



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 1 March

NEU teacher strike - *school closed to students*

Dates for your diary week commencing 27 February:

- **Wednesday 1 March - NEU teacher strike - *school closed to students***
- **Thursday 2 March - Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening, 5-7pm**
- **Thursday 2 March - World Book Day at SVCS**
- **Thursday 2 March - School nurse student drop in session in u13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime**

Parent Feedback Welcomed

I would like to start by thanking parents/carers who have completed surveys as part of our on-going Quality Assurance in the form of *Subject reviews*. So far, we have reviewed History in the Summer term, Computer Science in the Autumn term and more recently, Maths. Your feedback gives us valuable insight into specific subjects through the eyes of your child's personal experience, and of course your views as parents/carers.

At this time of year, we would like to gather your views on Stour Valley from a whole school perspective, including for example, whether your child is happy here, your views on communication from us, and whether your child

Thursday 2 March

World Book Day at SVCS

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Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening, 5-7pm

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Tuesday 7 March

Year 8 A Midsummer Night's Dream with West End Schools, (Year 8 off timetable all day)

Wednesday 8 March

Year 9 PSHE Event, (Year 9 off timetable all day)

Thursday 9 March

Year 9 Options Evening, 6-8pm

Thursday 9 March

School nurse student drop in session in u13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime

Tuesday 14 March

Year 9 Meningitis D/T/P immunisation session with Vaccination UK, morning session

Wednesday 15 March

NEU teacher strike - school closed to students

Thursday 16 March

NEU teacher strike - school closed to students

Thursday 23 March

School nurse student drop in session in u13 (wellbeing room), lunchtime

is flourishing here. Below is a link which will take you straight to the survey.

It can be completed on a phone or tablet/computer. Please could you complete this survey before Friday 3 March, when it will close and results analysed by the Senior Team.

<https://forms.office.com/e/TvVnYY372Q>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this. Your feedback is crucial to drive improvement and address any issues that may arise. - Mrs G Stronach, Deputy Headteacher

Year 8 - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Please can Year 8 parents/carers ensure that the payment of £6 is made for the Year 8 Shakespeare Activity for Tuesday 7 March. Payments should be made via ParentPay. If there is any difficulty with this payment, please contact Mrs Higgins direct at: khiggins@stourvalley.org.

CEC Graffle

The Climate Emergency Committee are looking for donations to the Graffle on Green Day (Friday 24 March). We would love anything green in colour or in environmentally friendliness! Please drop in items at the front office c/o S Kemp. On Green Day, students should attend school in non-school uniform and bring in £1. There will be prizes for most green/best green/most entertaining outfit, but please do not go and buy new clothes just for the day. As well as a Graffle, we will be selling lots of wonderful cakes in the biggest cake sale ever, for which we will also gratefully receive any donations on the day. All monies raised will go towards a polytunnel and tools for the allotment. We have longer term plans for rainwater capturing off the school roof and a wild flower border. Thank you from the CEC and Ms Chappell. Any questions please contact kchappell@stourvalley.org

PS The CEC has been recognised for the effort and change they are making - we have recently been shortlisted for the Green School Award. Watch this space for more!

Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference

Event: Suffolk: Tackling Online Radicalisation and Extremism Conference

Location: Trinity Park Conference and Events Centre, Trinity Park, Ipswich IP3 8UH

When: Tuesday 28 March 2023, 10:00 – 14:00

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/522513360527> (free)

Friday 24 March

Green Day 2023

About this event:

The internet has opened up many new opportunities in communication, entertainment and knowledge. But it's also given extremists the means to target, connect and communicate with people vulnerable to radicalisation.

At this conference, we aim to:

- Increase your knowledge on online radicalisation and extremism: focusing on Mixed Unclear Ideologies and Far Right extremism
- Develop key media literacy skills and strategies, including how to combat disinformation, conspiracy theories and online gaming effectively;
- Provide you with guidance and practical skills to navigate the online world and safeguard young people from radicalisation and extremism

Attendees will benefit from an agenda of plenary presentations focused on relatable themes delivered by leading experts and media literacy practitioners. The programme will showcase many examples of best practices and ample opportunities for interactive discussion and networking amongst fellow professionals and peers.

Who is invited:

We are looking to invite members from the community who are frontline workers, including professionals, parents and carers, charities, the voluntary sector and including the following:

- Teachers
- Social Care
- Early Help Hubs/Teams
- Police
- Voluntary Sector
- Charity and 3rd sector
- Health
- Frontline Youth Workers
- Parents/ carers/ foster carers

***About the organiser:**

Shout Out UK (SOUK) is a multi-award-winning education platform and a creative social enterprise. We fuse education and tech with film production and animation to create world-class programmes on Media & Political Literacy and high-impact Democratic Engagement campaigns. We are on a mission to protect and amplify democracy by ensuring that political literacy education is as wide as possible and available to all citizens in and out of school, regardless of their socioeconomic background, ethnicity, or gender

New Dance & Drama Clubs

Dance Club begins on Monday 27 February and is open to all students, of all abilities. Students will need to wear PE kit. Please note the later finish time of 4:30pm for Dance Club.

Drama Club will start on Wednesday 8 March, and is open to Year 7, 8 and 9 this term.

Any enquiries about either club can be sent to Miss Duffy direct at:
dduffy@stourvalley.org

World Book Day

Thursday 2 March is World Book Day and we will have activities happening in the library throughout next week. This year the book coupon is in a digital format for secondary schools and can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/CouponWBD> Our Librarian will have a few paper copies available in the library for those who cannot access the digital coupon.

We will also be running a pre-loved book sale at break time on World Book Day in the heart space! Any book donations for this event would be gratefully received, thank you.

Year 7- How can we encourage reading at home?

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All year 7 students have now visited the Clare library. All students had the chance to receive a library card and borrow books. Students can order books from any Suffolk library to be delivered to their local library. **But, what else can you use your local library for?**

- By logging into your account at suffolklibraries.co.uk, you can access magazines, student Encyclopaedia Britannica and newspapers. See below for what is available:



- Borrow DVDs or CDs
- 3D printing
- Download the app **Borrow Box** using your library card number and you can access thousands of audiobooks that you download to your phone or any other device.



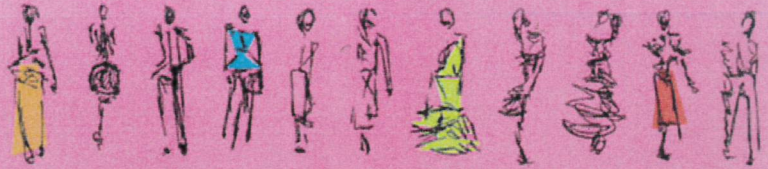
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Green Day is on Friday 24 March. The Climate Emergency Committee would welcome donations of green items (in colour or eco-friendliness - or both!) for our Graffle. Please leave any donations at reception c/o Sarah Kemp and marked 'Graffle'. Thank you! On the 24 March, we would also be thrilled if as many students as possible bring in baked goods for the biggest cake sale ever! Thank you from the CEC.

Spring Term Extra-curricular Activities

Please view the following link to browse our Spring Term Extra curricular activities: https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/downloads/Amended_Spring_Term_Clubs_20.02.23.pdf

Clare Fashion Show



CLARE FASHION SHOW

Enjoy an evening of fashion and fun!

FOR LADIES OF ALL AGES (FROM LATE TEENS TO THEIR GRANS!)



FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023

AT
CLARE TOWN HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM - SHOW STARTS 7.30PM

TICKETS £8 (includes a welcome drink)

Available from the School Office, ParentPay, Mrs Sibley, Mrs McIvor,
The Swan Inn, Harris & Harris Books and Talking Heads in Clare

★ SHOPPING ★ BAR (CASH PAYMENTS ONLY) ★

ALL ITEMS UP TO 60% OFF RRP

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Sudbury Air Cadets

Expand your horizons

ROYAL AIR CADETS
AIR FORCE the next generation

Year 8 or Above?

We Are Recruiting
Next Open Evening
27th February
7-9 30pm

- Flying
- Sports
- Gliding
- Climbing
- Fieldcraft
- Leadership
- Qualifications
- Overseas Trips
- Target Shooting
- Adventure Training
- Duke of Edinburgh Award

Sudbury Air Cadets

The Air Cadets is a youth organisation for 12-17 year olds. Your local unit meets at the cadet centre Gainsborough Street, Sudbury, every Monday & Thursday evening from 7pm – 9.30 pm and do many of the above activities at weekends. Call or email us to arrange a visit or just turn up to see what we can do for you!

TELEPHONE 01787-376794
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Letters & Notices

https://www.stourvalleycommunityschool.org/files/letters/PST_Parent_Carer_Workshop_Schedule_Jan_Feb_2023.pdf - NHS parent/carer workshops Jan-March 2023

studentabsence@stourvalley.org - Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address

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