



Alde Valley Academy

Aspire and Achieve. Lead with Kindness. Stronger Together.

Our Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026

ASPIRE

KINDNESS

RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITY

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to a new academic year at Alde Valley Academy. A very special warm welcome to our fantastic new Year 7 students who have joined us this term. They have settled in so well, are already showing great enthusiasm and have been a real credit to the school. We have already been able to celebrate their positive start – well done Year 7!

We are also pleased to welcome new staff to the academy. All of our new team members have settled in brilliantly and are already making a positive difference. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

*"A new term, new opportunities,
a brighter future."*

Our ASPIRE Values

Everything we do at Alde Valley Academy is underpinned by our ASPIRE values:



Aspire and Achieve

We aim high and work hard to be the best we can be.



Lead with Kindness

We treat others with respect and empathy and make a positive difference.



Stronger Together

We support one another and celebrate our differences, together we achieve more.

These values shape our school community and sit at the heart of everything we do.

NEW!
Young Carers Cook Book



Our Young Carers group have created a fantastic cook book filled with delicious recipes!

£7 each

Available to buy now on **Bromcom**.

All proceeds go to the Young Carers Fund at Alde Valley Academy.



Thank you for your support!



New Multi Sports Ground



We are thrilled to be able to use our new multi sports ground this term! It's already proving incredibly popular and is providing even more opportunities for our students to be active, enjoy sport and spend time together.

Be Active · Be Healthy · Be You



Phone Pouches – Thank You!



A huge thank you to our families for working with us on the introduction of phone pouches. Our students have been fantastic, and this has made a real difference during the school day, helping everyone to stay focused, engaged and present.

Focused Minds · Brighter Futures



Year 10 – Meet the New Head of Year

We are delighted to welcome Mr Scarce as our new Head of Year 10. He has been meeting parents this week and it has been great to see so many of you in school. Thank you for your support - Mr Scarce has settled in brilliantly and is looking forward to an exciting year with Year 10.

Working together for success

Proud to be part of our community



OPPORTUNITY



RESPECT



KINDNESS



ACHIEVEMENT

#TeamAVA



Year 11 Success Evening

On Wednesday 16th September we welcomed the parents and carers of our Year 11 students into school for our Year 11 Success Evening. Families heard about the Year 11 academic journey, revision plans and key dates for mock exams and timetables. It was a really positive and well-attended evening. Our Year 11 students have made an excellent start to the year and are already showing superb ambition and dedication. We look forward to supporting them every step of the way.

Believe • Revise • Achieve ☆



Student Leadership Team

We launched our Student Leadership Team with assemblies last week.

Head Student videos must be emailed to l.isaac@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk by Monday 21st September.

Prefect applications must be emailed to l.isaac@aldevalley.suffolk.sch.uk by Monday 28th September.

We look forward to the hustings campaign and whole-school vote. This is a brilliant opportunity for students to make a positive difference and help lead our school community.

We will keep you updated!

Be the Change



Sparx Maths – Homework Information

Homework is set and due every Tuesday. Homework club is every Wednesday in IT2. You must speak to your teacher by Monday if you are having issues.

Sparx Maths

✕ ✕ Maths Homework Club ✕ ✕
Every Wednesday in IT2
3pm – 4pm
(Late bus available)



Enrichment Day – A Lasting Legacy

Just before the summer term we held our Enrichment Day, and our Art enrichment group created this incredible piece of artwork (pictured below). It beautifully reflects our **ASPIRE** values – Aspire and Achieve, Lead with Kindness, Stronger Together.

We are currently deciding where it will take pride of place in our school – watch this space!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance is a key school priority for us.

We will be sharing our attendance celebrations in the next newsletter - watch this space!



EVERY DAY COUNTS



SNAPE PRESENTATION & CELEBRATION EVENING

10 SEPTEMBER 2026

A special evening of talent and achievement

On 10 September, our school community gathered at Snape Concert Hall for a wonderful Presentation & Celebration Evening. Performances from Matilda and individual performers delighted the audience as we celebrated students' academic achievements.

Well done to everyone recognised and everyone who performed!

Thank you to the families and staff who joined us.

★ CELEBRATING ★
TALENT
&
★ ACHIEVEMENT ★

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | TO OCTOBER HALF-TERM

9 upcoming events

MON
28 SEP

Djembe Drums

Year 6 transition and community outreach.

Lead: EGL

THU
1 OCT

Open Evening

Everyone welcome!

THU
8 OCT

Year 7: Theatre & Tower of London

Drama, history and culture; LEP-funded coaches.

Lead: EGL / SGR

MON
19 OCT

Year 10: Future Skills Fair

Suffolk Skills careers workshop in Ipswich.

Lead: JSM

FRI
23 OCT

Staff PD Day / Half-Term

TUE
29 SEP

European Day of Languages

In-school competitions and bake-off for Macmillan; special canteen menu.

TUE
6 OCT

Hampton Court Trip

Henry VIII, history and London culture.

Lead: JMA

WED
14 OCT

Year 10 Geography Trip

GCSE geography fieldwork requirement.

Lead: JSP

THU
22 OCT

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Meet the tutor.

Staff professional development day; half-term begins.



7 FOOD, CREATIVITY & COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK

7 OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 7s

Fruit salad success!

Our wonderful Year 7 students have been busy creating colourful fruit salads this week. They put their preparation skills and creativity into practice and produced some fantastic results. Well done to everyone involved!



Fresh and colourful



Preparing ingredients



Fantastic finished work

ASPIRE • LEARN • CREATE • ACHIEVE



LOCAL COMMUNITY SPORT

Southwold Rugby taster session

Sunday 20 September, 11am-1pm at Southwold Common.
Open to Year 8 and 9 boys, with free pizza afterwards!

SOUTHWOLD RUGBY

FREE RUGBY TASTER SESSION

with FREE pizza after

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

🕒 11am - 1pm
📍 Southwold Common

OPEN TO ALL boys in Year 8 & Year 9

Meet the team & our coaches, see what being at Southwold is all about & enjoy rugby on the coast (followed by free pizza!).

Youth Rugby (u13 - u16)
Mid-week training:
U14-Wed 6.30pm - 8pm | U13- Thur 5.30pm - 7pm
& Matches Sundays*
contact youth@southwoldrfc.co.uk



S SPORTS ROUND-UP

TEAM AVA



YEAR 9 BOYS

A and B teams win both tournaments

A brilliant achievement at Hartismere



The Year 9 boys travelled to Hartismere for an after-school fixture and put in a fantastic performance across both tournaments.

Both the A and B teams played extremely well, showing excellent **teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout. Their hard work was rewarded with both teams winning their tournaments.**

A brilliant achievement from all the boys, who represented the school superbly. Well done!

UPCOMING PE FIXTURES

NEXT TWO WEEKS

DATE	START	RETURN	VENUE	SPORT	AGE GROUP
Mon 21 Sep	2:30pm	4pm	AVA	Girls Football Cup Match v Ormiston Denes	U16 (Year 11)
Wed 23 Sep	3pm	7pm	Hartismere High School	Boys Football	U13 (Year 8)
Wed 23 Sep	3pm	7pm	Hartismere High School	Boys Football	U16 A and B (Years 10 and 11)
Wed 23 Sep	3pm	7pm	Hartismere High School	Girls Netball	U13 (Year 8)
Mon 28 Sep	2:30pm	4pm	AVA	Boys Football Cup v Ormiston Denes	U15 (Year 10)
Thu 1 Oct	4pm	6pm	AVA	Boys Football	U15 (Year 10)
Thu 1 Oct	4pm	6pm	AVA	Boys Football	U12 (Year 7)
Thu 1 Oct	4pm	6pm	AVA	Girls Netball	U12 (Year 7)