

Valence News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating VE Day at Valence School

This week, we came together as a community to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day – a momentous occasion in our nation's history that signifies the end of conflict in Europe during World War II.

Our celebrations began on Monday 5th May at Valence on the Green. The school shop was beautifully decorated with Union Flags and welcomed visitors with delicious red, white, and blue cakes. These treats were handed out to members of the public on Westerham Green, many of whom were taking part in the town's VE Day commemorations.

On Thursday 8th May, our residential students held a special tea party on Top Lawn. With a spread of traditional street party food and homemade cakes, the atmosphere was festive and heartfelt.

Our whole school assembly on Friday offered a time for reflection. Students and staff looked back at what life was like 80 years ago and explored why VE Day remains such an important part of our national story. The assembly was a meaningful moment to appreciate the courage, sacrifice, and resilience shown by so many during the war.

Meanwhile, students in the primary phase threw themselves into the commemorative spirit with a range of creative craft activities. Their work has beautifully decorated areas within their classrooms, brightening our environment and adding a special touch to the celebrations.

Throughout all these activities, the themes of peace, unity, and cooperation have been at the forefront. These values not only echo the legacy of VE Day but also reflect one of our own school values – respect for one another and the world we live in.

Have a good weekend

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Leading Parent Partnership Award



Trail with a Tale Art Project



Hawking 7 are supporting Demelza charity by decorating a Tortoise sculpture for their Trail with a Tale exhibit. The students have chosen to decorate the sculpture to represent the spirit of Valence and our wonderful ethos- empowering people with disability.

The sculpture will go on display in Tunbridge Wells for 9 weeks during July -September 2025. This is open for all to go and visit. Visit www.Trailwithatale.co.uk for more details.

Hawking 7 have been challenged to raised the money to keep the sculpture after the exhibition so that it can be back in school and join Morph!

To help them along Sam Love is taking on a personal challenge to run 150km in June, with her money going straight to Demelza via JustGiving.

If you would like to support us, the link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/samantha-love>



JOIN OUR WEAR IT GREEN DAY EVENT!

Come and join our event and raise funds and awareness to help create good mental health for all. All the money raised will go towards important research and fighting the stigma surrounding mental health

At Valence School
Thursday 15th May



MENTALHEALTH.ORG.UK

News from Computing



I wanted to say **GOOD LUCK** to the students who are taking their Computing exams soon!

In term 5 students in key stage 2 and 3 have begun their Digital Literacy strand of the curriculum, learning about the different aspects of online safety and what makes up their digital footprints.

Students have created some great illustrations!



Reminder: If a student is bringing in their own device, or has changed their device, please make sure that the relevant insurance form has been completed.

Thank you.

limited spaces
book early to avoid
disappointment!

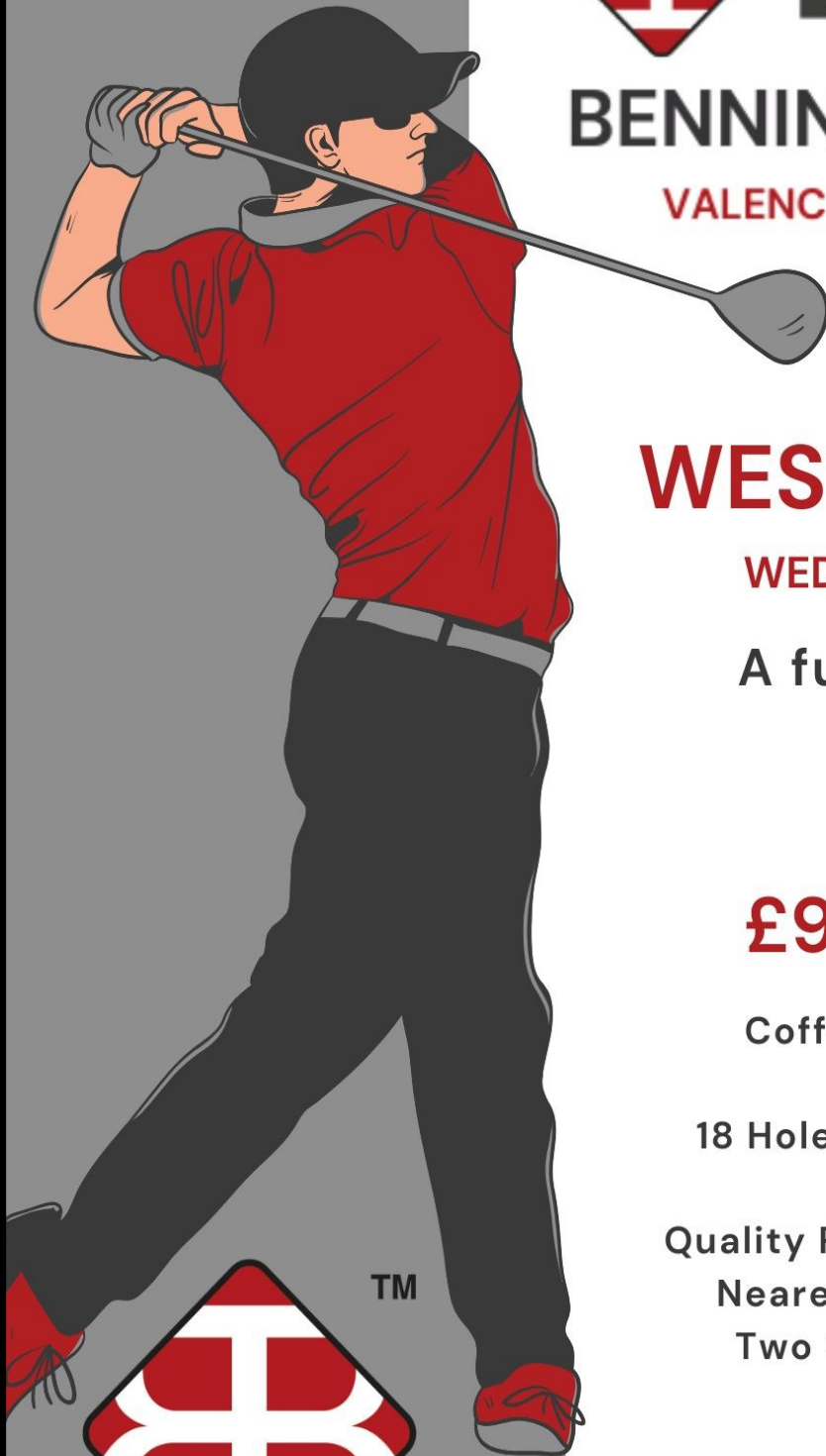


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BENNING BROTHERS

VALENCE SCHOOL GOLF DAY



WESTERHAM GC

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025

A fun filled day of golf
to raise funds for
Valence School

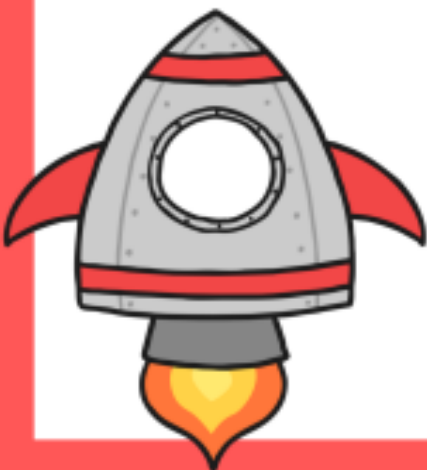
£95 PER PLAYER

Coffee & Bacon Roll on Arrival
Putting Competition
18 Holes Stableford Competition
Live 'on course' Scoring
Quality Prizes (Team & Individual)
Nearest the Pin - Longest Drive
Two Course Presentation Meal
Games

To register: friends@valence.kent.sch.uk

News from Comet Class

The students in Comet Class have been super lucky and they have been able to visit the new Sensory room! All of them have absolutely loved it, they have all come out of the room very calm and regulated which is great to see! Here are a few pictures of them exploring the room...



Friends of Valence and
Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



Valence

Festival of Motoring

A celebration of all things automotive, including an Auto Solo competition, a display paddock and the chance to parade up the traditional hill climb course.

9am to 5pm
Sunday 18th May
Valence School
Westerham
TN16 1QN

Adult spectator - £7.50

Child spectator - £5

(aged 4 - 16 years)

Family £20

(2 adults and up to 4 kids)

No advanced booking
required for spectators

Bring a picnic or enjoy
one of the many food
vans or bar + loads of
kids activities



Do you have a vintage,
performance or unique car
that you wish to display in
the paddock?
To pre book a car please email as below
£10 a car
to include up to 5 people



scan to book

Email to book:
friends@valence.kent.sch.uk



Senior Staff On-call Rota from 9th May 2025

Matt Strange	07894 483673
Lisa Kavanagh	07912 124724
Jo Chivers	07896 905095

09/05/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Matthew Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
Open Weekend - Jo Chivers				
12/05/25	Mon	07:30 To 1pm	Lisa Kavanagh	Matthew Strange
		1pm to 4pm	Matthew Strange	
13/05/25	Tues	09:00 To midday	Matthew Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
14/05/25	Wed	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
15/05/25	Thurs	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
16/05/25	Fri	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed Weekend
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
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