



Alde Valley Academy

Aspire and Achieve. Lead with Kindness. Stronger Together.

NEWSLETTER - 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

REMEMBRANCE AT AVA

On Tuesday, the whole school gathered on the field for a solemn Remembrance Service, observing a two-minute silence with impeccable respect and reflection.

We were honoured to welcome Mrs Lesley Hill, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Mayor, along with Phil and Di from the Royal British Legion Band in Leiston, who provided a moving performance of The Last Post and The Reveille.

Mrs Hill also commended our students for the exceptional dignity and maturity they showed during the silence, noting how respectfully they conducted themselves throughout the service.

The ceremony was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served, and the entire school community demonstrated exemplary reverence from start to finish.



SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARENTS

THE 2 JOHNS – ONLINE SAFETY

At Alde Valley Academy, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We take a proactive approach, identifying potential issues early and helping every student make safe, informed choices both in and out of school.

In today's digital world, young people face increasing risks online – from social media to gaming and beyond. It can be challenging for parents to keep up with the latest trends and know how best to protect their children.

To support families, we are delighted to welcome The 2 Johns, former police officers and nationally recognised experts in online safety, who will be leading a Parent and Carer Workshop on **Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 5:30pm.**

This engaging session will offer practical advice, up-to-date insights, and simple strategies to help you guide your child in staying safe and confident online. The event is open to all parents and carers in the local community – not just those with children at Alde Valley Academy – so please feel free to share the invitation.

Together, we can help our young people navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event.

Introducing The 2 Johns –

John Woodley & John Staines

Also known as "The 2 Johns", John Woodley and John Staines are former police officers and nationally recognised experts in online safety. Over the past five years, they have appeared on BBC Breakfast, BBC Radio 4, Channel 4, and at schools and community events across the UK, raising awareness of online child exploitation and digital safeguarding.

They work closely with schools, local authorities, and community safety partnerships to deliver their acclaimed Walk Online Roadshow™, a programme designed to help children, parents, and professionals understand and manage online risks.

The 2 Johns continue to collaborate with organisations nationwide to promote safer online environments for young people and their families.



PARENT SURVEY

At Alde Valley Academy we truly believe we are Stronger Together. Your voice helps us shape the best possible school experience for every child.

Our Parent Survey is one of the most important ways you can help us improve. What you tell us really does make a difference — we listen, and we act on it.

The survey can take up to 15 minutes, but many parents say it's much quicker (around 5 minutes) on a mobile phone.

Please, if you can, take a few moments to share your thoughts. Every response matters and helps us make our school even stronger.

[EDURIO.COM/POLL/XKB4GF](https://edurio.com/poll/xkb4gf)

Thank you so much for your time, honesty, and support. We couldn't do this without you.



YR11 PROGRESS EVENING – 11TH DECEMBER

We would like to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming Progress Evening, which will take place on Thursday 11th December from 4pm to 7.30pm. This event is an invaluable opportunity for us to discuss your son/daughter's progress, address any concerns you may have, and collaborate on their educational journey. At Progress Evening, you will have the chance to meet with your son/daughter's teachers individually to receive updates on their academic performance, behaviour, and overall development. To ensure a productive and meaningful meeting, we kindly request that you schedule appointments with teachers in advance. This will help us manage the event smoothly and provide you with ample time for discussions.

To schedule your appointments, please visit our online booking system :

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

The booking system opens on Monday 1st December at 4pm and will close on Tuesday 9th December. If you encounter any difficulties or have specific scheduling preferences, please do not hesitate to reach out, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

PE NEWS

It's been another action-packed week of fixtures and tournaments for our sports teams, with plenty of effort, enthusiasm, and impressive performances across the board!

⚽ Year 10 Boys Cup Fixture

The Year 10 boys put in a strong performance in their cup match against Benjamin Britten School, narrowly losing 2–1 in a competitive game. Despite the result, the team showed great teamwork and determination throughout.

🏓 U16 Table Tennis Tournament

Our U16 Table Tennis team enjoyed a fantastic tournament at Hartismere this week.

- Benji won an impressive 6 out of 8 matches.
- Jack followed closely with 5 wins out of 7.

A great display of skill and sportsmanship from the entire team!

⚽ U13 Table Tennis Competition at Bungay

Eight of our Year 8 boys travelled to Bungay to compete in the U13 Table Tennis competition against HHS and Bungay High School.

The format meant that players faced off against their corresponding seeds from each school, giving everyone plenty of match experience and a valuable look at the standard of competition for their age group.

The boys represented the school brilliantly—playing hard, supporting each other, and showing true sportsmanship by shaking hands with their opponents win or lose.

⚽ Year 11 Cup Success!

Congratulations to the Year 11 football team, who recorded a fantastic 4–0 win against Ormiston Denes in their cup fixture! A brilliant team performance—well done, boys!



NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

It's shaping up to be another busy week for our sports teams:

Mon 17 Nov – Netball Triangular | Yr 8 + 9 | Thomas Mills | 3–6pm

Tue 18 Nov – Girls Football Cup | Yr10 | Debenham | 1–5pm

Wed 19 Nov – Netball Tournament | Yr 7 + 8 | Thomas Mills | 3–6pm

Thu 20 Nov – Girls Football (6-a-side) Triangular | Yr 7 + 8 | Thomas Mills | 3–6pm

Thu 20 Nov – Boys Cup Football | Yr 8 | Ormiston Endeavour | 12:30–4pm

A huge thank you to all our students for their commitment, sportsmanship, and team spirit. Good luck to everyone representing the school next week!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 18th December

We are delighted to offer a Christmas lunch to all students on Thursday 18 December 2025.

To take part, all students must pre-order their meal by Thursday 11 December 2025.

If your child pays for school meals, please ensure they have at least £3.30 available on the MyChildAtSchool app before they place their pre-order.

Students who receive Free School Meals must also pre-order their Christmas lunch by 11 December.

Please note: Any student who has not pre-ordered by the deadline will not be able to have the Christmas meal.

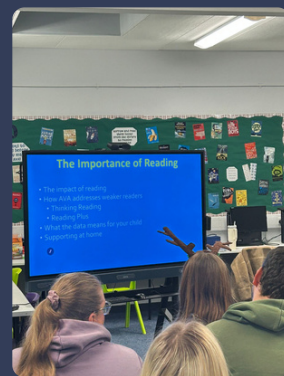


CELEBRATING READING SUCCESS

On Thursday 13 November, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers to a special celebration event recognising the hard work and progress of students who have taken part in our reading intervention programmes. Families joined us at school to learn more about the Reading Plus and Thinking Reading programmes and to see first-hand how these initiatives are supporting students' literacy development.

During the event, Mrs Stebbings explained how both programmes help students build the key skills of fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Parents explored how improvements in these areas not only enhance reading confidence, but also have a powerful impact across all subjects. Stronger reading skills support students' ability to access the curriculum, contribute to better exam outcomes, and equip them with essential skills for later life.

It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate student achievements, share success stories, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We thank all parents and carers who attended and look forward to continuing this important work together.



READING PLUS CELEBRATION

On Friday, we were delighted to celebrate the outstanding efforts of our Year 10 students participating in Reading Plus. Twenty-one students were treated to a special breakfast, enjoying bacon rolls, croissants, and juice, as a reward for their dedication and impressive progress with the programme.

Well done to all our students — your hard work and commitment to reading are truly inspiring!



CHILDREN IN NEED

This week was packed with exciting activities to raise money for children in need: a cake competition on Wednesday, a quiz in registration on Thursday, and funky socks and ties day on Friday. Lots of fun was had—and every bit helped make a difference!

Well done to all that took part and raised in excess of £135 for Children in Need.





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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

Alde Valley Academy

Free Entry - donations accepted

A night of joyful music

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