

Parent Newsletter

Friday 17 November 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you have all had a good week.

On Monday we were visited by Andover Young Carers, they gave a presentation in our Whole School Assembly, going forward Mrs Vincent will be increasing the support our Young Carers receive in school and through the work of Andover Young Carers.

I would like to congratulate our Year 11s for completing their mocks this week, their attitude was excellent throughout. Staff are now marking the papers and we look forward to sharing the results in December.

Many thanks to all the pupils who supported Children in Need today, we have raised over £500. It was lovely to see so many pupils coming together in the hall at lunch to play Bingo and purchase cakes. Many thanks to the Year 10s and Mrs Davey for baking them all, to Mr Langdown and Mr Atkins for the Bingo!

Congratulations to all the sports teams who have represented Test Valley over the past two weeks, there have been home and away matches most evenings, it is absolutely brilliant to see so many of our pupils participating. In addition, the House competitions at lunch have been a huge success, bringing our community together for some healthy competition has had a positive impact on our School Culture. Many thanks to the PE Team and Mr Langdown for providing these opportunities.

As we hurtle towards the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to capture feedback from our pupils, parents and staff. It is really important that we capture all stakeholders' thoughts about the school in order to help us on our school improvement journey. You will receive a questionnaire next week, I would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete it. I will be sharing some of the key feedback with you in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes

Nicky Goodridge

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page: Test Valley School, Twitter Feed: @testvalleysch and Instagram Account: testvalleyofficial. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies: [Test Valley School - Vacancies](#)

Venue Hire

Do you require a room for a meeting or sports event? School facilities are available to hire outside of the school day. Please email leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk for all enquiries.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c 20 November is Week 1 Timetable

- 23 November – Class of '23 Presentation Evening
- 29 November – Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
- 1 December – Nasal Flu Immunisation Yrs 7-11
- 4 December – INSET Day
- 5-8 December – Yr 9 Exams
- 8 December – Yr 7 & 8 Christmas Disco
- 13 December – OAP Christmas Lunch
- 13 December – Christmas Carol Concert, St Peter's Church
- 14 December – Pupil Christmas Lunch
- 15 December – End of Term, School closes at 12.50pm

Flu Immunisations



School Age Immunisations
Today's Health, Tomorrow's Future

NHS
Southern Health
NHS Foundation Trust

School Age Immunisation Team
Get protected against flu

COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray

Date:
Friday 1 December 2023

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - the vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect your family and friends - having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed - the nasal spray is painless and easy to administer.
4. It is better than having the flu - the nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - if your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School code
SH116426

For more information about the flu vaccination visit
www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme

Parents/Carers, if you have not seen it already, please have a look for your Nasal Flu Immunisation email that was sent to you recently. This is for all years and is scheduled for Friday 1st December. Follow instructions on the email please. If you have not received the email or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at HamsL@testvalley.hants.sch.uk. Thank you.

Class of '23 Presentation Evening

We are really looking forward to welcoming back to school our class of '23 students for their Presentation Evening on Thursday 23 November. This is an opportunity for pupils to collect their GCSE Certificates and some additional special awards. Invitation letters have been sent out and students should follow the information in the letter to book their place at the event.

Tech Rotation Notice

Next week, the first technology rotation will be taking place and therefore students will be going to different tech classes. The following schedule can be found below:

	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Rotation 4
MAT (DT)	R	G	Y	B
SLA (DT)	B	R	G	Y
SCB (IT)	Y	B	R	G
APA (FT)	G	Y	B	R

It is pretty self-explanatory. For example, if they were in IT with Mrs Cleaver-Bailey, then they are Team Yellow and they will be moving to Food next. If your child is worrying about this change, please advise them to speak to their current Tech teacher who can assist them with this.

English

Year 10 have begun to study Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as their first Literature text. To support this, we are requesting that every pupil has their own copy complete, unabridged copy of the text. A good version available on Amazon for £3 is https://www.amazon.co.uk/Christmas-Carol-Collins-Classroom-Classics/dp/0008325960/ref=sr_1_12?crd=1PKQADHMJ1SJI&keywords=a+christmas+carol+GCSE&qid=1700092603&sprefix=a+christmas+carol+gcse%2Caps%2C111&sr=8-12

Alternatively, another student-friendly version, with slightly bigger text is the CGP full text, for £5.50 https://www.amazon.co.uk/Christmas-Carol-Annotations-Knowledge-Organisers/dp/1789089468/ref=sr_1_6?crd=1PKQADHMJ1SJI&keywords=a+christmas+carol+GCSE&qid=1700092733&sprefix=a+christmas+carol+gcse%2Caps%2C111&sr=8-6

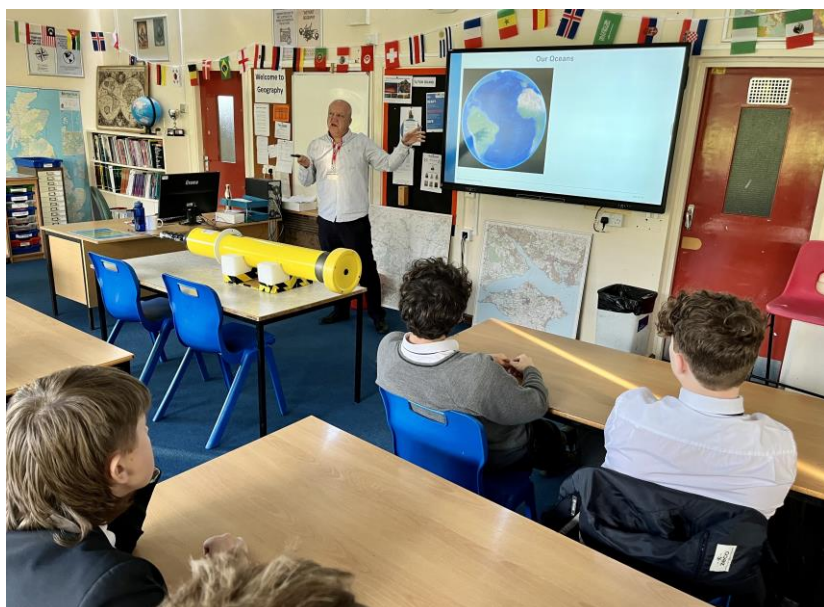
Please do contact a member of the English team if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you, in advance.

Geography

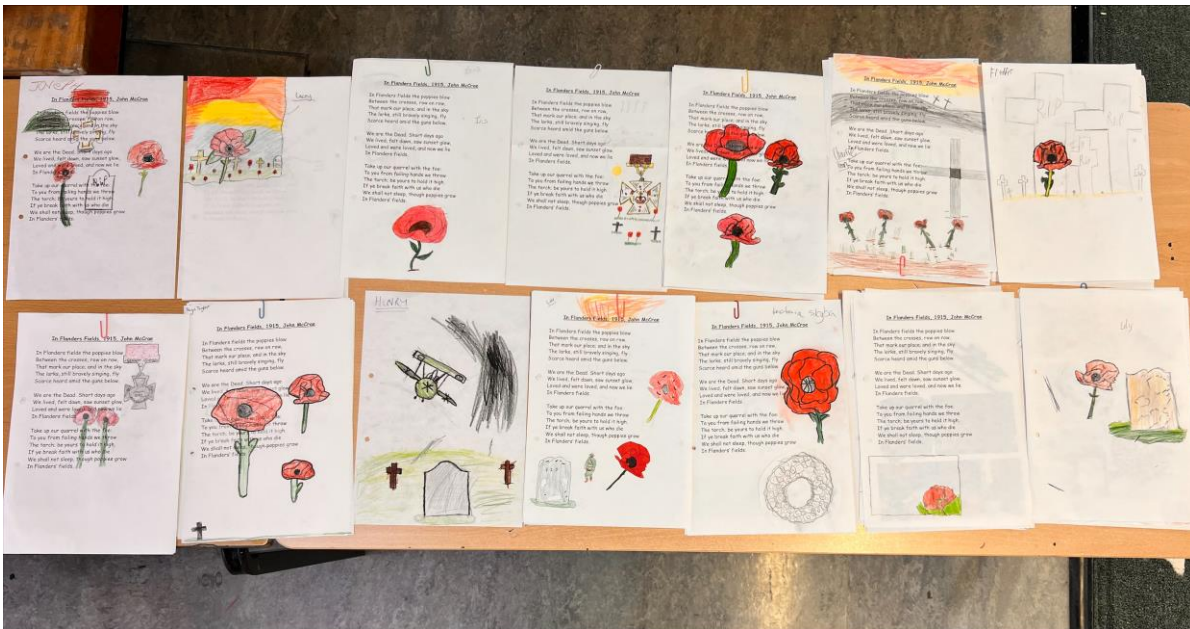
National Oceanography Centre

This week Year 11 Geographers had a talk from Dr Ben Moat from the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton. He talked to pupils about climate change and careers in oceanography. We had a Deep Argo in the classroom - an instrument that takes measurements from the ocean at deep levels. Dr Ben also spoke and answered questions about his work on research ships all over the world including Antarctica.

Click here to see for yourself a virtual tour of RRS James Cook [RRS James Cook Virtual Tour | National Oceanography Centre \(noc.ac.uk\)](https://www.noc.ac.uk/rrs-james-cook-virtual-tour).



In art, the Yr 7s are creating some beautiful Remembrance Day art.



Yr 8s are learning about Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead)



PE Fixtures

A busy couple of weeks for Test Valley teams. Starting with the year 7 boys playing in a tournament at Testbourne against 3 other Andover schools before 3 netball games one for the year 10/11 team and two in two days for the year 9 team. The girls U16 basketball team were meant to have two fixtures but the opposition made an error and turned up with their boys' team for the first fixture! The following night our U16 boys did have the correct team turn up and played, finally the girls U16 got their game and to round it off, our year 7 & 8 girls played in a football tournament.

There was a variety of results, heavy defeats, draws and big wins but the most impressive thing was the attitude of the pupils in every game, including one match where the opposition had a player who was injured and 5 Test Valley pupils took it in turns to play for the opposition giving 100% effort for their "new" team.

Well done all of the pupils who have taken part.

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 6 November

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Poppy P	Michelle A	Kaycie-Lea C	Will W
Ellie O'S	Riley S	Livvy S	Oliver L-C
Hebe T	Kathryn V	Alexis T-B	Ailsa S
Ethan B	Megan M	Margot D	Tom H
Paige J	Grace R	Zak J	Elliot W

Year 11

Year 11 progress reports will be published on 14 December and we will be holding a Parent/Carer Consultation Evening on Wednesday 3 January.

Andover Rotary Club Competition

 **Rotary YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION**

Please find below some information regarding the Young Chef competition being run by Andover Rotary. Any pupils wishing to take part can get an information pack and application form from Mrs Davey or Mrs Vincent.



Calling all young chefs

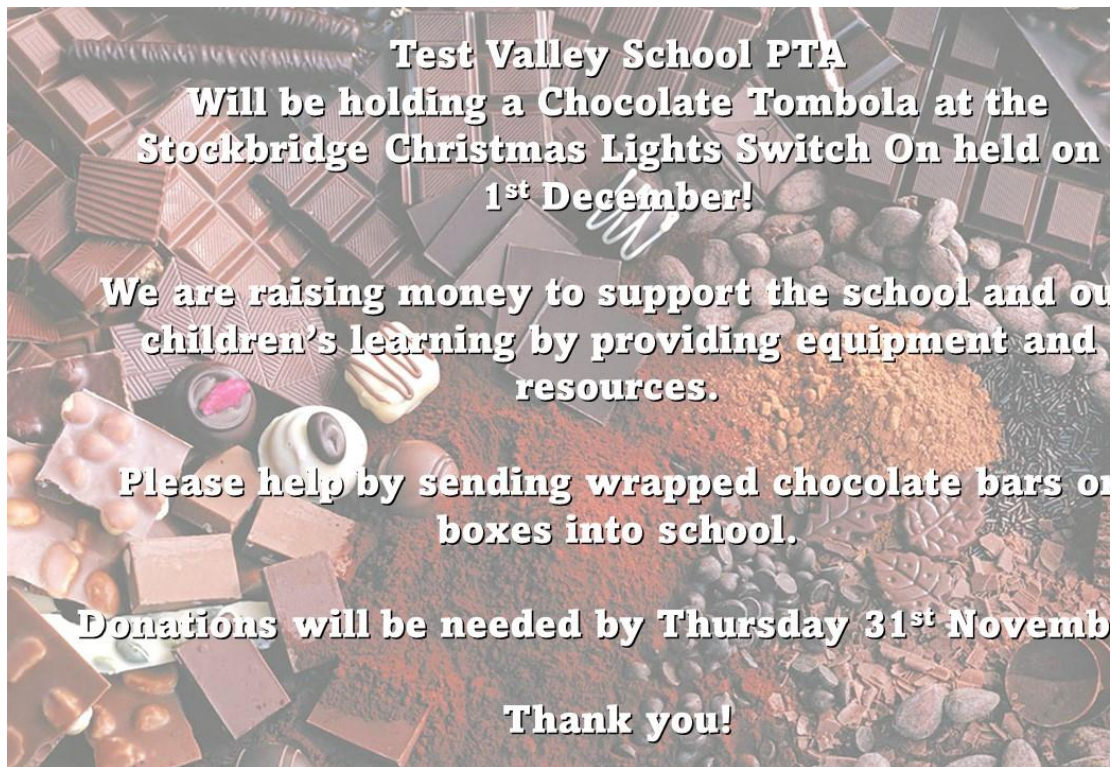
Fancy yourself as a budding cook? Put your culinary skills to the test and have your two course meal judged by industry professionals as part of the annual Rotary Young Chef competition. (Age 12 to 16)

For more information contact:
Ian Carpenter - carpenterpantiles@btinternet.com

Rotary Club of Andover

Download the competition information pack at: rotarygb.org

 **Rotary**
Great Britain & Ireland



College Open Events

There is lots of information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

[Test Valley School - College Open Events](#)

Salisbury 6th Form College: [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

The application window is now open and closes on Wednesday 31 January 2024

Sparsholt College Open event: [Test Valley School - Sparsholt College](#)

Recommended to apply by 31 December 2023

Peter Symonds Open Event: [Test Valley School - Peter Symonds College](#)

The application window for PSC is now open and closes on Monday 11 December 2023

Andover College Open Event: [Test Valley School - Andover College](#)

Health and Wellbeing

Please see our website for more useful information: [Test Valley School - Wellbeing](#)

Kooth FAQ guide for Parents and Carers [Shared assets \(brandmaster.com\)](#)

Extra Curricular PE Activities

The following activities are available for pupils to take part in, just turn up and have a go.

Day	2 nd Break 13.50 – 14.15	After School 15.20 – 16.30
Monday	Girls Basketball All years Sports hall - MT	Netball All years Sports hall – SD & KE
Tuesday		Indoor football Year 7 & 8 Sports hall – CF
Wednesday	Badminton Club All years Sports Hall - RB	Indoor football Year 9, 10 & 11 Sports hall - MT
Thursday	Boys Basketball All years Sports hall CF	(*Boxing Club All Years Gym) (TBC)
Friday	Dodgeball Club Years 7 & 8 Sports Hall - CF	Badminton All staff & pupils Sports Hall

* Payment for this activity will be required in advance.

Activities at 2nd break will require pupils to change into their PE shirt & trainers but they do not have to wear shorts, this is to reduce changing time.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Production Rehearsals Room 42 (3.20pm-5pm) Commences w/c 16 Oct Mrs Brush	MFL Club (Room 62) Mr Wareham	STEM Club Mrs White	Creative Art Club (3.20-4.15pm) Mr Johnson	Badminton All staff & Pupils (Sports Hall)
Netball all year groups (3.30- 4.20pm) Sports Hall Mrs Dunn and Mrs Wray	Humanities Film/documentary Club (3.20-4.20pm) Ms Martin	Indoor football Yrs 9, 10 & 11 (Sports Hall) Mr Thomas	*Boxing Club All Years (Gym)	
Homework Club (3.20-4.20pm) Room 1 Mrs Ling	Indoor football Yrs 7 & 8 (Sports Hall) Mr Falkingham		Homework Club (3.20-4.20pm) Room 1 Mrs Ling	
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Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

Have a concern about you or
someone else?



At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:

KINDNESS

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

RESILIENCE

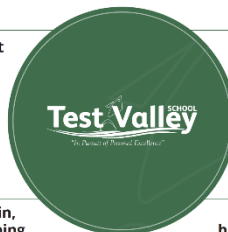
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

EXCELLENCE

We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

EMPOWERMENT

We help pupils to evolve into happy, independent, knowledge rich citizens who have the skills to make a real difference in our ever changing world.



In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big work hard and make it happen.