

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Non-pupil Day, 21 November
Autumn Term ends, 19 December
early closure at 12pm
Christmas Break, 22 December – 2 January 2026
Non-pupil day, 5 January 2026

Events this November

Wednesday 19 November, Drama Exam, 8:30am-3pm
Thursday 20 November, Drama Exam, 8:30am-3pm
Thursday 20 November, Purple Day, non-uniform event
Thursday 20 November, Year 8 English Reward trip, 9am-1pm
Friday 21 November, Non-pupil Day
Monday 24 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 1 of 5
Monday 24 November, Year 11 Mock Exams commence
Tuesday 25 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 2 of 5
Wednesday 26 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 3 of 5
Wednesday 26 November, Year 7 English Reward Trip, 8:50am-1:15pm
Thursday 27 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 4 of 5
Thursday 27 November, Year 10 Theatre Trip to see the WASP at Gosfield School, departing at 2pm
Friday 28 November, Meet the Keyworker Event, day 5 of 5

Dates for your diary week commencing 17 November:

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Purple Day 2025

The History of Purple Days

Haydn Restarick joined Stour Valley in Year 7 on 5 September 2018.

In the summer holidays of 2022 Haydn became ill and sadly he died.

He would have been 19 on 22 November 2025.

Haydn loved the colour purple and so this colour will be used to remind us of him.

There will be an annual Purple Day in memory of Haydn, from 2022 through to the year when he would have graduated from University, along with his year group.

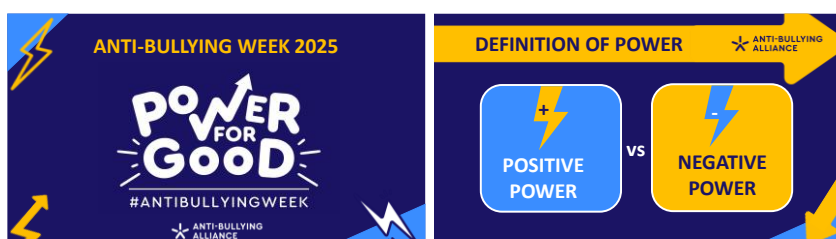
On Thursday 20 November we would like everyone who can to wear something purple. This could be a top, a pattern on a sock or a piece of purple fabric pinned to your bag for the day.

This will be a non-uniform day and a donation of £1 is suggested, although you could choose to donate more. **All donations will go to Addenbrookes hospital.**



Anti-Bullying Week

This week assemblies have been focused on Anti-bullying week. This is a national dedicated week and this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online. The theme for 2025 is using Power for Good to end bullying — for good. Bullying impacts the lives of countless young people across the UK and as a school we are proud to promote the anti-bullying stance. We highlighted the number of kindness achievement points that have been awarded so far. Next week we have a year group competition to see which year group can collect the highest Kindness achievement points across the five days.



Christmas Card Competition

We have launched our Christmas Card Competition 2025. The overall winner will have their card printed and the design will be used as the official school card distributed in the local area. The design can be no larger than one A4 piece of paper. There are house points available for all those who enter with prizes for the winners. All entries must be submitted to Mrs Jamieson by 3pm on Monday 24 November.

Platform 25 Artwork Exhibition

Dear Parents and Carers

I wish to extend my congratulations to all pupils who proudly represented their school in Anglian Learning's [Platform Exhibition](#).

Platform 25, the fifth instalment of the exhibition, saw over 40 artworks exhibited from 10 to 22 November by pupils across Anglian Learning's schools at Michaelhouse Café in Cambridge. The inspiring artworks, selected by our school's Heads of Art, covered a range of techniques and media, including painting and photography in both traditional and more abstract styles.

It was a pleasure to attend a special celebration evening with pupils and their families. I am deeply impressed by the exceptional quality of work this year and extend my gratitude to our educators, whose dedication to art provides an enriching environment where creativity thrives, allowing pupils to be bold and expressive in their artistic journey.

Duncan Cooper

Director of Secondary Education



Free Careers Event

Futures & Careers FAIR

FREE TO
ATTEND

OPEN TO ALL
SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS

**SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026
10AM - 2PM**

UNIVERSITIES > APPRENTICESHIPS > GAP YEARS > EMPLOYERS

HOSTED BY:  **WOODBIDGE
SCHOOL**

**SPORTS DOME, BURKITT ROAD, WOODBRIDGE IP12 4JH
WOODBRIDGESCHOOL.ORG.UK/EVENTS/CAREERS-FAIR**

Year 7-9 Girls Football Trials



**FOOTBALL
DEVELOPMENT**

GIRLS FOOTBALL TALENT ID TRIALS

**BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE**

Whitton (Ipswich)
Monday 8th December 2025
U9-U14's

Suffolk Junior Chess

CHESS BENEFITS
Problem-solving
Decision-making
Focus & Concentration
Time Management
Make Friends
Game/Sport for Life

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Suffolk Junior Chess

JOIN A CLUB

suffolkjuniorchess.org



LEARN BASICS
Leagues & Tournaments
FRIENDLY GAMES
Prizes & Awards
COACHING
Puzzles
SPECIAL EVENTS

Bury St Edmunds - Friday
Ipswich - Sunday
Online - Wednesday
School Chess Clubs
For all levels & abilities
suffolkjuniorchess@gmail.com

Clare Christmas Fair

CLARE
Christmas
FAIR



FABULOUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK
FRI 28th November 5 - 8pm
SAT 29th November 10am - 7pm
*at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church
and Clare Town Hall*

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON
SAT 29th November 6pm
Entertainment on Market Hill from 3.30pm



Hot Food
Music
Father Christmas

FREE ENTRY • PRIZE DRAW



Important Notices

- **SVCS Uniform Donations**

We would be very grateful to receive any surplus or outgrown SVCS uniform that you would be happy to donate to the school. Donated items will be added to our Nearly New Stand in order to supply second hand uniform to students where needed.

- *As a polite reminder, students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. If they are feeling unwell or need to contact home, they must visit reception. Likewise, if you could please contact reception if you have any messages you would like to be passed on.*
- *Your child's form tutor should be your first point of contact for any concerns or issues. They will be able to deal with your enquiry or will pass it on to the most appropriate member of staff who may contact you. If the matter is directly related to a specific subject, the subject teacher or head of department is the best contact. All staff email addresses are on the website (a link here): [Staff Contacts - Stour Valley Community School](#)*

If you call the school, you will appreciate that staff also have teaching commitments which means they may not always be available to take your call immediately. Also, please do not turn up at the school expecting to see a member of staff without a prior appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Important Letters and Information

- [Years 7-10 Uniform Changes 2025 1.pdf](#) - Years 7-10 Uniform changes letter
- [Vive Price List - SEPTEMBER 2025.pdf](#) - Vive Canteen Price Guide
- 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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