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Friday 3 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

A reminder to please take a moment to complete this survey to help us to understand what is going well and where we need to further develop. There is also a survey for students.

Parent/Carer survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Z568LwJCiq>



Student survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/JrNZaX6rWU>



Autumn Music Concert

Out of a negative, often comes a positive and the Autumn Concert is a good example of this. Due to Covid, we have had to record our Autumn Concert instead of having it live this year. The benefit is that the whole school can see how talented our musicians are. [Watch the recording here.](#)

Storehouse Foodbank Collection

We have been collecting for Storehouse for several years now and each year, thanks to our students, staff and parents, the size of our donation gets bigger and bigger.

Last year our donations to this charitable cause were magnificent. They arrived in a car to

collect but it became clear very quickly that the mini-bus was needed (2 journeys). We want this year to be even bigger!

From Monday we will welcome donations of dry non-perishable goods, toiletries, baby supplies, anything that you think a family using a foodbank might like in their food parcel. We will be accepting donations until Monday 13 December. Students can give donations to tutors. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Jolly Jumper Day - Friday 10 December 2021

We are having a Christmas/Jolly Jumper Day on Friday 10 December 2021. Students can come to school wearing their festive jumper on this day if they would like to. Donations to Save the Children are welcomed. Students can give their donation to their tutor.

Winning College only non-uniform day - Friday 17 December 2021

Students in the College that earns the most number of merits between now and the end of term will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 17 December, the last day of term. We hope this will be an incentive for all students to display exemplary learning behaviour in the run up to Christmas!

Face Coverings – please supply from home

There are still many students who are arriving in school without face masks. Whilst we can supply students with masks in an emergency we cannot sustain current levels of demand. On one day this week we got through nearly 200 masks! This places an additional financial burden on the school. Please help us by ensuring that your child has a mask in school every day and spares kept in bags.

A message from the School Immunisation Team

If your child missed the Flu Vaccine in school yesterday and you would like to receive it please call 01462 341173 to make an appointment to get it elsewhere, outside of school.

Safeguarding



We would like to draw your attention to the Suffolk County Council information and advice website '[The Source](#)', where young people and their families can discover a wealth of information and support.

[The Ask the Expert Directory](#)

is a comprehensive list of support services both national and local that you may find helpful on an array of health topics.

Gangs and County Lines Workshops

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been involved in Gangs and County Lines workshops today in

school delivered by the [St Giles Trust](#). We hope this will promote valuable conversations within your household and encourage you to ask your child about the sessions.

Their award-winning approach puts trained staff with lived experience at the heart of the solution, having once themselves been involved in gangs, crime and street life; with a passion and collective desire to ensure the young people they work with do not make the same mistakes they once did.

If any concerns are raised within your conversations at home please do not hesitate to email our safeguarding team on safeguarding@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk for further support.

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Reluctant Reader Tip No 2: Any type of reading is helpful, so try graphic novels. Graphic novel versions of *The Recruit* by Muchamore, *Silverfin* by Higson and *Stormbreaker* by Horowitz are popular. Likewise, it is absolutely fine to read *Wimpy Kid* books if this is what sparks the interest of your reluctant reader.

Andy MacNab told *The Guardian*: "It was just before I turned 17 that I read my very first book: Janet and John Book 10. I can vividly remember the sense of pride and achievement I felt. It was meant for primary school children but I didn't care. I had read a whole book, and I was hooked. From then on I read anything and everything I could get my hands on.

He has now written over 50 books himself! It's never too late to start, and for a reluctant reader, a book that seems "too young" is still a great place to begin.

Thought for the Week

"Choose your friends with caution, plan your future with purpose, and frame your life with faith."

Thomas S. Monson

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Book Advent Calendar Days 1, 2 & 3

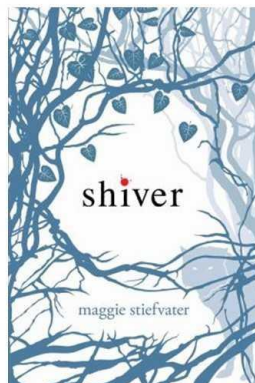
Book Advent Calendar 1st December



Barney is on a train with his mother when a siren sounds and the journey grinds to a halt. Sitting in the darkness, a stranger in their cabin offers to tell the true story of a highly decorated World War I soldier, who had a chance to kill a young Adolf Hitler - but let him go.

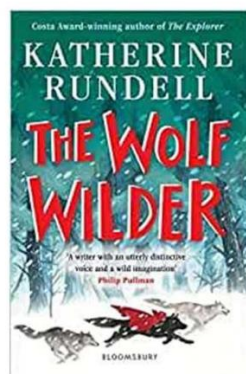
Barney is held rapt by the man's story of his old friend's life, but how does the stranger know so many personal details? And why does he feel compelled to share this story now?

Book Advent Calendar 2nd December



Grace is fascinated by the wolves in the woods behind her house; one yellow-eyed wolf in particular. Every winter, she watches him, but every summer, he disappears. Sam leads two lives. In winter, he stays in the frozen woods, with the protection of the pack. In summer, he has a few precious months to be human . . . until the cold makes him shift back again. When Grace and Sam finally meet, they realize they can't bear to be apart. But as winter nears, Sam must fight to stay human - or risk losing himself, and Grace, for ever.

Book Advent Calendar 3rd December



Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is the opposite of an animal tamer: it is a person who teaches tamed animals to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run, and to be wary of humans.

When the murderous hostility of the Russian Army threatens her very existence, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run. What follows is a story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.