PARENT CARER BULLETIN

STOUR VALLEY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Week Commencing 21 September 2026







Early End to School Day

The school day will end at the earlier time of 2pm on Thursday 1 October:
On Thursday 1 October, the school day will end at the earlier time of 2pm, this is to allow our staff to prepare for the Year 6 Open Evening, which will take place later that evening from 6–8pm.

All transport providers have been notified and have confirmed their early arrival, excluding the HL018 and the SC041. These two services are public routes and are therefore unable to adjust their timetables.

Parents and Carers of HL018 and SC014 have been contacted via email and kindly requested to make alternative transport arrangements for their child at 2pm on this day.

Should alternative arrangements not be available, please contact us on 01787 279342 to discuss further. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Join Us for Our Year 6 Open Evening and Open Week Tours:

We are delighted to invite Year 6 pupils and their families to our Open Evening on Thursday 1 October 2026 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff and students, and discover all that we have to offer as you begin considering the next stage of your educational journey.

Throughout the evening, visitors will have the chance to tour our facilities, visit a range of subject areas, and learn more about the exciting opportunities available both inside and outside the classroom. Members of our leadership team, staff and students will be on hand to answer any questions and provide an insight into life at our school.
We look forward to warmly welcoming Year 6 pupils and their families to our school and sharing what makes our community such a special place to learn, grow and succeed. We hope to see you there!

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Location: Stour Valley Community School

The following week, we will be hosting our Open Week Tours. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience the school during a normal working day, explore our facilities, and gain a real sense of life at Stour Valley Community School. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend, please call us on 01787 279342 to book your place.

Dates: Wednesday 7, Thursday 8 and Friday 9 October 2026
Times: 10.00am to 10.45am or 2:00pm to 2.45pm.
Location: Stour Valley Community School

Your Futures Update

Available via our website:

Futures week 1-4



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Events this October

Keep track of important events this month:

- Thursday 1 October – School day ends at the earlier time of 2pm
- Thursday 1 October – Year 6 Open Evening, 6–8pm.
- Friday 2 October – Year 7 Bikeability Session, 9am–12:30pm.
- Sunday 4 October – Year 11 GCSE History site visit to WW2 Airbase in Lavenham, 10am–12pm.
- Monday 5 October – Year 11 History session with visitor, 1:30–3pm.
- Wednesday 7 October – Year 6 Open Week Tours, 10–10:45am or 2–2:45pm.
- Thursday 8 October – Year 6 Open Week Tours, 10–10:45am or 2–2:45pm.
- Friday 9 October – Year 6 Open Week Tours, 10–10:45am or 2–2:45pm.
- Friday 9 October – Year 7 Bikeability Session, 9am–12pm.
- Wednesday 14 October – 7EC Library visit, 1:45–3pm.
- Friday 16 October – Year 7 Bikeability session, 9am–12pm.
- Tuesday 20 October – 7EB Library visit, 1:45–3pm.
- Wednesday 21 October – Influenza vaccination session 1, 8:50am–12pm.
- Wednesday 21 October – 7ED Library visist, 1:45–3pm
- Thursday 22 October – Autumn Enhancement Day.
- Friday 23 October – Year 7 Bikeability session, 9am–12pm.
- Friday 23 October – 7EA Library visit, 1:45–3pm.
- Friday 23 October – final full school day before Autumn Half Term.

Autumn Term Dates

This season's term dates at a glance:

- 3 September 2026 – Autumn Term starts.
- 1 October 2026 – Year 6 Open Evening from 6–8pm, school day ends early at 2pm.
- 26–30 October 2026 – Half Term.
- 2 November 2026 – Non Pupil Day.
- 27 November 2026 – Non-pupil Day.
- 21 December 2026 – 1 January 2027 – Christmas Break.

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YEAR 12 OPEN EVENING



WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026

5:00PM - 7:30 PM

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Year 12 Open Evenings
21st october 2026

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Presentations from the Principal
5.30pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm

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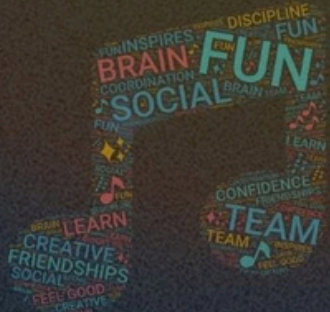

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