



# Alde Valley Academy

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## Weekly Newsletter

**19th June 2026**

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, there is an incredible amount of hard work, celebration, and preparation happening across all year groups. Here are the key updates, successes, and important notices for the weeks ahead.

Our Year 10 students officially began their mock exams this week, and we could not be prouder of them. They have been absolutely brilliant so far, approaching each paper with maturity, focus, and determination. Keep up the fantastic effort, Year 10!

A massive congratulations to our Year 11 students, who have now officially finished their final exams! They have worked tirelessly over the last few months, and we want to wish them all the absolute best as they move on to their next chapters. You've earned this break!

We are looking forward to celebrating the incredible achievements, hard work, and excellent behavior of our students. Please see the schedule below for the End of Year Rewards Assemblies:

Tuesday 14th July - Year 7; Wednesday 15th July - Year 8 and 10; Friday 17th July - Year 9.

### **Important Notice: Last Day of School Arrangements**

Please take note of the crucial arrangements for the final day of term:

- **Date:** Friday 17th July
- **Dismissal Time:** School will close early at **1:00 PM**.
- **Transport Warning:** Please note that the usual school buses will NOT be running at this early dismissal time.

Parents and carers must arrange alternative transport for their children to ensure they can find their own way home safely at 1:00 PM.

# PE News



## SCHOOL PE & SPORTING NEWSLETTER



### THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

#### U15 ATHLETICS @ THOMAS MILLS



Out of 8 schools:  
Boys came 7th, Girls came 4th.

#### YEAR 7 ROUNDERS PARTNERSHIP TOURNAMENT



Results:  
Lost to Hartismere & Debenham,  
10 all draw vs Thomas Mills.

### NEXT WEEK: BIG ATHLETICS FIXTURES

#### Monday 22nd June

Year 7 - 10 @ Thomas Mills.



#### Thursday 25th June

Year 7 and 8 @ St Felix.  
Return 5:30pm.





### REMINDER: BRING A WATER BOTTLE

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL  
STUDENTS BRING  
WATER BOTTLES TO PE  
LESSONS.

### HOUSE ROUNDERS TOURNAMENTS

-  Year 10: Friday 26th June - P4 
-  Year 8: Monday 29th June - P4 
-  Year 9: Tuesday 30th June - P4 
-  Year 7: Thursday 9th July - P4 

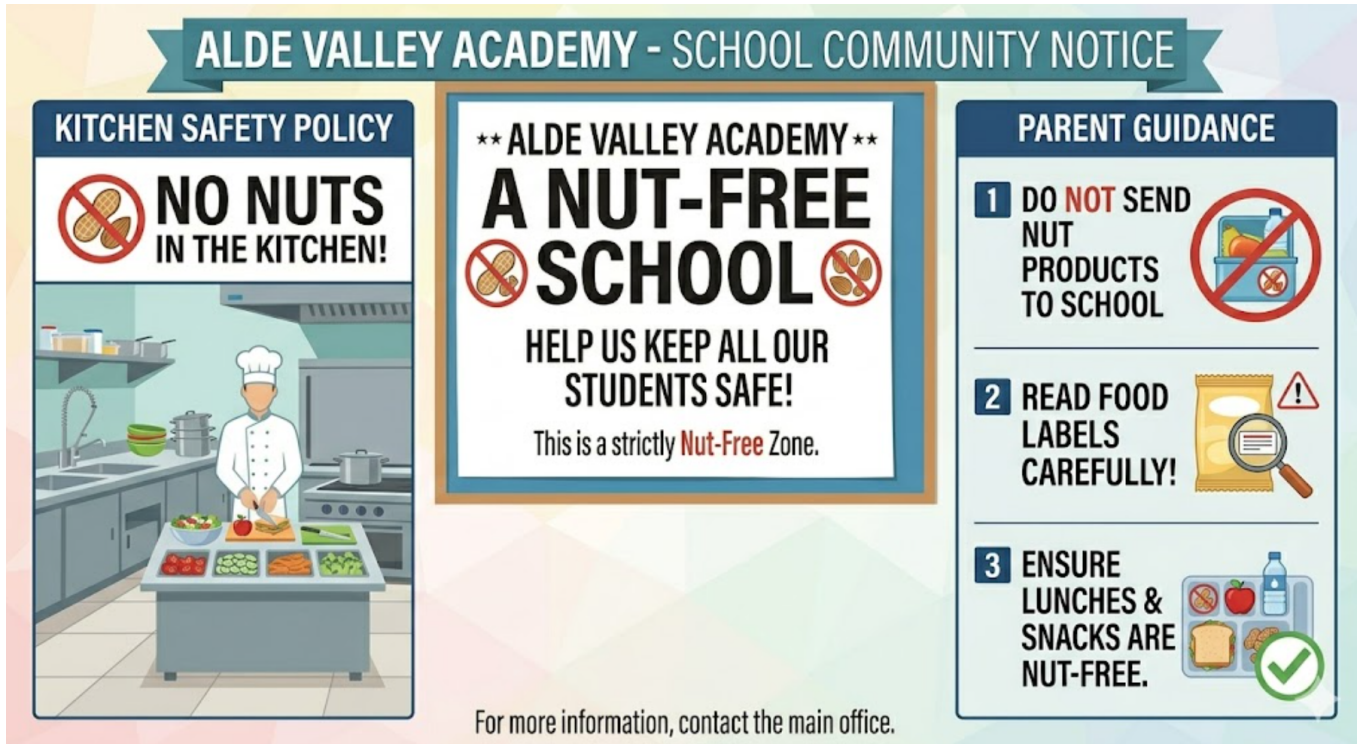
## SPORTS DAY!

# TUESDAY 7th JULY!

Planning is well under way! Get ready!



# Allergy update



**ALDE VALLEY ACADEMY - SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**KITCHEN SAFETY POLICY**

**NO NUTS IN THE KITCHEN!**

**\*\* ALDE VALLEY ACADEMY \*\***

**A NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

**HELP US KEEP ALL OUR STUDENTS SAFE!**

This is a strictly **Nut-Free** Zone.

**PARENT GUIDANCE**

- 1 DO NOT SEND NUT PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL**
- 2 READ FOOD LABELS CAREFULLY!**
- 3 ENSURE LUNCHES & SNACKS ARE NUT-FREE.**

For more information, contact the main office.

## Safeguarding Update: Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Child

For many young people, understanding and expressing their identity is an important part of growing up. If your child identifies as LGBTQ+, one of the most valuable things you can offer is your support, acceptance, and willingness to listen.

Every young person's journey is different. Some children may feel confident discussing their identity, while others may need more time. Creating a safe and open environment at home can make a significant difference. Simple actions, such as listening without judgement, respecting the language your child uses to describe themselves, and reassuring them that they are loved and valued, can help them feel supported.

It is also important to recognise that young people may face challenges related to their identity, including worries about friendships, fitting in, or how others may react. Encouraging open conversations and checking in regularly can help your child feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Parents do not need to have all the answers. It is okay to ask respectful questions, learn

together, and seek information from trusted sources. Showing a willingness to understand your child's experiences often means more than getting everything right straight away.

Finally, remember that support from family is one of the strongest protective factors for a young person's wellbeing. Feeling accepted at home can improve confidence, resilience, and mental health outcomes.

For more information [please click this link](#).

## Reminder for Year 10 Parents and Carers

### YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING

We are delighted to invite you to our Year 10 Parents' Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss their mock exams and identify key areas for growth heading into Year 11.

To ensure the evening runs smoothly, we will be using our online booking system to manage appointments. Please find the essential details below:

**Date:** Tuesday 14th July  
(please note this is a later date than the school calendar previously stated).

**Time:** 16:00 – 19:30

Bookings Open: Monday, 29th June at 16:00

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

# Whole School Enrichment Day

We are incredibly excited to launch our whole school enrichment day next week. Keep an eye out for information on Monday detailing how students can sign up for each activity!

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# SCHOOL ENRICHMENT DAY

16th JULY 2026

- Art Collaboration
- Great British Bake Off
- Develop your DT skills
- Summer Sports
- KS3 Football Tournament
- Reading and Craft day
- DofE Expedition Day
- Paintballing (y9/10)
- Toboggan and Golf
- Pleasurewood Hills
- Forest School Day (y7/8)

**THURSDAY 16th JULY 2026**

**SIGN-UP INFORMATION:**  
AVAILABLE MONDAY 22nd JUNE

UNLEASH YOUR TALENTS & DISCOVER NEW PASSIONS!

ALDE VALLEY ACADEMY – CELEBRATING **CREATIVITY**, INSPIRING FUTURES

# Book your tickets now, before it's too late!

**Tickets are selling fast, so don't wait!** Check out the poster below for all the performance dates and times, and secure your seats before they're gone.



Leiston Education Partnership

AVA PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

# MATILDA JR

THE MUSICAL  
CHANGE YOUR STORY

LEISTON CINEMA  
TICKETS: £7.50  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY  
6:30PM - 8PM

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY  
3:45PM - 5:15PM  
6:30PM - 8PM

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE BOX OFFICE AT LEISTON CINEMA  
OR ONLINE/OVER THE PHONE (WITH A £1 BOOKING FEE)

A RSC MATILDA THE MUSICAL SCHOOL'S PRODUCTION  
MATILDA THE MUSICAL  
AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL  
BOOK BY DENNIS KELLY, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY TIM MINCHIN  
ADAPTED FOR SCHOOLS BY NIK ASHTON

# Rainbow Pizza

This week our wonderful Year 7s have been making "Rainbow Pizzas" and have produced some excellent examples. This is a very simple, budget friendly but healthy recipe for all families to enjoy. **Delicious!**



## RAINBOW PIZZA

### Ingredients

150g self raising flour

25g butter/hard fat

75ml milk

3 tbsp sauce / ketchup

50g Cheddar cheese

Ideas for toppings

Tomatoes, Sweetcorn,  
pineapple, Pepper, spinach,  
olives, Red onion, olives

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Sieve the flour into the bowl.
3. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs.
4. Add the milk to the flour and mix together to form a soft dough. Knead gently.
5. Roll-out the dough on the baking paper to your desired shape.
6. Transfer the dough to the baking tray.
7. Spread the tomato sauce over the pizza base.
8. Slice the toppings and grate the cheese.
9. Sprinkle the cheese and herbs over the top of the pizza.
10. Arrange the toppings evenly over the base.
11. Place the pizza into the oven and bake for 10 – 15 minutes, until golden brown.

# Noughts and Crosses

Last week, building on their experience of seeing the live production of *Noughts & Crosses* a few months ago, our Year 9 and 10 Drama students took to the stage themselves this week for a hands-on devising workshop. The workshop focused on two contrasting turning points: the idyllic beach scene at the beginning and the devastating shopping center bomb moment. While the beach scene allowed for fluid storytelling, the explosion scene challenged students with strict creative constraints. Ensembles were tasked with portraying the explosion using only one specific medium: **exactly 10 words, soundscapes only, pure movement, or framed as a modern vlog**. It was a brilliant showcase of maturity and teamwork. Congratulations to all involved for their focus and outstanding creativity!

