

# PARENT CARER BULLETIN

*Week Commencing 15 June 2026*



## *Supporting Our School Canteen Together*

### **Important update on account balances from Monday 29 June:**

We would like to share an important update regarding our school canteen provision with Innovate. From Monday 29 June 2026, the canteen will no longer be able to provide food or drinks to students whose accounts are in debt. This means that a purchase can only be completed when there are sufficient funds available on a student's account.

We understand that this represents a change for some families, and we are giving advance notice to allow time for everyone to prepare. Our aim is to ensure a fair and sustainable service for all students, while also supporting the ongoing work of our valued canteen team.

If you feel your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, we kindly advise you make an application with Suffolk County Council.

If you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Thank you for your support in this matter.*



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## *Important Uniform Update - Weather Related*

### **Adjustments to school uniform expectations remain in place as warmer weather continues:**

As we are sure the school community is aware, the weather forecast today was significantly warmer. The decision was therefore made, prior to the school day, that students would not be required to wear *full school uniform* and would be permitted to remove their blazers and ties upon entry.

The wellbeing and comfort of our students remains priority and we have assessed the weather forecast for the coming week (commencing 22 June). The temperatures are expected to remain warmer, currently ranging from 22–31 degrees. We are, therefore, extending this adjustment to uniform expectations and confirm that students will not be required to wear/carry blazers or ties for the duration of the coming week.

An update will be provided on Thursday 25 June, regarding the week commencing 29 June.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 26 June for a Non-pupil Day.

Thank you for your support in this matter,

*We hope you enjoy the weekend and manage to keep cool.*

## *Calling all Parents and Carers!!*

Helping our community, one cool treat at a time:

With temperatures set to rise next week, Year 8 students will be selling ice lollies to raise money for a local charity.

Every lolly will be £1 and on sale at break time.

We would really appreciate your support!!

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## *Futures Update*

**SVCS Futures update for Summer Term 2 weeks 3-4:**

[Futures Update](#)



## *Student Volunteer Opportunity - Suffolk Careers Conference*

Exciting opportunity for students to volunteer at the Suffolk Careers Conference 1 July 2026 at the University of Suffolk:

This is a fantastic chance for young people to gain valuable experience, meet employers and education providers, and build confidence in a professional setting. Places are limited and expected to be popular.

Interested? Apply here: [Suffolk Careers Conference Opportunities](#)

Please note: successful applicants will require parent/carer consent (if under 18), with forms to be completed by 26th June 2026.

Please email [info@stourvalley.org](mailto:info@stourvalley.org) if you require the consent forms.



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## *Events this June*

### Keep track of important events this month:

- Monday 22 June – Food House Competition week 2 of 2.
- Tuesday 23 June – Additional SEN Transition morning, 9–11am.
- Wednesday 24 June – GCSE Examinations National Contingency Day.
- Wednesday 24 June – Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Walton-on-the-Naze, 8:30am–3pm (approx.).
- Thursday 25 June – Year 8 trip to the Theatre Royal to view Hercules, 11am–7:30pm.
- Sports Council Training on school field with Mr Leppard, 2–3pm.
- Friday 26 June – **Non-pupil Day.**
- Friday 26 June – Year 11 Leavers Prom, 6:30–9pm.
- Monday 29 June – Abbeygate Sixth Form taster session, 10:30am–1:45pm.
- Monday 29 June – CEC House Competition week 1 of 2.

## *Summer Term Dates*

### This season's term dates at a glance:

- 13 April 2026 – Summer Term starts.
- 25 –29 May 2026 – Half Term.
- 26 June 2026 – Non-pupil Day.
- 17 July 2026 – Summer Term ends (closure at the earlier time of 12pm).



Raising money for  
Addenbrookes Charitable Trust

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FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 18.00 – 19.30

Tickets £2.50 available on Parentpay

(Initially available for Yr7+8 only)

Snacks and Refreshments available to  
purchase on the night.



# Jazz

Saffron Centre for Young Musicians welcomes  
Gareth Lumbers to lead our Jazz Holiday Course

**25 and 26 August 2026**

From 9am to 3pm – Saffron Walden County High School

**Course fee: £120**

Please email Helen Moss to register

[Helen.moss@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.moss@essex.gov.uk)

[www.saffroncym.org](http://www.saffroncym.org)

Scan the QR code to discover all the summer  
music activities near you and book your place.

[greateressexmusicHub.org.uk/site/summer-music-programme-2026](http://greateressexmusicHub.org.uk/site/summer-music-programme-2026)



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