

21 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of a new initiative this year, we introduced House Charities. During the Spring term, students were given the opportunity to vote from a shortlist of eight charities to decide which ones they would like to support. Based on the results, each charity was then assigned to a House. All selected charities are locally based and were chosen in consultation with the School Council.

The charities selected for each house were:

**Deben:** [Clare Castle Country Park](#)  
**Kennett:** [Reach Community Projects](#) and [Storehouse Foodbank](#)  
**Orwell:** [Memories are Golden](#)  
**Waveney:** [Addenbrookes Charitable Trust \(ACT\)](#)

During the final half term of the year, each House will be running events to raise money for their chosen charity. We believe it is important for both parents/carers and students to be aware of the schedule in advance, so they can plan which events they would like to support.

Please see below a summary of the planned events along with the costs:

House	Date of event	Planned event	Cost
Joint Deben and Kennett	8-19 June	FIFA Tournament	£2
Deben	12 June	Football and refreshments	£2 to play
	WB 8 June	7D Sponsored 100km run	Individual sponsors
	12 June	Sweets in the Jar	50p



Kennett	WB 15 June  TBC  19 June	Tuck shop  Staff vs student rounders  Carnival games	Up to £1 per purchase  Donations to watch (refreshments will also be available)  50p per game
Orwell	Daily 22-25 June  25 June	Ice cream sale  Further events TBC	£1 per ice cream
Waveney	3 July  3 July  3 July	Soak the teacher  Keepie uppie competition  Further events TBC	50p  50p

It is planned that during the 2026-7 academic year, we will continue to support these charities through similar events at two different points in the year. We would also like to build further relationships in order to offer volunteering opportunities to students who contribute strongly to the organisation and running of these events.

Should you have any questions regarding the House Charities, please do not hesitate to contact me direct: [nsims@stourvalley.org](mailto:nsims@stourvalley.org)

Yours faithfully

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