

PARENT CARER BULLETIN



Week Commencing 16 March 2026



Year 11 Individual & Group Photo Session

With Carmel Jane Photography:

Thank you for your patience while we rescheduled the Year 11 group and individual photography session, originally planned for January. We are pleased to confirm that our new providers Carmel Jane Photography will be with us on the morning of **Monday 16 March** to complete this session.

[UK's Premiere School & Dance Photographers – Carmel Jane Photography](#)

To help the morning run smoothly and efficiently, we kindly ask for your support with the following:

- Attendance: Please ensure your child is in school on this day so they do not miss their final individual school photograph or their inclusion in the group photo (captured via green screen).
- Uniform: As always, please ensure your child arrives smartly presented in their full school uniform, including their tie.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to capturing these important memories for you and your child.



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#TECHOGNITION

Staff and students celebrate SVCS Technicians:

You may be wondering what is #TECHOGNITION is. Well, it's a day to celebrate all school and college technicians across the board. This has now entered its 9th year with the aim to make it a known event. Miss Smith (our science technician) was on the team of technicians who started this event which is someone she very proud of.

This is supported by suppliers and the union, Unison to help recognise what technicians in education sectors as unlike here at Stour, many schools do not recognise (hence the name!) the wonderful work us technicians do.

This day was created so that we can 'showcase' what we do to show what a range of jobs and task we do to make the practical and technical subjects run as smoothly as they do.

We wanted to do a shout out to our own technicians who do such an amazing job and keep the departments running especially behind the scenes of all the extra tasks to make lessons run smoothly.

#TECHOGNITION

13th March 2026



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We would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful technicians at Stour Valley!

Mr McSweeney – Graphics & Resistant Materials

Mrs King – Food technology

Mrs Tibbles – Art

Miss Smith – Science

Mr Cook – IT

Mr Bedwell – IT



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Cake Sale for Young Minds

The SVCS Charity Council dish out tasty bakes for charity:

It was a busy break time for Miss Woods and the Charity Council members as they served eager customers a selection of cupcakes, biscuits, traybakes, muffins and more!

Thank you to parents, carers and students who baked or purchased treats for the event, and thank you to everyone who made purchases. We greatly appreciate all the support we receive.

They sold out in record time and raised £86.15 for the charity Young Minds. Their work is invaluable in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people across the UK and we are proud to support them.

More information about their cause can be found via their website:

[Young Minds](#)



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Message from Vive Canteen

Kind request from your canteen providers:

On behalf of our school canteen, VIVE, we kindly ask that student lunch accounts are topped up to a sufficient balance at your earliest convenience. This will help the canteen continue to process purchases efficiently as we approach the end of the Spring Term.

Thank you very much for your support.



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Events this March

Keep your Diary up to date this March:

- **Monday 16 March:** Year 11 Individual & Group Photography session, 8:50–10:50am
- **Monday 16 March:** Science House Competition week 1
- **Thursday 19 March:** Enrichment Day
- **Thursday 19 March:** Group of Year 8 students attend St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church, Clare (part of Enrichment Day itinerary)
- **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

Spring 2026 Term Dates

Our term dates this season at a glance:

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



WHEN BOOKS COLLIDE

This year we are inviting you to get creative and bring your favourite characters and favourite stories together and create anachronisms and fantastical worlds that we never thought could possibly exist.

Go on, make their worlds collide, blow our minds!

THE CHALLENGE

Create a new story that involves 2 characters from completely different worlds and bring them together as one.

This could be a new love story between Juliet and Gale, an adventure between **Starr Carter** and **Deka**.

Or a coming of age between Amal Shahid + Christopher Boone.

There is nothing to stop **Enola Holmes** from working alongside **Salva Dut** a solve a modern mystery in an old-fashioned way.

WHAT YOU COULD WIN

The winner and runner up from each year group in each school will go head-to-head in the second round of judging. Trust-wide winners will be revealed and celebrated with some great prizes.

HOW TO ENTER

- Write your piece and hand in to your teacher.
- Complete the online form with your details to accompany your piece - no form, no entry!

Entries due on 27th March 2026



Apprenticeship webinar - sign up!



Beyond the stereotype: trailblazing women apprentices at IBM



Jessica Smith

Digital and Technology
Solutions Degree
Apprentice



Hear about:

- apprenticeships in the tech industry
- insights on how to apply
- advice for students considering similar pathways



Gemma Hall

Junior Management
Consultant Apprentice

**Register to join live on
Monday 16th March at 3:30pm**

If you can't join live, register anyway to receive a recording you can watch any time.

Register here:

amapps.uk/navigate-iwd

SCAN ME





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**



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.

