

# Valence News

Dear Parents and Carers,

## The festive Season is Approaching Fast!

It has been wonderful this week to hear rehearsals for this year's Nativity performance well underway. The sound of singing drifting through the corridors has brought a real sense of excitement, and with the weather turning colder, it definitely feels as though the winter period is now upon us.

As we begin our build-up to the festive season, we would like to give you advance notice of the key activities and events taking place in school during the remainder of this term which are as follows:



Further details for each event can be obtained from your child's Class Teacher and/or Pathway Lead. For all activities where parents can attend, a separate letter will be sent directly to those involved. You will also find the FOV Christmas Fair poster included in this edition of the newsletter.

Wishing everyone a warm and joyful weekend!

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# News from Simmonds 1

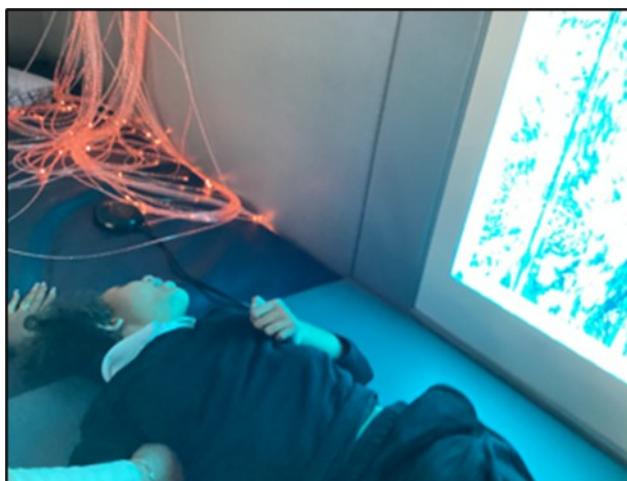
Simmonds 1 have settled into the new school year brilliantly and have really risen to being in Year 7 and 8.

The students have all been very busy and are loving their learning.

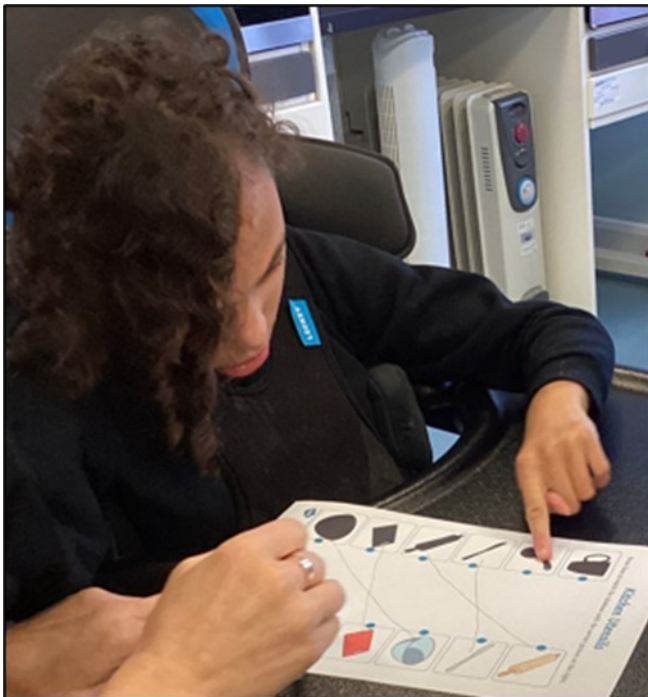
We are very proud of our Physical Management; we love going in our standers and in our walkers, as well as swimming, going on the trikes and doing our exercise programs.



S1 really love the Sensory Room too!



In our cooking lessons we've made fruit salad, practising our chopping and mixing skills; we've also been learning how to keep safe in the kitchen.



We love messy play where we get really creative! We are loving our Halloween arts and crafts! We have been full of beans practising our Harvest song, and in Art we made bouncy cable tie spiders!



S1 are also really engaging with their Makaton signing and we love watching signed stories.

Here is the link, if you'd like to watch some at home too:  
<https://www.morethanwordscharity.com/videos>

## News from the cooking room...

It has been a busy start to the term with some classes learning the process of making jam. We have used produce that has been grown on site and a variety of jam flavours have been made. Blackcurrant, Gooseberry, Jalapeno and even Pumpkin! These jams will be available to buy at the Valence Christmas fair.



BTEC classes have been cooking up a storm! Students are learning to make everything from scratch using fresh ingredients and recipes have ranged from wraps, burgers, pizza, muffins and crumbles. See below for some examples...



## Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

The new date for the **Friends of Valence AGM** will be **Monday 15th December at 7pm**. The agenda remains as it was previously.

The role of co-chair is available if anyone wishes to stand for the position. If you wish to stand please email [friends@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@valence.kent.sch.uk) at least 7 days before the AGM on Monday 15th December.

Kind regards Friends of Valence Committee



# Valence Christmas Raffle

**£1 A TICKET BUY NOW AT**

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/valence-christmas-raffle-2025>

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£25 COOK VOUCHER  
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FREE MAIN ZIZZI'S VOUCHER  
AND  
MANY, MANY, MORE

**TO BE DRAWN AT THE CHRISTMAS  
FAYRE ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
AT 3.15PM**



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DECEMBER

| 7th |

12PM-4PM

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## Senior Staff On-call Rota from 21st November 2025

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Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
21/11/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
24/11/25	Monday	07:30 To midday	Jo Chivers	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
25/11/25	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
26/11/25	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
27/11/25	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
28/11/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	

**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)**