

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

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

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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

Friday 15 December

Year 10 & 11 Prince's Trust RINGO Ski Centre trip, 8:30am-2pm

Wednesday 20 December

Final day of Autumn Term, *early closure

Dates for your diary week commencing 11 December:

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Edulink Communications

Please update your contact details: Following the emergency school closures last month we have been updating our communication processes as it appears that emails sent in quantity can take up to 40 minutes to be received. This is due to the way messages are handled to deter spam mailings. Unfortunately, this led to some parents/carers and students being unaware of the situation until they had already set out for the day. We have researched the best method of contacting parents/carers, and have found that text messages to mobile phones are received almost instantly, meaning communications would be received far quicker. **In order to achieve this we need you to provide a mobile phone as a primary contact number - could you please therefore access your details via Edulink, go to 'Update Information' and ensure your mobile number is marked as 'Primary', and then 'Save' your details.** Thank you for your support in this matter.

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 HLO18 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.

Stour Valley Community School Christmas Concert



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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 7PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6.40PM

TICKETS MUST BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE AND
ARE AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY:

£6 ADULT

£4 CHILDREN

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SCENERY
AND COSTUMES FOR THE 2025, SVCS
SCHOOL PRODUCTION.

Food Preparation & Nutrition - Practical Exams

Trial dates for food students who are due to start practical exams are now open for students to sign up to. Mrs Iannone has added six after school sessions/dates to Edulink to allow all students to practice in school prior to the exam date they have been given. These commence from 17 January.

Parent/Carer Spring Workshops

Parent/Carer workshops this spring re: psychology in schools:

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Psychology_in_schools_parent_workshop_poster_spring_term_1.pdf

Parent/Carer workshops this spring re: Childhood Neurodiversity PST:

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Childhood_Neurodiversity_PST_workshop_poster_Jan_-_May_2024.pdf

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>

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.

Food Technology - Take Home Containers

Please note that students who currently have Food Technology lessons, will require a take home container for all lessons. Should you have any confectionary containers that are empty after the Christmas break, we would like to receive these as donations to re-use as take home containers, thank you.

Year 9 Food Technology - Ingredients

Our Year 9 Food Technology students will need x1 chicken breast fillet for their lesson on Friday 15 December, thank you.

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



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 Christmase.

Tubs of chocolate	Mince pies
Christmas cake	Festive savoury nibbles
Sweets	Yule log or Stollen
Selection boxes	
Crackers for cheese	
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@reachverhill.org.uk
www.reachverhill.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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