



NEWSLETTER - 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

## RAISING EXPECTATIONS: OUR NEXT STEPS AFTER EASTER

Following the Easter break, we will be introducing a renewed focus on expectations across the school as part of our continued commitment to providing the very best environment for all students to succeed.

An additional staff development day will take place at the start of next term to ensure that all staff are fully prepared for this next phase of improvement. Our shared aim is simple: to create a calm, focused and purposeful environment where every student can achieve their very best.

As part of this work, we will be implementing a clear and consistent whole-school approach to expectations. This will include a stronger focus on behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality. These are fundamental to students' success, and it is essential that all students understand what is expected of them each day.

One of the key changes will be the introduction of daily line-ups at the start of the school day. This will allow staff to ensure that students are in correct uniform and have the equipment they need, while also creating a calm and orderly start to the day. Line-ups will also provide valuable opportunities to share important messages and celebrate student achievements.

These changes are rooted in our core values. We want all students to aspire and achieve, taking pride in their work and striving for excellence. We expect everyone to lead with kindness, showing respect and consideration for others at all times. Above all, we believe we are stronger together, working in partnership as a school community to support every student's success.

We will also be reinforcing our expectations around uniform so that all students take pride in their appearance and represent the school positively. Alongside this, we will continue to work closely with families to support strong attendance and punctuality, ensuring that every student is in school, on time, and ready to learn.

These changes are designed to support all students and to create an environment where everyone can thrive. As always, we greatly value the support of parents and carers in helping us to maintain high standards and a positive school culture.

Further information will be shared in a separate email, including a PDF outlining our updated line-ups and expectations. Please take the time to read this carefully and discuss it with your child.

# MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – PD DAY

Please note that the school will be closed to students on Monday 13 April for an additional staff development (PD) day. We apologise for the short notice and appreciate your understanding.

This additional time will allow staff to prepare for the next phase of improvements across the school. Our focus is on strengthening behaviour, raising expectations for all students, and continuing to improve the quality of teaching and learning in every classroom.

As part of this work, we will be introducing clearer routines around behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality, including daily line-ups where staff will check uniform and equipment while sharing key messages and celebrating achievements.

If you require supervision for your child on this day through the school's supervised study provision, please email [enquiries@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk).

## YR11 EASTER REVISION

The following revision sessions will take place at school during the Easter holidays, please encourage your child to attend the appropriate sessions. You will be able to sign up at Parents Evening:

|                    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Saturday<br>March  | 28th | 0900 - 1100: Business Studies<br>1100 - 1300: Computer Science                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Monday<br>March    | 30th | 0900 - 1100: Spanish writing (Foundation) and French speaking (Foundation)<br>1100 - 1300: Spanish writing (Higher) and French speaking (Higher).<br>Students will be given a specific time slot for French speaking.<br>0900 - 1100: English and Drama |
| Tuesday<br>March   | 31st | 0900 - 1100: Spanish speaking (Higher)<br>1100 - 1300: Spanish speaking (Foundation)<br>0900 - 1100: English<br>0900 – 1100: Music                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday<br>April | 1st  | 0900 - 1300<br>Maths and Science (Combined/ Triple) Higher and Foundation                                                                                                                                                                               |

## 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

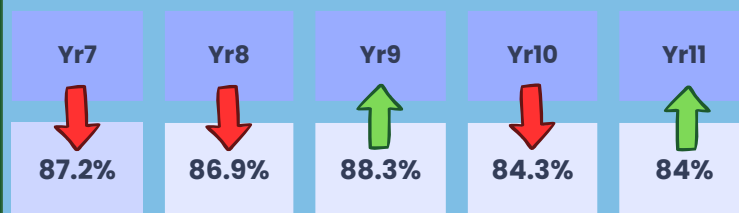
**Don't believe us? It's all from 2025 government research!**

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## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Target = 94%



## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

We kindly ask all parents and carers to refrain from posting on social media in ways that name, identify, or speculate about children in our school community. While it may be tempting to share concerns or incidents online, doing so can unintentionally cause harm.

Children have a right to privacy and protection. Posting names, photos, or descriptions can lead to distress, embarrassment, or even safeguarding risks for those involved. Once something is shared online, it can spread quickly and be difficult, if not impossible, to remove.

It is also important to remember that public posts can escalate situations, damage relationships between families, and make it harder for the school to resolve matters fairly and thoroughly.

We are always here to listen and support. If you have a concern about a child or an incident, please contact the school directly so we can investigate appropriately and take the necessary steps to support all pupils involved.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe, respectful, and supportive for every child.

Every Friday

# Continues after Easter

all-week attenders only



# FRIDAY FIESTA – EASTER EGG HUNT

To celebrate Fiesta Friday and reward our fantastic all-week attenders, students gathered in the garden area for a mass Easter egg hunt to mark the end of term.

The atmosphere was full of excitement as students worked together to search high and low for hidden Easter treats. The garden quickly came alive with energy, laughter and a real sense of community, as students enjoyed the challenge and the reward of their efforts.

Events like this are a wonderful way to recognise the commitment of our students who attend school every day and fully embrace school life. It was particularly pleasing to see students demonstrating our core values throughout the event—working together, showing kindness to one another, and celebrating each other's successes.

The Easter egg hunt was a great way to finish the term on a positive note, and we are proud of all the students who took part. We look forward to more opportunities to celebrate and reward our students in the summer term.

Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to Mrs Hall, Mrs Morling and Mr Moscovici who organised such an enjoyable event.



# WELCOME!

Alde Valley Academy

LUNCH  
TIME CO<sup>®</sup>



## WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS!

**Brand New offer tailor made to  
your school & students.**

**Freshness & Provenance**

Every dish is prepared from scratch  
daily in our school kitchen.

We are passionate about local  
sourcing, ensuring our ingredients are  
as fresh as they are sustainable.

Served by our expert team, we  
provide a vibrant, safe, and  
welcoming space for students to  
refuel.

From April Lunchtime Co.  
will be the schools new  
catering partner.





## Pop-Ups & Theme Days

Keep an eye out for our exclusive street food takeovers and global themed days throughout the term.

From limited-edition menus to interactive food events, there is always something new to try.

We'll be posting updates across the school digital screens and on the website so you don't miss out.

## A World of Choice

Forget the traditional school canteen; we are bringing a modern food-court experience. Students can choose from our Main Event Menu, featuring balanced, chef-led dishes, or dive into our daily custom offer.

From Topped Pasta Pots and Loaded Spuds to our fresh, vibrant Poke Bowls, there is something for every appetite. For those on the move, we offer a premium selection of Filled Deli Breads, ensuring a high-quality, delicious lunch even on the busiest of days.

## We Hope Lunch is the Highlight of Your Day!



We genuinely hope you enjoy your lunches and that they become the highlight of your school day. We love nothing more seeing happy faces around the school.

We can't wait to serve you!

**LUNCHTIME CO<sup>®</sup>**



## Summer Term - After School Clubs Timetable

Monday

Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

**GCSE  
Intervention  
Years 10 & 11**



Easton Farm Park is offering a Holiday Club for children aged 5-14, which is completely free for people eligible for the Suffolk County Council Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). More information can be found here: <https://eegu.org/suffolkhaf>

## A fun day full of farmyard adventures

-  Pound Corner, Easton
  -  Ages: 5 - 14
  -  Paid non haf £40 per session • Haf Free
  -  Next date: Wednesday 1st Apr, 10:00 – 15:00
  -  Funded by Suffolk County Council
  -  Universal provision with SEND support
- [VIEW ALL AVAILABLE DATES](#)



# FUNDED\* YOUTH SPORTS PROJECT

catch  
**22**

Suffolk  
**POSITIVE  
FUTURES**  
Supported by Suffolk's Police & Crime Commissioner



## LEISTON LEISURE CENTRE

RED HOUSE LANE, LEISTON IP16 4LS

**11 TO 15 YEAR OLDS**

SPLIT AGE GROUPS

**10:00 TO 14:00**



**WEDNESDAY  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

FULL HEALTHY LUNCH INCLUDED



**REGISTER NOW**



COME AND PLAY FOOTBALL,  
DODGEBALL, BASKETBALL &  
MORE IN THE EASTER  
HOLIDAYS. INDOORS AT  
LEISTON LEISURE CENTRE,  
WITH SKILL GAMES AND  
PLENTY OF MATCHES

Suffolk  
**Holiday  
Activity**  
Programme

**\*FREE SCHOOL MEAL CRITERIA APPLIES**



# 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/>