

Parent Carer Bulletin

Autumn Term Dates

Non-pupil days, 1 & 2 September

Autumn Term Starts, 3 September

Half Term, 27-31 October

Non-pupil Day, 21 November

Christmas Break, 22 December – 2 January 2026

Non-pupil Day, 5 January 2026

Events this September

Saturday 13 September, Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition

Friday 19 September, Jeans for Genes Non-uniform Day

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Thursday 25 September, Post-16 Evening, 5-7pm

Sunday 28 September, Year 11 GCSE History Trip to Lavenham, 10:30am-12pm

Tuesday 30 September, Year 11 Geography trip to Walton on the Naze, 8:30am- 3pm

Dates for your diary week commencing 15 September:

- **Friday 19 September - Jeans for Genes Non-uniform Day**
- **Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 September - Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**

Year 7 Student Helper Initiative

We would like to inform you of an initiative we will be running at school for our Year 7 students. Every day, two students will be selected to help our office staff as an official Student Helper, one in the morning (periods 1, 2 and 3) and one in the afternoon, (periods 4 and 5). Whilst in this role, students may be asked to carry out a variety of admin tasks supporting the office staff including delivering messages, resourcing and collecting students. We believe that giving students the opportunity to take on this leadership role will allow them to develop levels of responsibility, dependability and the Stour Valley key characteristics.

Students will be selected on rotation and may therefore complete the role 1-2 times in the year. This role is only offered in Year 7 and so they will not complete it later in their academic career. Students will wear an official Stour Valley Student Helper lanyard, allowing them to be identified by staff when moving around the school. If there are any moments of down time, when students are not required to complete a task, students will wait in the Heart Space where they have access to a computer enabling them to complete online work tasks such as Bedrock, Maths Watch or Science Surgery.

We hope you will agree, this is a good opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills and the first taste of taking a leadership role in what will be an increasing array of opportunities.

Should you have any further enquiries about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me direct at: dhutchinson@stourvalley.org

Attendance

At the start of the new term, we would like to remind you of the importance of attending school. It has been a positive return for all year groups this week. We work closely with our attendance partner, Aquinas. As a specialist service provider, Aquinas' role is to deliver high-quality practices and procedures that best enable every student at our school to fully access his/her educational entitlement.

We would like to thank you for your support and on-going commitment to ensuring excellent attendance this year.

Equipment for September

From September, your child's work will be marked differently. The symbols used have been explained to all students as well as the colours used. The change is to accommodate any colour-blind students and to create an easily understood system across all subjects.

From September your child will write in black ink and make any corrections in blue ink. **Please would you support this by ensuring that your child has two working black pens and two working blue pens with them in school at all times.** If your child uses blue paper in school, they will need dark blue ink for editing so that it contrasts against the background.

We appreciate your support!

SVCS Futures Update Autumn Term 1 Weeks 1-4

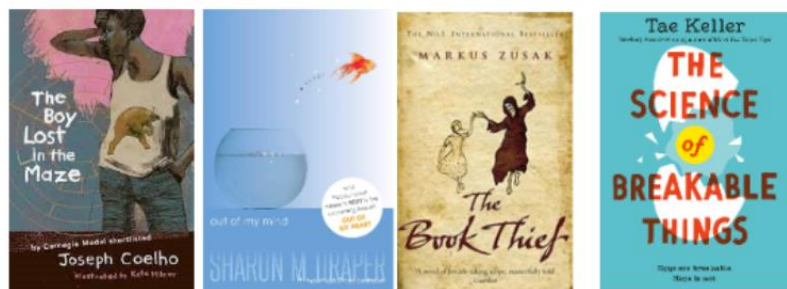
[FUTURES Autumn 1 Weeks 1-4.pdf](#)

Additional Reading Recommendations

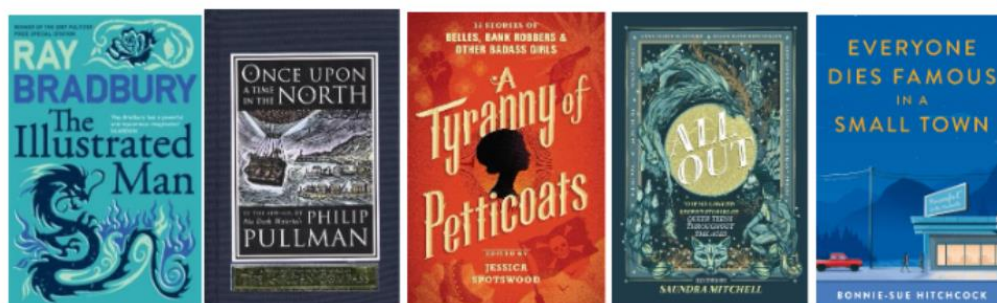
Year 7: 19th Century Stories- Autumn 1 SVCS English Department Recommends...



Year 8: Novel- Autumn term 1 SVCS English Department Recommends...

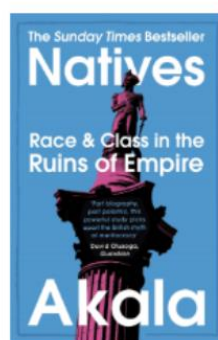
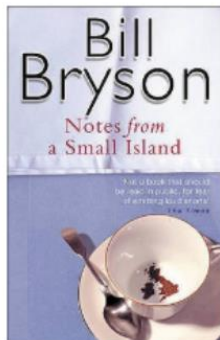
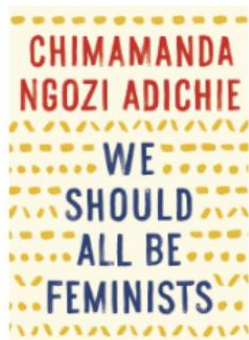


Year 9: Short Stories from Around the World- Autumn 1 SVCS English Department Recommends...

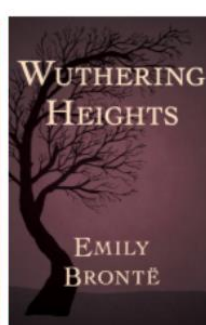
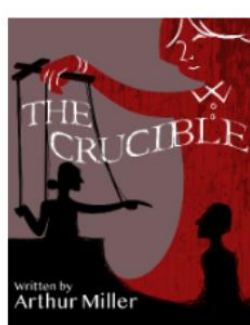
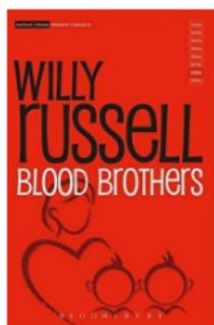




Year 10: Language Paper 1 (Non-Fiction)- Autumn 1 SVCS English Department Recommends...



Year 11: An Inspector Calls/ Coram Boy- Autumn 1 SVCS English Department Recommends...



Sudbury Filmmaking Workshops



FREE SUDBURY FILMMAKING WORKSHOPS



Join us for these **8 FREE sessions** where young people can learn filmmaking skills with professional filmmakers.

During the workshops the young people will take part in working together on a film that they will help to write, act, film, and edit.

BOOK NOW



Running on Saturdays 10am-3pm

- September: 6th, 13th, 27th
- October: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
- November: 1st

Location: The Quay, Sudbury
Ages: 10-16



contact: info@theoffshootfoundation.com

Charity Number: 1163287



SUDBURY HOCKEY CLUB DAY 2025

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER
Great Cornard Leisure Centre AstroTurf
 Junior Coaching: U8 & U10 - 9.30 to 11 am
 U12 & U14 - 11 to 12.30 pm
 Beginners/Walking Hockey - 12.45 to 1.30 pm
 7-a-side Tournament - 1.45 to 15.30 pm

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
 IF YOU'VE NEVER PICKED UP A STICK BEFORE OR YOU'RE A SEASONED PLAYER POP DOWN TO SEE WHAT THE CLUB HAS TO OFFER - WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU

INSTA: @SUDBURYHOCKEYCLUB
 WEB: SUDBURYHOCKEYCLUB.CO.UK






Sudbury Hockey Club
Training Schedule 2025/2026

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
TUESDAY (from 5 th August)	7PM - 9PM	GCLC ASTRO	LADIES CLUB COACHING
TUESDAY (from 14 th September)	6PM - 7PM	GCLC ASTRO	AGE 12 AND ABOVE GAMEPLAY SESSION
THURSDAY (from 7 th August)	7PM - 9PM	GCLC ASTRO	MAKES AND OPEN CLUB COACHING
SUNDAY (from 14 th September)	9.30AM - 11AM	GCLC ASTRO	U8 AND U10
SUNDAY (from 14 th September)	11AM - 12.30 PM	GCLC ASTRO	U12 AND U14

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KID CADS IS BACK!

STARTING MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
6.45PM - 7.45PM
AT THE OLD SCHOOL, CLARE
£1 PER SESSION

WEEKLY ACTING WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 8-15
READY TO PERFORM IN OUR PANTO
'ALICE IN WONDERLAND'
IN MARCH 2026




CORNARD DYNAMITES GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING



We are excited to be recruiting to our age 6-8, girls only, training sessions.

This is our pathway to creating future Cornard Dynamites girls teams. Starting at U8.

FA qualified female coaches. First two sessions are free. £3 thereafter.

- Development & Inclusivity
- Fun, Fitness and Friendships
- Training Saturday, 11am-12pm
- TGS School, CO10 0NH
- Contact Lisa: 07938 512849



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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