



# Parent/Carer Bulletin



**STOUR VALLEY**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## **Spring & Summer Term Dates**

### **Easter Break**

3 - 14 April 2023

### **Summer Term Starts**

17 April 2023

### **Half Term**

29 May - 2 June 2023

### **Summer Term Ends**

19 July 2023

### **Summer Break**

20 July 2023

## **Upcoming Events this March**

### **Wednesday 29 March**

St Giles Trust knife crime sessions for all year groups, all day event

### **Thursday 30 March**

## **Dates for your diary week commencing 27 March:**

- **Wednesday 29 March - St Giles Trust knife crime sessions for all year groups, all day event**
- **Thursday 30 March - School nurse student drop in session in U13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime**
- **Friday 31 March - Year 11 Revision Strategies Day**

## **Year 11 GCSE Exam Entries**

Please could you check and return the reply slip to confirm that we have the correct name and exam entries for the summer 2023 exam series.

The slip should be returned to the Exams Office by Wednesday 29 March.

## **Green Day 2023**

Our third Green Day was a great success, with £724 raised for green initiatives around the school. We want to thank students, parents and staff for bringing and buying cake and for the many donations to the Graffle. We would also like to congratulate all our winners today. The endangered animals art competition attracted beautiful entries. Ira won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of two tickets to Colchester Zoo for her stunning painting, with Evie and Amy

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**Friday 31 March**

Year 11 Revision Strategies Day

winning runner-up prizes. Lewis and Charlotte were dressed in green from head to toe and won a prize each. The raffle had some amazing prizes, including vouchers for Willow Tree Farm shop and The Swan in Clare, for which we warmly thank them. The Graffle hamper was won by Rose. We also welcomed James Cartlidge MP to the school to address Year 8 climate concerns. They had written to him earlier in the year and as a result he wanted to come in and talk to them in person. Many students put their hand up to ask him a question and James was particularly impressed with the knowledge and awareness from the students on the Climate Emergency Committee. **THANK YOU**



## Year 11 English Language & Literature Revision

A reminder that Year 11 English Language and Literature revision sessions are taking place every Tuesday in the English Department. Please see the timetable below:

Date	Topic	Staff
28.03.23	A Christmas Carol	IGI
18.04.23	Poetry Anthology (Power)	NSP
25.04.23	Poetry Anthology (Conflict)	KHI
2.05.23	Unseen Poetry	IGI
9.05.23	An Inspector Calls	SWO
16.05.23	Last minute Literature Paper 1 Revision	IGI
23.05.23	Last Minute Literature Paper 2 Revision	IGI
6.06.23	Last minute Language Paper 2 revision	SWO

## Healthcare - Asthma Plans

Please may we kindly request, if you have not yet done so, that a copy of your child's current healthcare *Asthma Plan* is provided to the front office, (*Asthma Plans* are typically reviewed by a GP on an annual basis). Thank you for your support in this matter.

## My School Fund - Receive 2% Cashback

Stour Valley Community School are part of the "My School Fund" which is an innovative scheme that allows us to boost our school's budget with your help. Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores,

including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you will receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend. Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to **Stour Valley Community School - Clare**. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

## Your School Lottery

**WIN AN  
IPHONE 14  
PRO 128GB**  
**WORTH OVER £1000**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win an amazing new iPhone 14 Pro
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Win up to £25,000 every week

### PLAY NOW:

Scan the QR code or visit  
[www.yourschoolottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk)  
And search for: Stour Valley School



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25th March 2023.

## Clare Swimming Club



## Clare Swimming Club @ SVCS



**... for 2023!**

If you've enjoyed visiting the pool at Stour Valley Community School in the summer holidays, then you'll have seen what a great local facility it is. We now need your help to keep it open in 2023.

A new committee is needed to organise running the pool this year. So please get in touch if you have some spare time and can get involved in this rewarding community activity.

If you are interested in helping Clare Swimming Club, then please

email: [clareswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:clareswimmingclub@gmail.com)

### **Safeguarding Response to Harley's Tragic Death**

We are all so proud with how the students came into school to support each other that week. They dealt with a range of emotions in a mature and dignified way. The school nurses who came in to provide extra support that week told just how fantastic our students had been, and what they described as the level of maturity and ability to articulate their feelings shown by the students they saw, which included a lot of the most affected Year 11 boys. Harley's funeral took place over half term, as I am sure you will have seen on the local news.

On Wednesday 29 March St Giles Trust will be coming into school to run sessions on knife crime with all year groups throughout the day. This is as a safeguarding response to the awful events of that day. We felt that we needed to leave some time and space before these sessions were run. St Giles have been running as a charity for 60 years, working with a quarter of a million children, young people and adults to live safe, and positive lives. They specialise in uniquely employing, developing and professionalising incredibly passionate and dedicated people with first hand experiences of the issues the clients they work with face, and this is what makes the support they provide so effective.

The mission of SOS+ is to prevent children and young people becoming involved in gangs and youth violence by equipping them with tools, knowledge and support delivered by experts with lived experience  
<https://www.stgilestrust.org.uk/sos/>

The Team is working collaboratively with Suffolk Police School Liaison Officers and the One Cop Stop programme as well as Jane Stannard RSHE Schools Engagement Coordinator.

### **Activities this Easter Break**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have put together provision of free holiday activities and food to eligible children over the Easter school Holidays. The Holiday Activities Fund Programme (HAF) is funded for the next two years and provides enriching activities to children and young people, particularly those who receive benefit related free school meals, are pupil premium, or have an identified need. The holiday clubs can involve helping young people experience new and enriching activities from sport to music, dance, drama, art, cooking and gardening, as well as improving socialisation, helping young people to have fun with friends during the holidays. The programme runs over the summer, Christmas and Easter Holidays: <https://sway.office.com/fvS8xvpnlLaeEgMW?ref=email>

### **Mobile Phone Use During the School Day**

We would like to kindly remind parents/carers that students are not permitted to use their mobile phones during the school day. Mobile devices should be switched off and kept within school bags at all times. Devices that are seen out of bags/in use will be confiscated. A warning is given on the first confiscation and returned to the student at 3pm. However, for any subsequent confiscations a parent/carer will be required to collect the device from the front office. *Thank you for your understanding in this matter.*

### **Suffolk Wildlife Trust**



Join us for  
**Work Experience!**

Are you 16+ and interested in a career  
in the environmental sector?

Want to find out what it's like  
to work for Suffolk's nature charity?

Join our teams at Carlton Marshes or  
Lackford Lakes and gain skills in conservation,  
outdoor learning, and engagement.

11 - 15 April / 1 - 5 August 2023

Carlton Marshes nature reserve, Lowestoft  
Lackford Lakes nature reserve, Bury St Edmunds

Apply online now! Applications close 28 February





Suffolk  
Wildlife Trust

Join our  
Youth Board



Do you care about the environment  
and want to help protect it?

Are you aged between 11-24?

Do you live in Suffolk and love our local wildlife?

We want twelve young people who are  
passionate about protecting Suffolk's wildlife  
to join our Youth Board

Find out more and apply online by 28 February



## Letters & Notices

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Amended\\_Spring\\_Term\\_Clubs\\_20.02.23.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Amended_Spring_Term_Clubs_20.02.23.pdf) - Spring Term Extra-curricular activities

<https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/news/letters-from-the-headteacher> - Letters from the Headteacher

[https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/PST\\_Parent\\_Carer\\_Workshop\\_Schedule\\_Jan\\_Feb\\_2023.pdf](https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/PST_Parent_Carer_Workshop_Schedule_Jan_Feb_2023.pdf) - NHS parent/carer workshops Jan-March 2023

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[safe@stourvalley.org](mailto:safe@stourvalley.org) - Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address

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