

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 & October

Tuesday 7 October, Guided Tours, 9am and 2pm

Wednesday 8 October, Guided Tours, 9am and 2pm

Wednesday 8 October, GCSE Art Gainsborough Etching Workshop, 8:50am-1:15pm

Thursday 9 October, Guided Tours, 9am and 2pm

Friday 10 October, Years 7-11 Flu vaccinations (2nd session), 9am-2pm

Wednesday 14 October, professional photographer on site for prospectus and website images

Thursday 23 October, GCSE Drama trip to The Quay Theatre, 7:30-10:30pm

Thursday 23 - 25 October, GCSE History residential visit to the Netherlands

Friday 24 October, final full school day before Half Term

Dates for your diary week commencing 6 October:

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- **Wednesday 8 October** - Guided Tours, 9am and 2pm
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- **Friday 10 October** - Years 7-11 Flu vaccinations (2nd session), 9am-2pm

Netherlands Visit 23-25 October

A reminder for parents and carers to send their child's passports in to Miss Terry please.

Futures Update

[**FUTURES Autumn 1 Weeks 5-6.pdf**](#)

Photography Consent

We have a professional photographer visiting the school on **Tuesday 14 October**. The photographer will be taking pictures of students and the school to update our prospectus and the images on our school website.

To ensure that we have the correct permissions, **all parents and carers must complete this form [Photo/Video Parental Consent](#) as soon as possible and by the latest Thursday 9 October**. This will allow us to identify any students who should **not** be photographed.

We kindly ask that you also speak with your child to ensure they understand that they should not be included in any photographs if permission has not been granted. This serves as an additional safeguard to make sure we do not use photos of your child without consent.

Thank you for your cooperation.

University of Suffolk Programmes 2025-26

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Flu Immunisation Session 2 of 2

On Friday 10 October Vaccination UK will be with us to carry out the Flu immunisation session, 2 of 2. If you have confirmed consent for your children to receive the vaccine, we kindly ask for your support with the following:

Please ensure your child has a substantial breakfast and brings water and snacks for the day. If they are receiving a dose via injection, rather than nasal spray, they should wear a short sleeve shirt under their blazer.

You are still able to give consent in the lead up to the final session.

Fundraising Event – Custard Comedy Nights

This term we are delighted to announce that Custard Comedy Nights will be coming to Clare, using the school hall as a venue to bring some big names to Suffolk's smallest town. This promises a brilliant night out on your doorstep - with three quality acts that you would usually expect to travel to see!

Custard Comedy is a very experienced comedy promotions team holding events all over the UK - with many in Cambridgeshire and surrounding counties in particular. We work with a number of incredible comics and have seen many use this grassroots network to help break their careers.

On 11 October we are thrilled to have the very funny writer, comedian and broadcaster, Bob Mills as our headliner as well as opening sets from Jules O'Brian and David Luck. There will also be a fully stocked bar and a pizza food truck! Tickets are on sale now from: [Custard Comedy in Clare Tickets, Sat, Oct 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Please do come and support our comedy nights which will be raising money for the school. Tables and group bookings are available.



Stoke College Sixth Form – Scholarship Guide and Open Evening

[Stoke College Scholarship Guide 2026.pdf](#)



Stoke College
SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING
For September 2026 entry
TUES 14TH OCT | 5.30PM

Come and discover Stoke Sixth Form
Discover our small study groups
Learn about leadership roles
Personalised UCAS pathway
Sports | Performing Arts

Scholarships available

Book here



stokecollege.co.uk

Suffolk Youth Jazz & Young Strings



MARTLESHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY, IPSWICH

Would you like to try our premier County Music Group
FREE OF CHARGE?

COME & PLAY DAY
for any musician 21 years and under
SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Suffolk Youth Jazz Programme
for players aged Grade 5 and above



The perfect chance to try us out in a fun, friendly and relaxed setting before committing.

Whether you play trumpet, trombone, saxophone, drums, percussion, guitar or bass come along and experience the joy of making music together!



Register to attend
www.suffolkcountymusicservice.co.uk

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NORTHGATE ARTS CENTRE, IPSWICH

Would you like to try our premier County Music Groups
FREE OF CHARGE?

COME & PLAY DAY
for any musician 21 years and under
SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Suffolk Young Strings
Grade 4 and above

Suffolk Youth Wind Band
woodwind, brass & percussion
Grade 5 and above

Suffolk Youth Orchestra
Grade 6 and above



The perfect chance to try out one of our County Music Groups in a fun, friendly, and relaxed setting before committing. Whether you play strings, brass, woodwind, percussion, come along and experience the joy of making music together!



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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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