



Alde Valley Academy

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NEWSLETTER - 17TH APRIL 2026

STUDENTS RESPONDING INCREDIBLY POSITIVELY TO MORNING LINE-UPS AND CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Our new morning line-up routines are already having a very positive impact across the school, and much of this success is down to the fantastic way our students have responded. From the moment they arrive each morning, students have approached the new expectations with maturity, positivity, and cooperation, helping to create a calm and purposeful start to the day.

It has been particularly pleasing to see how quickly students have embraced the line-up routines. They are arriving smartly, lining up sensibly, and showing patience and respect for one another without any fuss. Their positive attitude has made the introduction of these changes smooth and successful, and they deserve real credit for the way they have adapted.

These structured starts are setting the tone for learning. Students are entering school in an organised and focused way, ready to engage in lessons, and this has contributed to a smoother, more productive start across the school day. Our new corridor expectations are also being met impressively, with students moving around the building calmly, respectfully, and purposefully.

We have also seen a noticeable improvement in presentation. Students are wearing their uniform with pride and looking exceptionally smart each day. Their high standards in appearance reflect a growing sense of belonging, self-respect, and pride in our school community.

Staff have commented on how this calm and positive start is carrying through the day, leading to a more settled atmosphere in classrooms and around the school. This has been further supported by staff training on Monday, which focused on strengthening teaching and learning expectations and ensuring consistency for all students.

We are especially pleased with how well our SEN pupils have adapted to the new routines. The clarity, consistency, and structure provided by line-ups and clear expectations have supported them brilliantly, and they too should be praised for how well they have responded.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in helping make these changes such a success. Ensuring students arrive on time, correctly equipped, and ready for the day has played an important part in establishing these positive routines. Working together in partnership is key to maintaining the high standards we all want for our young people.

This is a fantastic step forward for our whole school community. We are incredibly proud of our students for the mature and positive way they have embraced these changes, and we look forward to building on this success in the weeks ahead.

CELEBRATING STRONG ATTENDANCE – LET'S KEEP IT GOING!

We are pleased to share that attendance in our first week back after the Easter holidays has been excellent. It's been great to see so many students returning ready to learn and engage.

Strong attendance makes a real difference. Students who are in school every day keep up with their learning, build friendships, and make the most of opportunities.

To keep this going, we're introducing an exciting incentive over the next three weeks. Any student who attends every day will be entered into a raffle to win one of these fantastic prizes:

Galaxy Tablet
Multimedia projector
Nintendo Switch
Beats Pill speaker

We appreciate your support in ensuring students attend every day and arrive on time. Let's continue this positive start and make it a great term for everyone!

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/67d20947702a0d7251c0ae/The_impact_of_school_absence_on_lifetime_earnings.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67c9647d402ba21334c2ed/The_link_between_attendance_and_achievement_in_an_assessment_year_-_March_2024.pdf

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Target = 94%

Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
90.8 %	90.9 %	89.3 %	88.8 %	84.1 %

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Step into Summer!

Summer Attendance Prizes

How does it work?

- Attend every day in a block and you will be entered into the raffle,
- The raffle will be drawn live on that Friday.
- If you attended every day in the block, you have a chance of winning!
- If your name is drawn in the raffle, you can choose one of our fabulous prizes!

Block 1 April 14th to May 1st / Prize Draw on Friday May 1st

Block 2 May 4th to May 22nd / Prize Draw on Friday May 22nd

Block 3 June 1st to June 19th / Prize Draw on Friday 19th June

Block 4 June 22nd to July 17th / Prize Draw on Friday 17th July

Awesome Prizes!

Home Cinema Projector



Hook your phone up to watch TV, films and videos on your wall or ceiling!
RRP £199.99

Nintendo Switch Lite

Play your favourite games at home or on the go!

RRP £199.99



Beats Pill Portable Speaker

Blast your favourite tunes wherever you go!
Water-resistant with 24-hour battery.
Great for those summer beach days!
RRP £149.99



Galaxy Tab A11 Tablet

The latest Galaxy tablet computer with over 64GB of storage!
That's loads of memory space for all your homework!
RRP £149.00



FIESTA FRIDAY: RED LIGHT – GREEN LIGHT

This week, we were thrilled to reward our students who achieved 100% attendance with a fun and energetic game of Red Light, Green Light.

The playground was full of excitement as students took part, showing not only great listening skills but also teamwork and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces celebrating their commitment to being in school every day.

Activities like this are just one of the ways we recognise and reward excellent attendance. Being present every day really does matter, and it's important that we celebrate those who show such dedication.

Well done to all of our 100% attenders this week—we are proud of your effort! We look forward to seeing even more students joining in next time. Keep it up!



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Eating disorders are becoming increasingly prevalent among young people today. Despite this, many parents and carers may feel unsure about how to recognise the warning signs or how best to offer support. Some early indicators can include changes in eating habits, avoidance of meals, excessive concern about body image, sudden weight changes, or withdrawal from social activities. Emotional signs such as anxiety, irritability, or low mood may also be present.

Early awareness and intervention can make a significant difference. If you are concerned about a young person, it's important to approach the situation with sensitivity, patience, and an open mind. Parents and carers do not have to navigate this alone. Support and specialist guidance are available through Beat Eating Disorders. Their trained advisors can offer confidential advice, resources, and practical support.

You can find more information or get in touch here:

<https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/>

If you are concerned about your child's eating, you can also contact the Safeguarding Team at:

safeguarding@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk

Friday 24th April

Teacher Lip Sync

all-week attenders to choose songs!





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Summer Term - After School Clubs Timetable

All Clubs will run from 3-4pm - Any student that needs a bus home can register when they arrive

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Rounders - Girls and Boys All Years	Cricket - Girls and Boys All Years	Athletics All Years	Tennis All Years	GCSE Intervention Years 10 & 11



PE KIT REMINDER – JEWELLERY AND SAFETY

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of health and safety during PE lessons, particularly regarding jewellery.

For safety reasons, students must not wear nose studs or any other jewellery during PE. These items can pose a risk of injury to both the wearer and others during physical activity. As a result, students will be asked to remove nose studs before taking part.

As part of our new uniform policy, one discreet nose stud will be permitted; however, it must be removable for PE lessons.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child either removes their nose stud before coming to school on days when they have PE, or is able to take it out independently. If this is not possible, please provide appropriate tape so the stud can be safely covered in line with school guidance.

By working together, we can ensure that all students are able to participate safely and confidently in PE lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

More information can be found here:

<https://www.kingfisherschools.co.uk/Step-Into-Spring/>