

PARENT CARER BULLETIN

Week Commencing 23 March 2026



Introducing Innovate

Your new canteen provider, coming this April:

We are delighted share an exciting update regarding our school canteen. From Monday 13 April 2026, we will be welcoming Innovate as our new catering provider. We are very much looking forward to this positive change, and we hope your child will enjoy the new dining experience as much as we believe they will. [A warm welcome from Innovate](#)

Important Information for Parents and Carers: From 11pm on Thursday 26 March to Wednesday 1 April 2026, the on-site cash loaders will be removed and replaced. During this period, online payment accounts will also be temporarily suspended. Please do not make any online payments during this time, as any funds added will not be allocated to student accounts.

To ensure your child is able to make purchases in the canteen on Friday 27 March, please ensure their account has sufficient funds before 11pm on Thursday 26 March, as account loading facilities will be unavailable throughout the upgrade period. You will receive a text message from the school once ParentPay payments have been suspended, and another notification when normal service has resumed.

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When students return from the Easter Break, we will need to take a biometric fingerprint scan to enrol them on the new cashless catering system.

Please ensure that your child's biometric consent is correctly updated in your EduLink account prior to their return. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Further information including Mrs Kelly's launch letter, menu and prices can be viewed via our website's news page: [Introduction to Innovate](#).

A WARM WELCOME FROM *Innovate*
YOUR NEW RESTAURANT PROVIDER



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Production Rehearsals - Back to the 80s

Lights, Camera... 80s! School Production Tickets Available Now:

Our cast and crew are busy rehearsing for this year's school production...Back to the 80s. We cannot wait to share this with the school community!

Friendly reminder: tickets are available via your ParentPay accounts. Adults – £8. Concession – £6.

Showings: 29 April, 30 April and 1 May 2026 – See you there!



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Year 11 Photographs now Available for Order

Please check your inbox for communications from Carmel Jane Photography, Year 11 Photos are now live:
A message from Carmel Jane Photography:

We are excited to share that the photographs are ready, and they look amazing!

If you pre-registered, please check your inbox for your unique access link.
If not, please contact us on www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support
and Insert school code: JRDANPDFD6

There are limited time discounts available, so act fast!
All photographs will be sent straight to your home address.

Carmel Jane Photography
Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk
Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm)



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School Canteen Reminder

Canteen balance reminder for parents and carers:

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that all canteen accounts are kept up to date. If your child has an outstanding balance, please arrange for this to be cleared as soon as possible.

If there are insufficient funds in your child's account on a given day, we ask that they bring a packed lunch from home instead of using the canteen.

We would also like to highlight that staff are placed in a challenging position when having to refuse a student food, particularly if reminders have already been given regarding outstanding balances.

If you are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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Events this March

Keep your Diary up to date this March:

- **Monday 23 March:** Science House Competition week 2
- **Monday 23 March:** Year 10 Speak Out Challenge with Speaker's Trust, 8:50am–3pm
- **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





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VILLAGE DANCE
SCHOOL



Full timetable available
on Facebook Page ↑

DANCE CLASSES for 11-17yrs

Mondays – Steeple Bumpstead

Street Dance - 6:15pm-7:15pm - 11-16yrs

Wednesdays – Ridgewell

Jazz - 6pm -7pm - 12-17yrs

Ballet&Contemporary - 7pm-8pm - 12-17yrs

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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.

