

PARENT CARER BULLETIN

Week Commencing 2 March 2026



Fundraising Cake Sale in Support of Young Minds

A Delicious Way to Make a Difference:

The Charity Council are organising a cake sale to raise funds to support Young Minds mental health charity on Friday 13 March. If anyone would like to bake or buy cakes to be donated for sale, please could they be given to Miss Woods (or dropped at reception to be collected).

Thank you so much for your continued support for the fundraising work of the Charity Council students.

Click the link below to find out more about Suffolk Young Minds:

[Suffolk Young Minds](#)

For more updates on this year's fundraising at Stour Valley Community School, please click the link below:

[SVCS Fundraising 25-26](#)



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National Year of Reading

Year 9 Reading trip to Kedington Primary:

On Wednesday this week, the English Department took 13 Year 9 students to Kedington Primary school where they spent time reading to pupils from Reception through to Year 4 and listening to the younger children read in return. As we are celebrating the National Year of Reading, and with the lead up to World Book day, the visit provided our students with the opportunity to display their patience, encouragement, and confidence in reading. Experiences like this are hugely valuable: reading aloud helps our students develop clearer communication skills, boosts their self-esteem, and gives them a sense of responsibility as positive role models. It also strengthens their understanding of how important reading is for younger learners. The primary pupils were delighted to share stories with older students, and our students represented the school with maturity and kindness throughout.



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Keeping Children Safe Online: Free Parent Webinars

Join online safety expert Alan Mackenzie for practical, age-specific guidance for primary and secondary parents: RM is hosting two free webinars led by online safety expert Alan Mackenzie on Monday, 9 March 2026. If you would like to join the presentation use the links below to sign up:

Primary School Parents

5pm – 6pm / Early risks, healthy screen habits, and simple security.

[Primary link](#)

Secondary School Parents

6:30pm – 7:30pm / Social media, digital reputation, and open conversations.

[Secondary link](#)

Keep Your Child Safe Online

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TALK	EDUCATE	CO-VIEW	HOUSE RULES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Talk to your child about their internet use and safetyHave meaningful conversations about how they use the internetPraise your child for safe online behavioursWelcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activityTeach your child about specific issues and concernsTeach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/weekInteract with your child onlineModel appropriate online behaviourCo-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devicesRestrict online activity to daytime and communal areasUse filters and parental controlsSpend regular screen-free time with your child

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Futures Updates

Your latest careers and futures information in one place:

The most recent Futures updates are available now via our website:

[Click here](#)



Parking Reminder - Ince Close

Working together to respect our neighbours and ensure safe collection for all:

We have recently been contacted by a local resident regarding parking at afternoon collection time, and we kindly ask for your support in addressing their concerns.

The gravel road immediately to the right on Ince Close is privately owned and maintained by residents, and therefore not for school parking. In addition, parking on the adopted main road directly opposite the junction is making safe turning difficult for those who live there. To help maintain good relationships with our neighbours and ensure everyone's safety, please:

Do not park on the private gravel access road.

Avoid parking opposite its junction on the adopted road.

Use nearby public parking areas considerately and legally.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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Online Maths Competition - Sign Up Now!

A fun, confidence-boosting challenge for young mathematicians of all ages:

There are just 4 weeks left to register for the 2026 Online Maths Competition, a fun and fully online event open to pupils from Pre-school to Key Stage 5. The competition takes place on Saturday 21 March at 10:30am and includes instant scoring and e-certificates for every participant. Entry costs £4.95 per child, and students can take part from home.

Please click the following link to register: [register here](#)

Events this March

- **Monday 2 March:** English House Competition week 2.
- **Wednesday 4 March:** Year 8 HPV vaccinations, 9:30am–12pm.
- **Thursday 5 March:** fancy dress event for students and staff for World Book Day.
- **Friday 13 March:** *Techognition (staff Technician recognition event)*
- **Monday 15 March:** Science House Competition week 1.
- **Thursday 19 March:** Enrichment Day.
- **Monday 23 March:** Science House Competition week 2.
- **Friday 27 March:** Year 11 Dress-up Day.
- **Friday 27 March:** final full school day before the Easter Break.



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STOUR VALLEY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Spring 2026 Term Dates

- **Tuesday 6 January:** Spring Term starts.
- **Monday 16 – Friday 20 February:** Half Term.
- **Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April:** Easter Break



WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

Non Uniform Day

You can wear your own clothes or why not dress up as your favourite character?

There will be prizes for the best costumes.

Suggested donation of £1
All proceeds go to the Library



LIBRARY

competition

Create a 3D model of an iconic item from a story. It should be easy to tell which story the item is from and fit on the top of the library shelves.

For example you might make the Madhatter's hat or Toothless from How to Train Your Dragon.



Win a £15, £10 or £5
book voucher!

Closing date 5th March



STOUR VALLEY
CHILD COMMUNITY CENTRE

STOUR VALLEY PRESENTS

BACK TO THE 80S

29th April, 30th April and
1st May at 7pm

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
ON PARENT PAY OR AT
THE FRONT OFFICE**

**Adult £8
Concession £6**

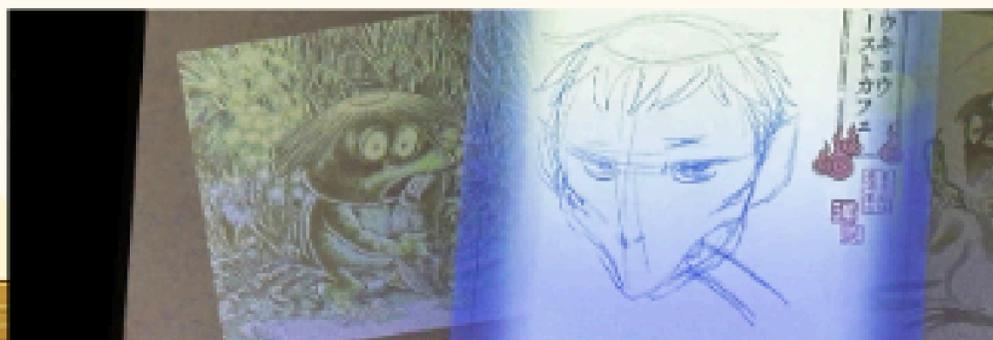


On Monday we were joined by Julian Sedgwick who came to talk to year 8 & 9 about his journey as an author and the power of storytelling. Students engaged brilliantly and asked lots of interesting questions! The Library was bustling with students getting their new books signed and there was a lovely buzz in school.

Some students were lucky to join Julian in a creative writing workshop - learning how to generate ideas and plan a good story.

A special mention to **Logan, Ethan and Claudio in year 9** whose story was described by Julian as 'the best work of the day'.

Thank you for your support in encouraging your children with reading for pleasure.



Welcome to Our School Community

Celebrating Achievements and Sharing What Matters: Our school is always buzzing with activity, and we love sharing the moments that make our community thrive. From events and enrichment opportunities to key dates and important notices, our website and social media are the best places to keep informed.

We update these platforms regularly with essential information, student achievements, and updates for parents, carers, and students. We encourage you to check in often and follow us online to stay connected with school life.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to sharing many more highlights with you.

