

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

20 Dec 2023, last day of Autumn term * Early closure

21 Dec 2023 - 3 Jan 2024, Christmas Break

Events this December

Monday 4 December
Year 11 RS Cambridge Central Mosque Trip, 1-4pm **CANCELLED**

Tuesday 5 December
Year 7 English visit to Clare Library and Book Shop 7FR, 1:40-3pm

Thursday 7 December
School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Wednesday 13 December
VIVE Canteen Christmas Lunch 2023, 12:55-1:40pm

Thursday 14 December
Performing Arts Christmas Concert 2023 first showing for Year 5 and 6 primary school students, 2-3pm

Thursday 14 December
Performing Arts Christmas Concert 2023, 7-9pm

Thursday 14 December
School Nurse Student Drop-in session in U13 (Wellbeing room), lunchtime

Friday 15 December
BBC Bitesize Tour sessions for all year groups, 8:30-11:55am

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Final day of Autumn Term, *early closure

Dates for your diary week commencing 4 December:

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Wednesday 20 December 2023 - 12 noon School Closure

Please note that Stour Valley Community School will be closing early - at 12 noon - on our last day of term, Wednesday 20 December. We have arranged for all school buses and taxis to collect our students at 12 noon - the public service bus HL018 to Haverhill will collect from our site at 11:55am.

However, the public service bus Chambers 237 will not be able to pick up early, so any students who normally use that service to return home will be able to use the SC236 which covers the majority of stops, or may need to be collected from school.

Due to the early closure there will not be a food service at the regular lunchtime, but additional food will be available to purchase at breaktime. Students in receipt of free school meals should use their allowance during this time.

Thank you.

English Teaching and Learning Questionnaire

As part of continuing commitment to reviewing the quality of teaching and learning at Stour Valley, we would very much like to hear your views about your child's English lessons. Please share your thoughts by completing this brief questionnaire by Sunday 10 December. <https://forms.office.com/e/dbwrWhZASu>

BBC Bitesize Tour

The BBC Bitesize School Tour will be visiting SVCS on Friday 15 December. They will see all students between lessons 1-3.

The Bitesize Schools Tour will focus on careers in a variety of sectors and hopefully help inspire young minds about opportunities that exist on their doorstep. The aim of the Bitesize Schools Tour is to raise awareness of career aspirations to secondary students across the UK and give them practical advice on how they can pursue a career in a variety of settings.

BBC Bitesize School Tour

- On Friday 15 December all students will have the opportunity to be in the audience for the BBC Bitesize School Tour.
- Lesson 1: Year 7 and 8
- Lesson 2: Year 10 and 11
- Lesson 3: Year 9



Textiles Bank

If you are having a clear out before Christmas or over the holiday period, don't forget we now have a Textiles Bank on site. Please drop any unwanted clothes and shoes into our new collection bin by the bike sheds of the school car park (all items must be bagged - small bags only). Items will go on to be recycled and re-used. Thank you for your continued support.



Green Day

Green Day is on 22 March 2024. Please donate to our Graffle. This is a *green* raffle, so we are ideally looking for green coloured and/or eco-friendly donations. Please drop them off at reception. All funds to go to our green initiatives. Students should wear green and bring some money for lovely cakes and the world-famous Graffle :).

Student Lost Property

Please advise your child to visit reception to check the lost property stand prior to the last day of Autumn Term as we have several PE kits and coats in storage. Please note that the stand will be renewed at the end of term, with items being donated/disposed of accordingly, thank you.

SVCS Food Bank 2023

SVCS
Food
Bank
Collection

27.11.23-
08.12.23

All donations
to Miss Woods
in U7



Christmas Shopping List

We're incredibly grateful for anything you can donate to the foodbank to help local people facing hardship this Christmastime.

<input type="checkbox"/> Tubs of chocolate	<input type="checkbox"/> Mince pies
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas cake	<input type="checkbox"/> Festive savoury nibbles
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets	<input type="checkbox"/> Yule log or Stollen
<input type="checkbox"/> Selection boxes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crackers for cheese	
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas pudding	

NOT needed:

Beans	Tinned vegetables
Pasta	Tinned fish
Biscuits	Soup
Tinned meat	

Please: No items containing alcohol eg brandy

Reach Community Projects
0800 0096710 info@reachhaverhill.org.uk
www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/christmas



Important Letters & Notices

<https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - How do parents/carers view and update their information in EduLink One

Microsoft Word - PSHE Parental Advice (stourvalleycommunityschool.org) - PSHE Parental Advice

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher> - Letters from the Headteacher

studentabsence@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address

safe@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

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