

Valence News



Celebrating Creativity at Valence

This week we were delighted to open our annual Art Exhibition, showcasing some of the exceptional student work produced throughout the year. The exhibition features pieces created across a variety of classes, including artwork submitted as part of GCSE and Advanced Level qualifications.

The quality of the exhibition is genuinely outstanding. It highlights not only the creativity and artistic talent of our students, but also their determination and resilience. Despite the many barriers and challenges that our students face, they continue to produce work of an incredibly high standard. Their achievements are a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished through talent.

Having worked in a number of schools during my career, and having had the privilege of line-managing art departments in several of them, I can honestly say that the quality of work on display at Valence is every bit as good as any I have seen elsewhere. Our students are producing work that stands alongside the very best.

There is an opportunity for parents and carers to visit the exhibition whilst it is still on display. We will be opening the exhibition next Wednesday evening and would encourage families to come along and see the remarkable work that our students have produced. Please look out for the advertisement elsewhere in this edition for further details.

Of course, exhibitions like this do not happen by accident. Alongside the hard work and dedication shown by students throughout the year, a tremendous amount of effort goes into curating, mounting and presenting the artwork so beautifully. My sincere thanks go to Sam Love and Susanne Darr for all of their hard work in creating such a professional and inspiring exhibition.

Looking ahead, preparations are now well underway for our School Fair, which takes place on Saturday 18 July, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. There promises to be something for everyone, and we look forward to welcoming students, families and members of the community for what is always a fantastic event.

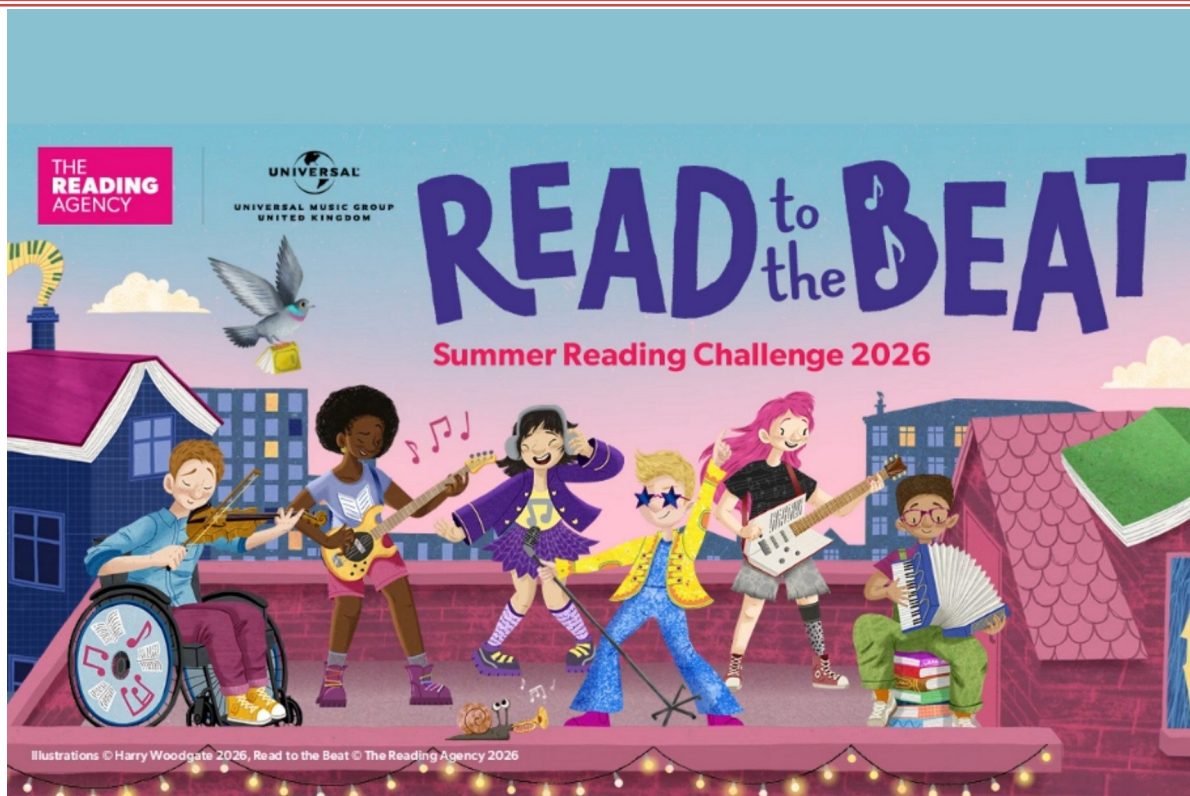
On a personal note, I have just been asked to approve an order for purple slime and white feathers. I have absolutely no idea what they are needed for—but I suspect I may find out next Saturday!

Have a wonderful weekend.

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The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is returning to Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September. The Challenge invites children aged 4 to 11 to take part and enjoy reading for fun. And it's completely free.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading.

How to join

Joining the Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat is easy and free. Children can take part in a way that works for them. They do not need to join at the start of the Challenge. Children can sign up at any time from 4 July.

Join at your local library

Head to your local library or mobile library to sign up. Children must have a library card to participate.

Speak to a member of the local library team.

Borrow a library book.

Collect a sticker booklet and get started! Plus, this year, Children will also get a free copy of the Storytime Magazine.

You can also sign up online at this website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

VALENCE SUMMER FAIR 2026 DOG SHOW



**Saturday 18th July
2.30pm**

For more information contact
friends@valence.kent.sch.uk

REGISTER ON THE
DAY OF THE FAIR

CATEGORIES:

- Waggiest tail
- Best trick
- Fastest big dog (assault course)
- Fastest small dog (assault course)
- Best biscuit catcher
- Politest dog (best paw shake)
- Best recall
- Dog judges most want to take home

ENTRY FEE:

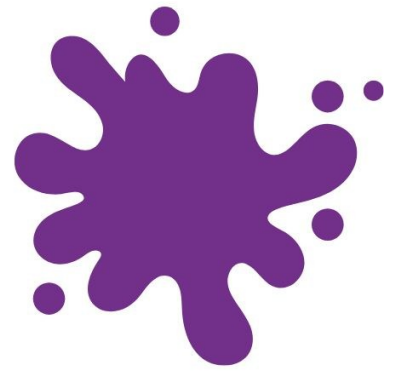
£3 one category

£5 two categories

£7 three categories

**Raise £600 for
Valence and we will**

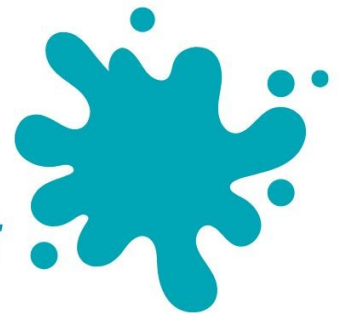
'Splatt



the Matt'

at the

Summer Fair



*When interviewed Matt
Strange said*



*"No chance I will be slimed...one
of the safest bets of all time"*



**Payments in an envelope to Reception marked
Debbie Beaney Splatt the Matt**

**or transfer to Friends of Valence School
40-44-37 72325993 (ref - Splatt)**

V A L E N C E S C H O O L
ART
EXHIBITION

CALL TO FAMILIES



PRIVATE VIEWING
FOR FAMILIES/ FRIENDS

15
JULY

VALENCE SCHOOL
LARGE PLC

CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR A
PLACE ON THE GUESTLIST

& TO FIND OUT MORE
INFO

EMAIL:

SDARR@VALENCE.KENT.SCH.UK

FREE ENTRY

FRIENDS OF VALENCE PRESENTS

SUMMER FAIR

RAFFLE

SATURDAY 18 JULY 3.30PM



£1 PER TICKET, DRAW AT SUMMER FAIR

[HTTPS://WWW.PEOPLESFUNDRAISING.COM
/RAFFLE/VALENCE-SUMMER-FAIR-RAFFLE-
2026](https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/valence-summer-fair-raffle-2026)





 **Valence School**

Summer Fair Timetable

Saturday 18th July 2026
12pm - 4pm

free entry

12 noon: Opening
12.30pm-1.15pm: Children's Entertainer
1.30pm-2.15pm: Mr Bubbles
2.30pm-3.15pm: Dog Show
3.30pm Splat Matt!!
3.45pm: Raffle Draw
4pm: Closing



Bring in a donation below and wear non school uniform on Mondays

Soft Drink Bottles, alcohol, packaged sweets, kids tombola items, little toys, good condition Teddys

Thank you

Senior Staff On-call Rota from 10th July 2026

Matt Strange	07894 483673
Lisa Kavanagh	07912 124724
Jo Chivers	07896 905095
Kate Bayman	07827 961903

Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
13/07/26	Monday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
14/07/26	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
15/07/26	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Kate Bayman
		Midday to 4pm	Kate Bayman	
16/07/26	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Kate Bayman	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
17/07/26	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Kate Bayman	

Please check your childs bag for a copy of the latest send resources for the south east . Very helpful and informative

Free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes

We have received the following from Morrison's Cafes which we would like to bring to your attention and ask that you share with parents/carers.

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to **both children and adults** , who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu.

