBA	Molly ATO	Abbie FCO

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

SEND Family Half Term Fun

Horizon Havant October 2026

Monday	AirXtreme	12:10 - 12:50
Tuesday	Family Bounce & Play	11:00 - 12:30
Wednesday	Public Swim	11:05 - 12:20
Thursday	Halloween Soft Play Party	SOLD OUT
Everyday	SEND Soft Play (Rates apply)	£4.50

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With Horizon

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OPEN EVENT

ALAN BALL ACADEMY

27TH OCTOBER

10.45AM TO 12.15PM

KING GEORGE V FOOTBALL HUB COSHAM

FULLY FUNDED BTEC LEVEL 2 & 3 SPORTS COURSES WITH

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

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