



Alde Valley Academy

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NEWSLETTER - 6TH MARCH 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY

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AVA was filled with excitement, colour, and creativity as we celebrated World Book Day together! From the moment pupils arrived at school, it was clear that the day was going to be something special. The corridors and classrooms were transformed into a vibrant world of stories, with children proudly arriving dressed as their favourite book characters and sharing the books that inspired their costumes.

From classic heroes and brave adventurers to magical wizards, mysterious villains, and beloved storybook animals, the range of characters on display was fantastic. Pupils put a huge amount of thought and creativity into their outfits, and it was wonderful to see the excitement as they recognised characters from each other's favourite books. Among the many costumes were plenty of familiar favourites, including lots of Minions and Harry Potters roaming the corridors, along with some particularly eye-catching outfits — including an inflatable shark and even two inflatable dinosaurs! The costumes were truly impressive, and the effort from pupils and families helped make the day feel like a real celebration of reading and imagination.

A special highlight of the day was the Best Costume competition. The runner-up was Milla (Year 9), who impressed everyone dressed as a Japanese book character, while the winner was Dara (Year 9), who delighted judges with a creative costume inspired by A Bad Case of Stripes. Both costumes stood out for their originality and attention to detail.

Another exciting part of the celebration was the opportunity for every student to exchange their World Book Day book token for a free book in school today. It was wonderful to see pupils choosing new stories to take home and enjoy, helping to keep the excitement of reading going beyond the day itself. A big thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this and making sure every pupil had the chance to pick up a new book.

Throughout the day, classrooms were buzzing with activities linked to books and storytelling. Pupils spent time reading together, sharing their favourite stories, and discussing the characters and authors they love most. Many children also enjoyed explaining their costumes and recommending their chosen books to friends, helping to spark new interest in different stories and genres.

Moments like these remind us how powerful reading can be. Books open the door to new ideas, new worlds, and new perspectives, while also helping pupils build confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. Events like World Book Day give us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate that love of reading as a whole school community.

A huge thank you to our pupils, families, and staff for helping make the day such a joyful and memorable occasion. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and support made this year's celebration truly special.

We hope the excitement of the day continues to inspire our pupils to keep exploring new books, discovering new characters, and sharing their love of reading with others long after World Book Day has passed.

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The impact of ATTENDANCE on your grades and future earnings

95-100% attendance

DOUBLES your chances of getting a Grade 5 in English/Maths

x2

10

days off school in Year 11

reduces your chance of a Grade 5 in English and Maths by a **HUGE 50%**.

£772

New government research shows that for every day of school absence, you are knocking £772 off of your future earnings, on average.

Average Yearly Salary at Age 28 in 2024 based on Attendance Bands

99-100% - £32,200 **90-100%** - £29,800

50-100% - £19,500 **Under 10%** - £10,100

Don't believe us? It's all from 2025 government research!

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67d2b84752aac0251c8e/The_impact_of_school_absence_on_lifetime_earnings.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67c56d74502a711334-02d/The_link_between_attendance_and_achievement_in_an_assessment_year_-_March_2025.pdf

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Target = 94%

Yr7



91%

Yr8



88.5%

Yr9



88.4%

Yr10



86.1%

Yr11



88.7%

SCHOOL DAYS ARE PACKED WITH MOMENTS OF...

CURIOSITY, WONDER AND CONNECTION.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE' ON THE EDUCATION HUB



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IF YOUR CHILD IS FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER,

IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW IF YOU SHOULD SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR NOT.

UNLESS THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE, THEY'RE USUALLY GOOD TO GO.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SEARCH NHS SCHOOL ILLNESS GUIDANCE.



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"THIS MORNING, SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HER NOW!"

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Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



PE NEWS

It has been another busy week for sport at AVA, with pupils representing the school brilliantly across several competitions.

On Tuesday, our **U15 girls' football team** travelled to Hartismere for a tournament against local schools. The team played extremely well, winning two matches and losing one, which secured them an impressive second place overall.

Wednesday brought more sporting action. Our **Year 8 and Year 9 badminton team** competed in the Smash Up tournament, where they enjoyed playing against other schools and developing their skills. The team showed great enthusiasm and represented AVA proudly.

Our **Year 9–11 netball team** also competed against Farlingaye in a series of competitive matches. Although AVA finished second overall, the teams showed excellent teamwork and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Meanwhile, our **sports leaders** were fantastic ambassadors at a **primary school tag rugby festival**, supporting younger pupils and helping the event run smoothly. Snape Primary School won the festival.

Looking Ahead

Next week will also be a busy one for our trampolining team and netball squads:

- Monday 9 March – Year 9–11 Trampolining, AVA, 1:45pm–5:00pm
- Wednesday 11 March – Year 9 Netball Tournament, Kesgrave High School, 12:30pm–6:00pm
- Thursday 12 March – Year 7 & 8 Netball, Thomas Mills, 3:00pm–6:00pm

Well done to everyone who competed this week, and good luck to all teams taking part next week!



YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

We are pleased to invite parents and carers of Year 11 students to attend our Parents' Evening on **Thursday 26 March, from 4:00pm to 7:30pm**. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with teachers, discuss progress, and support students as they continue preparing for their upcoming exams.

The booking system will open on Monday 16 March. Appointments can be booked using the following link:

<https://aldevalley.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers and working together to support our Year 11 students in this important stage of their education.

YEAR 9 FINAL OPTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Year 9 Final Options will be available on the My Child at School (MCAS) app from Monday 9th March and will close on Monday 23rd March.

Following the recent preference survey, we have carefully reviewed students' responses and used this feedback to create the option blocks with the lowest possible disappointment factor, ensuring that as many students as possible can study their preferred subjects.

Please note the following important guidance when selecting options:

- Students must choose at least one of the following subjects: French, Geography, History, or Spanish.
- ASDAN should not be selected unless this has already been discussed and agreed with Mrs Wills.
- Students may choose only one of the following: Art (Photography) or Art and Design.

A reminder message will also be emailed to parents on Monday morning, for those who may miss this information in the newsletter.

Thank you for your support in helping students make their final subject choices.

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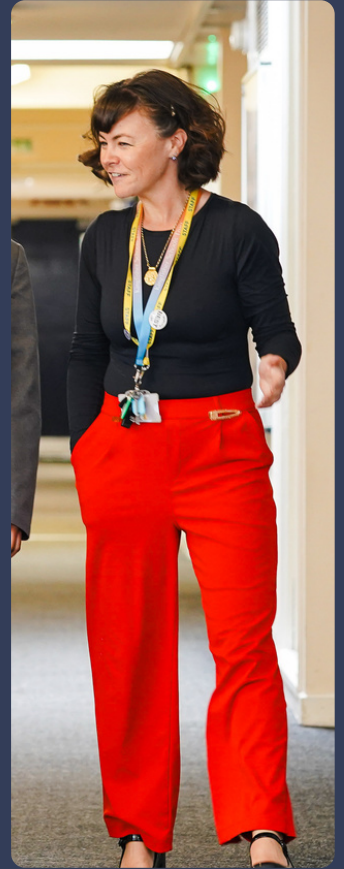
After four wonderful years at Alde Valley Academy, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Isaac, who will shortly be taking up a secondment elsewhere.

During her time with us as Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Isaac has made a significant contribution to many aspects of school life. She has played an important role in shaping the academy's curriculum and strengthening teaching and learning, supporting colleagues to continually develop their practice and provide the best possible experience for our students.

Alongside her leadership role, Mrs Isaac has also been an inspiring History teacher whose enthusiasm for the subject has helped bring the past to life for many students.

Just as importantly, she has been a valued mentor for both staff and pupils. Her support, guidance, and encouragement have made a real difference to many within our school community.

While we will miss her during this time, we are grateful for everything she has contributed to Alde Valley Academy and wish her every success in her new role.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Can you capture an amazing image of Spring? If so, send the image to us and you might be lucky enough to feature in our photobook, a copy of which will be given to each school for you to read!



- Submit your photos by 24th April 2026
- Winners announced during May 2026
- Entries accepted from any student, member of staff or volunteer of Kingfisher Schools Trust

Send entries to:
enquiries@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk

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HAPPINESS BRUNCHES

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BREW Project
(Building
Resilience &
Empowering
Women) via SZC
Public Services
Resilience Fund



A morning of fun, food and collaboration.
Local businesses and support organisations
join us to explore ways to stay happy and
healthy within our community and beyond.

FEATURING:
COMMUNITY SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOP
WITH AMY WRAGG
REFRESHMENTS AND CRAFTING!

**FREE TO
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 **COME FIND US**

**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026
11AM - 1PM**

**The Livewell Hub, Waterloo
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