



Alde Valley Academy

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NEWSLETTER - 12TH DECEMBER 2025

FAR LA LA FEST BRINGS FESTIVE MAGIC TO LEISTON ABBEY

This Thursday, the Leiston Education Partnership hosted a wonderfully festive Far La La Fest at the stunning Pro Corda venue, based at Leiston Abbey. The event welcomed pupils from eight different primary schools, all eager to enjoy an afternoon of music and Christmas cheer.

At the heart of the concert were our own talented students: Joanna, Oscar, Freya, Ellen and Sam. Their performances were confident, polished, and full of festive spirit, earning warm applause from the audience. They were joined on stage by the Cambridge University Choir, whose members treated the children to several stunning Christmas numbers.

A highlight for many was the interactive '12 Days of Christmas', where students from across the primary schools stood up to sing their line with energy and excitement—creating a joyful, memorable moment. You can see them standing and lifting their numbers as they sang in the photo below.

We are proud of our young musicians, whose talent helped make the Far La La Fest a truly uplifting occasion. We have our own school Christmas Concert at 6pm on Wednesday, it would be great to see lots of parents in attendance.



Our students performing on stage at the Far La La Fest.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRIP

Year 10 Health and Social Care Students Explore Future Careers at Trinity Park

Our Year 10 Health and Social Care students recently enjoyed an inspiring and informative trip to Trinity Park, where they had the opportunity to explore a wide range of career pathways within the sector.

The visit offered students valuable real-life insight into the many roles available in health, social care, and the wider support services. From hands-on demonstrations to conversations with professionals, the experience helped students deepen their understanding of potential future careers and the skills required to succeed in them.

The day proved both motivating and eye-opening, leaving many students excited about the possibilities ahead as they continue their studies.



PE NEWS

It's been an action-packed week across our PE and House sporting events, with students showing outstanding teamwork, resilience and competitive spirit. Here's a look at the latest results and highlights from the courts and pitches.

U16 GIRLS BADMINTON – FOURTH PLACE FINISH

Our U16 girls badminton team (photo below) delivered an impressive performance at their recent tournament. Several matches were incredibly close, and the team demonstrated excellent skill and determination throughout. Their efforts secured them a strong 4th place overall.

U16 BASKETBALL – RUNNERS-UP IN A COMPETITIVE MATCH

Congratulations to the U16 basketball team, who put on a fantastic display in a tightly contested fixture. The players worked brilliantly together and showed great sportsmanship, ultimately achieving an impressive 2nd place overall.

U16 BOYS BADMINTON – STRONG EFFORT AND FOURTH PLACE

The U16 boys badminton team (photo below) also put in a series of competitive performances. With several games going right down to the wire, the boys fought hard to earn a solid 4th place finish.

HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

This week saw excellent participation and enthusiasm in our House netball and football tournaments, with students proudly representing their Houses across Years 7, 10 and 11.

YEAR 7 NETBALL

1st – Orwell
2nd – Deben
3rd – Alde
4th – Waveney
No entry from Blyth

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

1st – Blyth
2nd – Deben
3rd – Orwell
4th – Waveney
5th – Alde

YEAR 10 NETBALL

1st – Deben
2nd – Waveney
3rd – Alde
4th – Orwell
5th – Blyth

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

1st – Orwell
2nd – Blyth
3rd – Deben
=4th – Waveney & Alde

YEAR 11 NETBALL

1st – Orwell
2nd – Blyth
3rd – Deben
4th – Alde
5th – Waveney

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

1st – Waveney
2nd – Alde
3rd – Orwell
4th – Deben
No entry from Blyth



Well done to all students involved this week—your commitment and enthusiasm help make our school sports community thrive. We look forward to more exciting fixtures and house competitions in the near future!



YR11 PROGRESS EVENING

A FANTASTIC TURNOUT

We were delighted to welcome approximately 80% of our Year 11 families to this week's Parents' Evening, which is a brilliant level of engagement that demonstrates the strong partnership between home and school as students approach the crucial final months before their GCSE exams.

Throughout the evening, teachers and parents took part in valuable and focused conversations about minimum expected grades, recent mock exam results, and the important steps students need to take between now and May. These discussions provided clear guidance on how each student can refine their revision, strengthen areas for improvement, and stay on track to achieve their full potential.

Parental engagement plays a vital role in student success, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support from families. Working together—teachers, parents, and students—we can ensure that every young person is equipped, motivated, and confident as they work towards achieving the very best possible GCSE outcomes.

A huge thank you to all who attended and contributed to such a positive and purposeful evening. Let's keep up the momentum as we move closer to exam season!

Key Terms

Minimum Expected Grade (MEG)

The minimum grade we would expect a student to achieve in their final GCSE exams.

Predicted Grade

The grade predicted by the teacher based on current performance.

Mock Grade

The grade achieved in the November Mock Exam, which we would expect to be a little lower than the MEG

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY & FESTIVE LUNCH

Thursday 18th December

We're excited to celebrate the festive season together with our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 18th December. Students and staff are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumpers—whether bright, bold, sparkly, or silly—to help bring a bit of seasonal cheer to the school day.

Alongside the festivities, we will also be serving our pre-booked Christmas lunch. To ensure everyone enjoys their meal comfortably, the lunch will be staggered across an extended lunchtime. Students will be informed of their allocated slot in advance.

We look forward to a joyful day filled with festive spirit, good food, and plenty of smiles as we round off the term together!



IMPORTANT NOTICE – LAST DAY OF TERM

We would like to inform you that school will close at 1:00 pm on Friday 19th December, the last day of term.

Please note that no school buses will be running at this time, so parents and carers will need to make their own arrangements for transport.

If you anticipate any issues with collection or have any questions, please contact the school office in advance so that we can assist.

Thank you for your support and understanding, and we wish all our families a joyful holiday season.

PROGRESS REPORTS DUE NEXT WEEK

Early next week, you will receive your child's first progress report of the school year. We greatly value our partnership with parents, as your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success.

Please take the time to review the report with your child, celebrating their achievements and discussing areas for improvement where needed. We've released the reports with a week of term remaining, giving you the opportunity to contact your child's Form Tutor if you would like to discuss anything further.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey!



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Join us for a magical evening of festive music at
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Christmas Concert Celebration

December 17, 2025 at 6 PM

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Free Entry - donations accepted

A night of joyful music