PARENT CARER BULLETIN

STOUR VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Week Commencing 16 November 2026







Whole School Lockdown Drill

Important reminder for the school community:
Parents and Carers are reminded that the whole school lockdown drill will be taking place during morning registration on Tuesday 17 November. Please refer to the letter sent via email for further details: Whole School Lockdown Drill November 2026.

Christmas Pop-up Shop 2026

A message from the Charity Council:
Members of the Charity Council will be running a Pop-Up Christmas shop from 8-10 December. Any pre-loved and pre-owned items that would make good Christmas gifts can be donated to Miss Woods in U7. We are supporting the Make a Wish and Shelter charities this year. (Any items not sold will be donated to EACH and Barnardos charity shops in Sudbury.) Thank you.

Lost Blazers: Please Ensure They Are Clearly Labelled

Help us return misplaced blazers quickly by ensuring they are marked with your child's full name:
Parents and carers are kindly requested to ensure that their child's school blazer is clearly labelled with their full name. This enables any lost blazer to be identified and returned to its owner promptly.

As the school blazer is an essential part of the school uniform, accurate labelling is particularly important. Taking a few moments to check that your child's name is clearly marked inside their blazer can help prevent unnecessary inconvenience and the loss of uniform items. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Remembrance 2026

The Stour Valley Community School community observed Remembrance with reflection, respect and gratitude:

Stour Valley Community School students took part in many local Remembrance parades on Sunday 8th November.

In Clare, students joined local uniformed organisations in Clare Castle Country Park before marching past the war memorial to the church where a service was held. Willow Hornsey and Elizabeth Straca did a wonderful task of reading the roll of honour to a packed church congregation.

Ronan James carried the wreath on behalf of the school in the parade then after the service, Isaac Montroe, Luke Prestwood, Henry Stranger and Henry Miller laid the wreath on the memorial after a two-minute silence.

On the 11th November,
Thea Hobart
Quinn Surma
Ronan James
Lola Jepson
Olivia
Kitty Harrington
Luke Prestwood
Esmae Turner
Harrison
Mable Sneezum
Henry Miller
Effie Benwell
Charlotte van der Hulks



Joined Miss Howard and Ms Millburn in the Bury St Edmunds Remembrance Parade and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

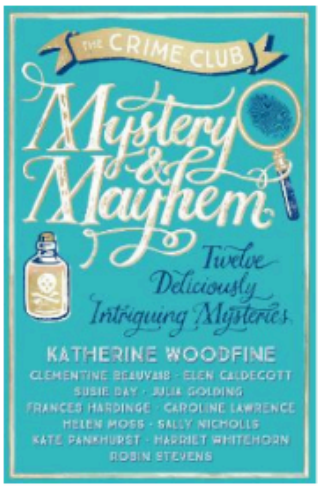
Thanks also to Edward Richardson, Layla Fernandes-Webb, Cody Stephens, Griffin and Ellis Jones for leading the Remembrance in school.

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.'

Autumn 2: SVCS English Department Recommends...

Year 7: Gothic

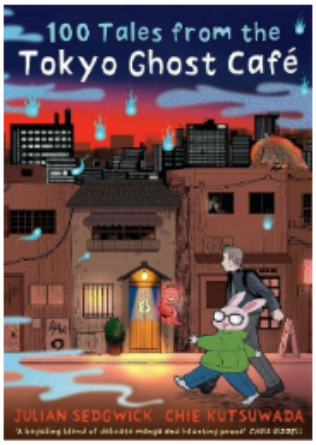




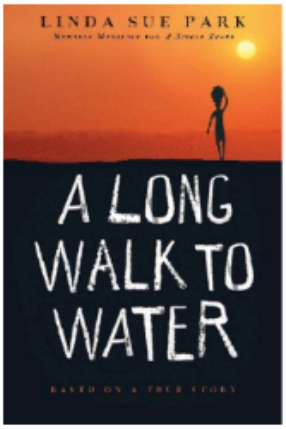




Year 8: Tsunami Girl

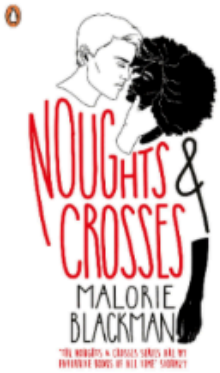


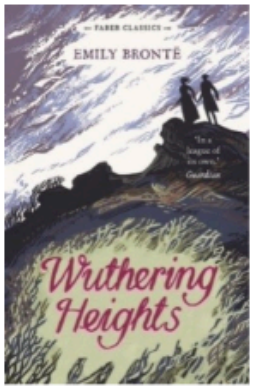




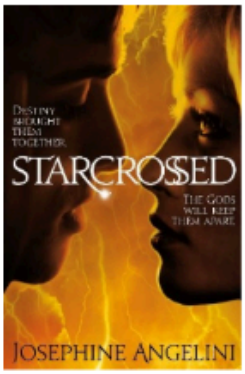


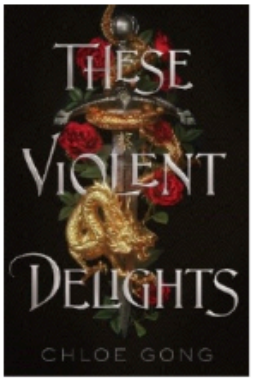
Year 9: Romeo and Juliet



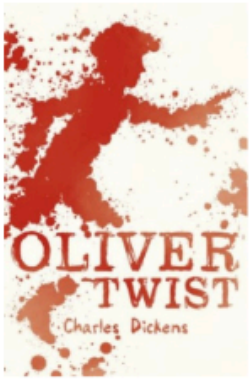


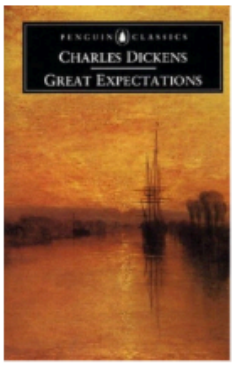


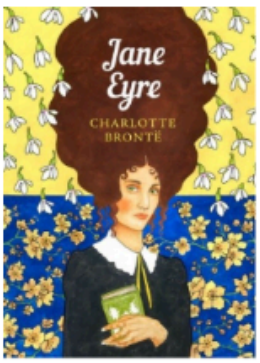


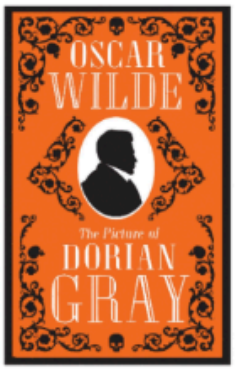


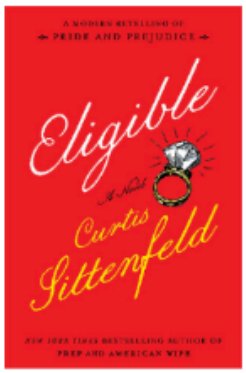
Year 10: A Christmas Carol



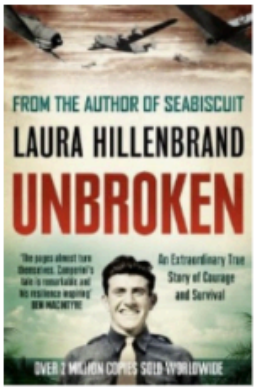


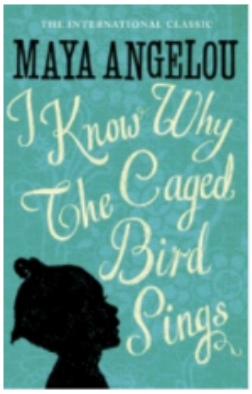


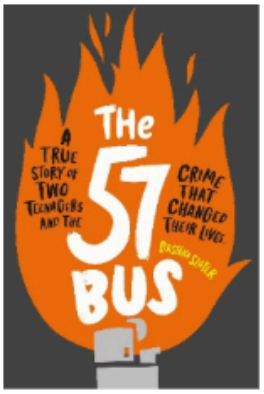




Year 11: Language Paper 1 (Non-Fiction) Revision









Communication Routes & Pastoral Support

We want to ensure that parents and carers can access the right support promptly and that concerns reach the colleagues best placed to help.

- Subject or lesson-related concerns: Please contact the teacher in the first instance. All staff contact details are available on our school website.

- Pastoral concerns: Your child's Form Tutor should be your first point of contact. If further support is needed, our Raising Standards Leaders are Mr Craig for Years 7 and 8, Mr Kerley for Years 9 and 10, and Mr Sims for Year 11.

- Urgent concerns during the school day: You can telephone the school and ask to speak to the relevant member of our pastoral support team. Mrs Hare supports Year 11, Mrs Hearn supports Years 9 and 10, and Miss Abrey supports Years 7 and 8. As non-teaching members of staff, they are available to take calls during the school day.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Mr Sims and Mr Lee are our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). Mr Craig, Mr Kerley, Mrs Hare, Mrs Hearn and Miss Abrey also support the safeguarding work of the school.

Students can speak to their Form Tutor or any member of staff if they need help, support or advice. Students and parents or carers can also raise safeguarding concerns by emailing safe@stourvalley.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact us when you need support. We want every student to feel safe, listened to and valued, and we recognise the importance of working in partnership with families to achieve this.

Lunch Accounts Balance Reminder

Message on behalf of Vive Canteen:
Parents and Carers are kindly reminded to ensure student lunch accounts are kept at sufficient funds for purchases at Vive canteen.

This will ensure the queue's can move efficiently at break and lunch. You can set up alerts via your ParentPay account in 'Manage Alerts' and then set up a low balance text or email reminder.

Your Futures Update

Available via our website:
https://stourvalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/FUTURES_Autumn_2_Weeks_1-2.pdf



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Events this November

Keep track of important events this month:

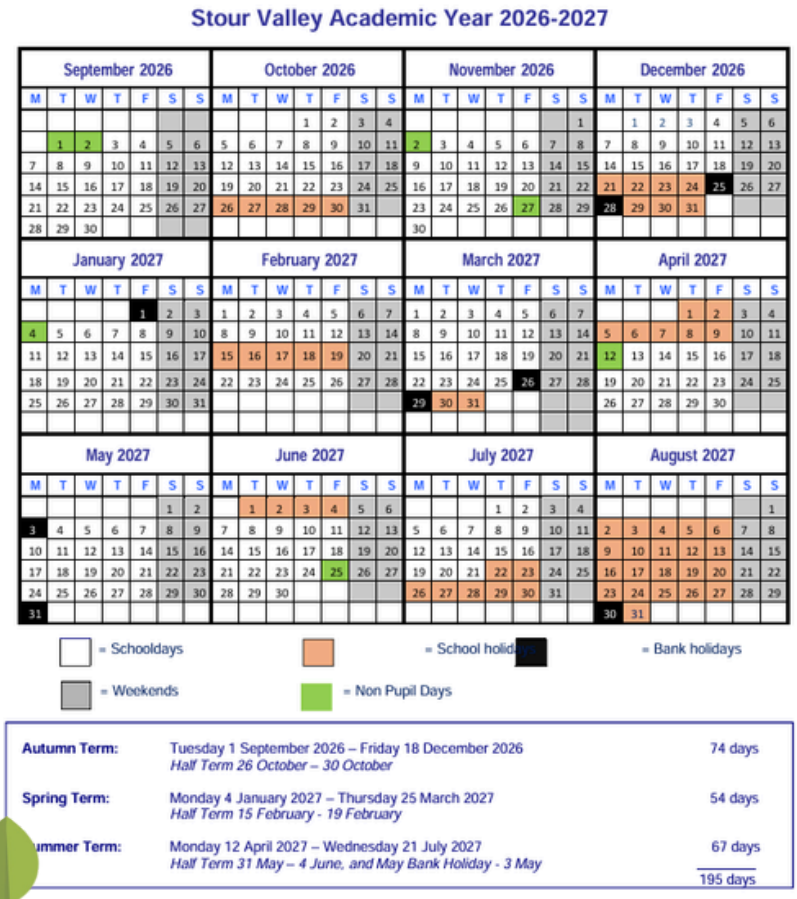
- Tuesday 17 November – Whole school lockdown drill, 8:20–8:50am.
- Tuesday 17 November – Year 9 Of Mice & Men Theatre trip, 7:15–10pm
- Friday 20 November – Final day of Meet the Keyworker Event.
- Friday 27 November – Non-pupil Day.

Autumn Term Dates

This season's term dates at a glance:

- 27 November 2026 – Non-pupil Day.
- 21 December 2026 – 1 January 2027 – Christmas Break.

Academic Year 2026-2027



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PLATFORM 26

an exhibition of artwork from
Anglian Learning secondary schools

9 - 22 November 2026

Michaelhouse Café, Trinity St,
Cambridge, CB2 1SU

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Linton Village College

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