

# Valence News

Dear Parents and Carers,

.A Sparkling Start to November!

It was wonderful to see so many families, students, and staff at our Fireworks Night last evening! The atmosphere was fantastic, and the fireworks looked truly spectacular against the backdrop of our beautiful school grounds. Events like this remind us just how special our Valence community is.

A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Valence committee for organising all the refreshments and for helping to make the evening such a success. Your hard work and enthusiasm are deeply appreciated.

This weekend marks Remembrance Sunday, and our students have been reflecting on the importance of remembrance during tutor time and lessons this week. On Sunday morning, a group of staff and students will be joining me in Westerham as Valence School lays a wreath at the War Memorial. You are warmly invited to join the procession, which begins outside the Co-op at 10:30am. We will be meeting in the school shop before and after the service — please do stay for a drink and a chat if you are attending.

Another highlight of the week was the REP Guy-Making Competition! A massive well done to everyone who took part — the creativity and effort were fantastic, and all the Guys were brilliant. The winning entry is below, and I am pleased to report that after a trial in the Sports Hall before last night’s fireworks, Mr Bean was saved from the fire!

Congratulations to Bungalow 1 & 2, who took part in the trial as part of their learning around the justice system — a creative and thoughtful link to their preparation for adulthood work.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this week so memorable. Have a lovely weekend.

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## News from Hawking 6

Hawking 6 have had a busy start to the term with everyone getting used to the new timetable and often the class are split with students all taking slightly different paths with their education.

Students in Hawking 6 have been luck enough to be the first class to take part in Btec E-sports lessons which, for the majority of the students, seems to be going well. Students have been involved in making posters for the e-sports lunchtime clubs as well as being able to enjoy using the computers to “play games” during their lessons.

Students who are taking part in the higher biology course were involved in a dissection experiment this week where they got to cut up a pig’s eyeball. It was pretty gross, but the students embraced the experience saying “ it wasn’t as bad I as expected” and “I expected it to smell worse”.

Students have also been enjoying their Btec cooking lessons where they have made all sorts of yummy food as part of their course work. Some of the favourites to come out of the last term have been burgers, quesadillas and sushi. They were even able to use some of the chillis (jalapenos and scotch bonnets) that were grown at school to heat up their recipes.

Students have also been looking towards the future with many of them starting to look at college options for when they leave Valence. Many have been on college visits including one this term to Mid Kent and North Kent College.

Well done Hawking 6 on a great start to this year!!



**Every Monday in November is a Christmas Fair Donation Day**  
**in exchange to wear non school uniform**

**We would like the following:**

**Food for Christmas Hampers such as biscuits, chocolate, crisps, sweets, preserves, mince pies, Christmas cakes etc. alcohol, wine, cans of cocktails, spirits etc., nice gift toiletries**

**(Food items must still be in date for Christmas),**

## Winning Numbers for October 2025



1st	2nd	3rd
42	38	34
Matthew Strange	J E Batchelor	N Day



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## Senior Staff On-call Rota from 7th November 2025

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Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
07/11/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
10/11/25	Monday	07:30 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
11/11/25	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
12/11/25	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
13/11/25	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
14/11/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

