



Alde Valley Academy

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NEWSLETTER - 5TH DECEMBER 2025

IT'S PANTO TIME!

This week, our school brought the stage to life with the hugely successful panto, Handsom and Petal! The performances were full of laughter, fun, and festive cheer, spreading the Christmas spirit to everyone who attended.

We were delighted to perform for several of our feeder primary schools, giving younger students a magical theatre experience just in time for the holiday season. The excitement continued with two evening performances for the public, enjoyed by around 300 audience members over the two nights.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of nearly 100 students for their incredible performances and dedication. Their energy, humour, and festive spirit made the panto truly memorable. A huge thank you also goes to Miss Grundy, Miss Cook, Mrs Gleeson, Mrs Wills, and everyone who supported behind the scenes—your hard work brought this joyful production to life.

This festive production was a wonderful way to celebrate the season and showcase the talent, teamwork, and enthusiasm of our students.

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.

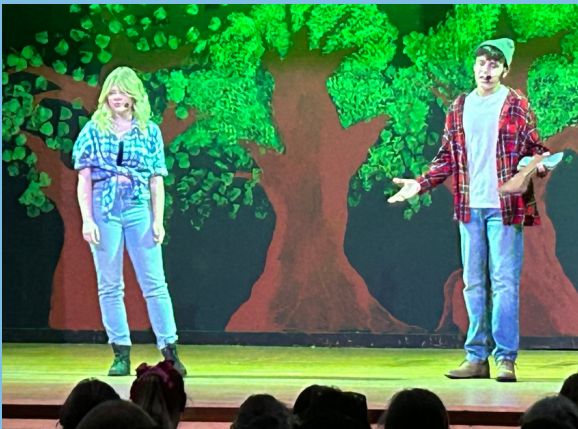
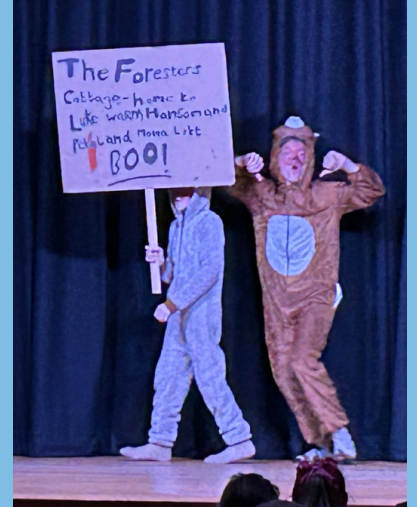
Please note that no school buses will be running at this time, so parents and carers will need to make their own arrangements for transport.

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.



PANTO GALLERY



BUILDING UPGRADE

We are delighted to announce that major building work on our Humanities and English block, school hall, and canteen has now been completed. The project, which started in June, involved upgrading roofs and windows to stop leaks and improve both the interior and exterior of the buildings.

This nearly £1 million investment ensures more comfortable, durable, and modern learning and communal spaces for our students and staff.



YOUNG CARERS – GOLD AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded the Suffolk Young Carers Gold Award! The award was presented during assembly this week in recognition of our commitment to supporting young carers in our community.

Congratulations to our fantastic team of Young Carers, and a special thank you to Mrs Dawes and Ms Laker for their ongoing dedication and support. Your hard work helps make a real difference in the lives of our students.



PE NEWS

Year 8 Dodgeball Success

Our Year 8 Dodgeball teams performed brilliantly in their recent tournaments. The students played with determination and teamwork, earning an impressive 3rd place finish. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and should be proud of their achievement.

Year 9 Boys Football

The Year 9 boys faced a challenging cup fixture against Debenham, resulting in an 8-0 defeat. Despite the tough result, the team showed perseverance and continued to give their best throughout. We look forward to their progress in the coming weeks.

Trampoline Team Shines

Our trampoline teams had an exciting and successful day at Suffolk New College.

The U16 team finished 5th overall

The U14 team secured 3rd place

A special mention goes to Sophie, who showed remarkable resilience in overcoming adversity, and to Travis, who delivered a flawless routine. Photos from the event will be shared separately.

Year 8/9 Girls Badminton

The team travelled to TMHS, where they played with great enthusiasm and demonstrated clear improvement with every match. They also learned valuable skills, including scoring and court rules. The girls finished 4th overall, gaining excellent experience that will support their continued development in the sport.

PE Clubs

A reminder that next week is the final week of PE clubs for this half term. Students are encouraged to attend and make the most of these sessions.

Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 8th December

Year 11 Girls Badminton at Bungay High School

Tuesday 9th December

Year 11 Basketball vs Thomas Mills

Wednesday 10th December

Year 11 Boys Badminton at Bungay High School



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.

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.





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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