

Parent Carer Bulletin

Spring Term Dates

7 April - 21 April, Easter Break 2025

Events this Half Term

Monday 10 March, Year 9 Meningococcal ACWY/DTP vaccination session, morning session

Wednesday 12 March, Year 8 English Reward trip

Thursday 13 March, Year 9 Options Evening, 5:30-7pm

Tuesday 18 March, Year 9 Suez Trip, 9am-2pm

Monday 24 March, Meet the SENCo

Tuesday 25 March, Meet the SENCo

Tuesday 25 March, Year 10 Speakers Trust Workshop

Wednesday 26 March, Meet the SENCo

Thursday 27 March, Meet the SENCo

Friday 28 March, Meet the SENCo

Monday 31 March, Rewards Assembly week

Friday 4 April, Italy Ski Trip 2025 departure

Friday 4 April, final full school day before the Easter break

Dates for your diary week commencing 10 March:

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World Book Day 2025

On Thursday 6 March we celebrated World Book Day 2025. Tutor groups decorated their classroom doors, in the theme of a chosen book, with hopes of being declared the best door! 1st place for KS3 was 9K and 1st place for KS4 was 10W. Staff also dressed up as characters from books on the day, below is a photo of them in full costume:



Meet the SENCo Letter

[**Meet the SENCo Appointments 24-28 March 2025.pdf**](#)

Year 9 Immunisation Session 10 March

On Monday 10 March the NHS immunisation Team will be with us for the Year 9 Meningococcal ACWY/DTP vaccination session. If you have given consent for your child(ren) to receive this, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child:

- Has an adequate breakfast on the day
- Wears a short sleeve shirt under their blazer (if possible)
- brings water and snacks for the day

Thank you.

PSHE Department Update

[Spring Term 2 Week 2.pdf](#)

Hedingham Chambers Branding Update

[Schools announcement - SVS.pdf](#)

Shakespeare Workshops

YEAR 8 AND 9 PARENTS

In the English Department we have managed to secure a prestigious theatre company to come to the school to complete a two-hour workshop with our students.

Year 8 will be working on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and Year 9 on 'Romeo and Juliet'. Please see information regarding the workshops below as well as about the theatre company.

In order for this to go ahead we are asking for £8 donation for each student, which needs to be paid by Tuesday 12 March. If there are any issues concerning this payment, then please contact Mrs Higgins via email: khiggins@stourvalley.org.



Sky Blue's Shakespeare Rewired® workshops have been performed across the country at over 300 schools to over 50,000 delighted students.

Secondary School Shakespeare Rewired (KS3)

Our Shakespeare Rewired® workshop facilitators are all professional, classically trained actors with years of experience in both education and stage performance. Using skills they have acquired working for companies such as The Royal Shakespeare Company, The National Theatre, The Globe and The Reduced Shakespeare Company our talented facilitators guide your students carefully through one of Shakespeare's stories.

The two hour workshops include a performance of the story with student volunteers and an in-depth look at key scenes with a chance for students to re-direct our actors and evaluate the outcome. There may also be a chance to hot seat characters during the 'Jeremy Vile show'.

- Includes a costumed telling of the story using student volunteers to play the roles
- Followed by a focus on key scenes as laid out to the left

Example: Romeo & Juliet YEAR 9

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- In depth look at Sampson & Gregory in Act I Sc. I
 - Hot-seat family members from Act III Sc. V
 - Make both good and bad decisions when re-staging Act V Sc.III



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

- https://stourvalley.org/downloads/Vive_Price_List_-_November_2024.pdf - Free School Meal and Meal Deal guidance
- <https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - How do parents/carers view and update information in EduLink One
- 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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