



# Parent/Carer Bulletin



**STOUR VALLEY**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## ***Autumn Term Dates***

Final School Day before Christmas

Break

20 December - **\*Early closure at 2pm\***

Christmas Break

21 December - 3 January 2023

Non-pupil Day

4 January 2023

## ***Upcoming Events this December***

Monday 28 November - Wednesday 7

December

Haverhill Food Bank collection 2022

Thursday 1 December

## **Dates for your diary week commencing 28 November:**

- Monday 28 November - Haverhill Food Bank collection for Christmas 2022 commences
- Tuesday 29 November - Year 7EHR and Year 10 Prince's Trust to Clare Library during Period 5, 2-3pm
- Wednesday 30 November - U14 Netball fixture away at OSA , 2-4pm(approx.)
- Thursday 1 December - School Nurse Drop-in for students in G6, Lunchtime

## **Purple Day**

On Tuesday 22 November, students and staff at Stour Valley Community School celebrated and remembered the life of Haydn Restarick. Haydn was a Year 11 student who died during this year's summer holidays due to an undiagnosed brain tumour, and Tuesday 22 November 2022 would have been Haydn's 16th birthday. The school community came together at the suggestion of his friends, to hold Purple Day which will become an

School Nurse Student Drop-in in G6  
(textiles room), lunchtime

**Tuesday 6 December - Monday 12  
December**

Christmas Pop-up Shop for students in  
U7

**Thursday 8 December**

School Nurse Student Drop-in in G6  
(textiles room), lunchtime

**Friday 9 December**

Year 7,8 & 9 Influenza vaccination (nasal  
spray), morning session commencing  
9am approx

**Tuesday 13 December**

7EHS to Clare Library with Year 10  
Prince's Trust, 2-3pm

**Wednesday 14 December**

Vive canteen Christmas Lunch, 12:55-  
1:40pm

**Thursday 15 December**

SVCS Live Christmas Concert, 7-9pm  
approx.

**Thursday 15 December**

School Nurse Student Drop-in in G6  
(textiles room), lunchtime

**Thursday 16 December**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper  
Day

**Tuesday 20 December**

Final school day of Autumn Term, **\*early  
closure at 2pm\***

annual non-uniform day to raise funds for the ward which looked after  
Haydn at Addenbrookes Hospital.

The afternoon saw a dedicated celebration event for Haydn's year group  
which was started by the playing of AC/DC, Haydn's favourite group. His  
keen interest in the armed forces was reflected by members of the Royal  
British Legion and serving army personnel from Rocks Barracks in  
Woodbridge leading a procession of the school community into the hall.  
The celebration of Haydn's life was conducted by Reverend Paul Graham  
with him making reference to Haydn's enjoyment of strategy games,  
Dungeons and Dragons and his sense of fun. Shared memories included  
times from primary school, reflections from Haydn's teachers and special  
moments recalled by his friendship group.

Mr Stephens, Teacher said "students put together an event to celebrate the  
life of their friend and it has been a special time to work with them to make  
this into a reality. I could not be more proud of their mature approach to  
honouring Haydn"

Miss Bank, Deputy Headteacher said "in one way or another, our whole  
community has been affected by Haydn's death. Purple Day has brought  
everyone together and allowed us to pay tribute to Haydn and the positive  
impact he has had on so many lives."

We are pleased to announce that yesterday's collection raised an amazing  
£880 which we are donating to Haydn's page -

<https://haydn.muchloved.com/>



## **KS4 Christmas Carol Viewing Cancellation**

Unfortunately, the theatre production of A Christmas Carol was cancelled.  
We are organising with Quantum Theatre another time that they can come  
into school and perform. I will inform you of the new date as soon as  
possible, apologies - Mrs Gill Head of English

## **Transport Survey**

The Eastern College Group (Abbeygate SFC, One SFC and West Suffolk  
College) are reviewing their transport provision across the region and have

asked for as many parents/carers as possible, including those who think that transport for their area is not available, to complete this short survey: [TRANSPORT SURVEY](#)

It's a short survey, asking for only the key information, which could potentially improve the transport provision for your young person.

Thank you in advance.

## **Collaborative Reading Project with Clare Primary School 22.11.22**

We were so happy to be able to re-visit Clare Primary School with our Reading Ambassadors from SVCS after a lengthy furlough due to Covid. The goal of the project is to collaborate on a number of reading topics with Years 5,6,7 and 8 - this crossover of year groups really helps to show the importance both schools give to reading and its central place in the curriculum. We were made to feel very welcome and we will be hosting a similar event at SVCS in the Spring term with Year 5 and 6 coming to visit us for stage two of this exciting project.



## **Student Medical Condition/Allergies & Parental Consent**

Please would you update any medical conditions/allergies for your child via Operoo.

We have recently seen a number of students who have told us that they have an allergy but we don't have a record of it.

By ticking the 'No Photo' box in the parental consent area of Operoo, we cannot include your child in any photographs of activities in school. If you have ticked this in error, please would you login to Operoo to change it. You just need to remove the tick in the 'No Photo' box.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated

## **The Power of Poetry**

Here is our last poem written by Archie Blackwood in Year 7.

Drug Abuse  
Never get addicted  
and indicted  
In social circles  
and invite unnecessary troubles.

Money and names both may get spoiled  
As good circles shall never be availed  
You shall be boycotted in civil functions.  
You will find many more sanctions.

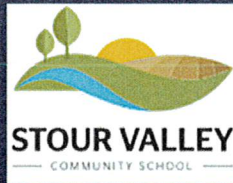
Major drugs are very abusive  
They make you submissive.  
You are a slave and defend  
The danger signals have already been sent.

Do not allow the habit to ride over  
In the future you shall not be able to recover.  
You will be lying somewhere in a ditch,  
People may look at , shall not even try to reach.

You will be taken as a person not needed.  
You are boycotted or avoided.  
People may look at with scant respect.  
You're now neglected a lot.

## **Haverhill Food Bank**

This year, food donations for the Haverhill Food Bank are welcome from Monday 28 November until Wednesday 7 December. All food donations require a minimum of 6 months best before date - thank you!



## SVCS Christmas Collection 2022

### Christmas foods to donate:

- Christmas Sweets / Chocolates
- Luxury sweet biscuits
- Yule logs / Nice cakes
- Small Christmas Cakes
- Savoury biscuits
- Pickles / Chutneys
- Christmas Crackers

### Items the foodbank are running low on:

- UHT milk
- Noodles
- Jam
- Tinned meat
- Coffee
- Tinned vegetables
- Fruit squash

Please ensure all items have at least 6 months on the best before date.

All donations to:  
Miss Woods in U7



## School Lottery

Remember to check your email to see if you won last Saturday. One of our supporters has won for a second time! If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/.../stour-valley> ...

Remember - our next draw is on Saturday and this week you can also win a PS5 bundle!

## WIN A PS5 BUNDLE

WORTH OVER £1000!

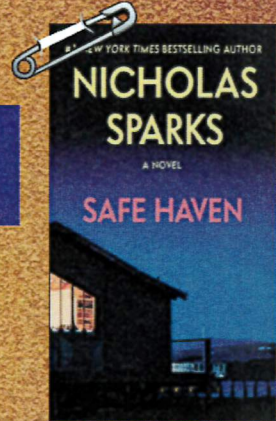


## Book of the Month

Stour Valley Community School  
**BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
MISS TOMPKINS RECOMMENDS....



Suitable  
for KS4



A beautifully written story about a woman who finds the strength to escape a life of abuse from her husband. She arrives in a very small South Carolina town and while trying to keep to herself, she ends up building relationships with friendly locals - one of whom she falls in love with; very happy ending!

Sparks really understands people and writes emotions in such a way that you can feel everything, and you don't want to put the book down.

## Nearly New Donations

We would like to thank the school community for any generous donations of second hand uniform which have now been added to our *Nearly New Stand*. We are now at full capacity which is great, however, at this time we will be unable to accept any further donations due to a limit of storage space. Should any parents/carers be in need of any uniform, our selection of items are available for a small donation, you need only inform us what pieces you requires and the size! Thank you again for your support and generosity.

## Letters & Notices

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/our-school/trips-and-visits> - Trips and visits section of our website

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-home> - Letters home section of our website

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Extra\\_Curricular\\_Timetable\\_Autumn\\_Term\\_2022.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Extra_Curricular_Timetable_Autumn_Term_2022.pdf) - Autumn Term Extra Curricular Timetable

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship\\_Sex\\_Educational\\_Policy\\_May\\_2022\\_DRAFT\\_FOR\\_PARENT\\_CONSULTATION.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/Relationship_Sex_Educational_Policy_May_2022_DRAFT_FOR_PARENT_CONSULTATION.pdf) - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news> - Price & Buckland Uniform Orders

[studentabsence@stourvalley.org](mailto:studentabsence@stourvalley.org) - Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address

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