



## Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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**Friday 25 March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week was a wonderful week in the life of the school, reminding us all of the joy that events outside of the classroom bring to students and their importance for our wellbeing. Our non-uniform day on Friday 18 March raised **£700 for Comic Relief and £995 for Ukraine**. A total of **£1695!** Thank you to everyone who donated. We think this might be a KEVI school record amount for donations in one day.



There is another opportunity to donate next Friday by joining our online quiz, raising money for our school. Please do share the link on your social media as anyone can join regardless of their connection with the school.

We all want to raise money, enjoy the event with our own families whilst testing our general knowledge in the privacy of our own homes! Here is the link to register

<https://forms.office.com/r/zXPJUgzNKc>, and there are more details below.

Best of luck to our Year 9 students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award - Practice Expedition this weekend, starting at Nowton Car Park on Saturday and finishing in Hartest on Sunday. The weather is going to be beautiful which always helps to cheer them along.

There are a few tickets left for the Performing Arts Showcase at the Apex next Wednesday night. Go to the [Apex website](#) to get your tickets while you can!



## Sporting News

### Gabriella Grabs Goals and Glory!

Fantastic news for the Girl's Under 13 Football team who played their long awaited first game of the season at Sybil Andrews. Gabriella Woolls was the star of the show, grabbing all 4 goals in a 4-0 victory!

### County Cup Quarter Finals

There was heartbreak however for King Edward's Year 7 and Year 11 football teams in last week's County Cup quarter-finals with both missing out on the semi-finals by the narrowest of margins.

The Under 12s started brightly at Mildenhall and took a 3-1 lead into the break thanks to goals from Cruz (2) and a brilliant header from Ned but a strong second half come back from the home side saw them run out 5-4 winners despite Cruz completing his hat-trick.

Cruz's brother Theo, captained the Under 16s at St Alban's where Ryan Cole put King Edward's ahead but two goals just before the break were enough to see the Ipswich side through after a goalless second half, in a very tight and physical encounter. Nevertheless both teams have been a credit to the school.

## British Sign Language Week & BSL Rally

Last week was 'Sign Language Week' in the UK. 18 March is the anniversary of British Sign Language (BSL) being recognised as a language in its' own right, by the UK government in 2003.

This year hundreds of campaigners gathered in Trafalgar Square to support the third and final reading of the BSL Bill. Students Aston Martin (Year 8) and Micky Drury (Year 11), both profoundly deaf and BSL first language users, made a video for sharing in school last week detailing a short history of the status of BSL and introduced some BSL signs.



On Friday 18 March, Aston attended the BSL Rally in London to represent King Edward VI School in supporting the BSL Bill, as part of a collective of Suffolk schools organised by the local authority Service for Deaf Children and Young People.

### Remember you can now learn British Sign Language with us!

More details are here and contact Mrs Talbot via [SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

**COME AND LEARN**  
**BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE**  
MONDAYS 6PM - 7.30PM  
43 Week Course - £300 - Term Time Only

*You too could be just as amazing as Rose and have the ability to communicate not only with hearing people but with D/deaf people too!!*

- Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience.
- Immersive and fun interactive sessions
- Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
- Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualification at your own pace
- All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual
- Face to face sessions
- Tea/Coffee facilities available
- 30 places available
- 20% Deposit to book your place

**Starts Monday 25th April**

Contact: Mrs Talbot  
[SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)  
For further information and to start your journey!

Enrolment form

### HPV Vaccinations – Thu 31 Mar 22

A reminder that the vaccinations team will be in school administering HPV vaccinations next Thursday 31 March 2022 for students in Years 8, 9 and 10.

All students whose parents have provided consent will receive an appointment slip from their tutors next week. Students will need to wear PE tops on the day if they receive an appointment slip. Vaccinations will take place in the Foundation Room.

Any students that do not receive a slip (and whose parents have consented) will receive their vaccine on the second date Thursday 30 June 2022.

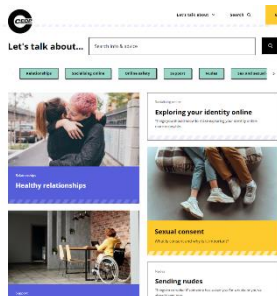
### Suffolk County Council Funded School Transport

If your son/daughter currently receives funded school transport, you will need to complete an opt-in application for transport for September 2022. Please make your application via [Suffolk on Board - School Travel / Opt-in \(apply\)](#) The deadline is 31 May 2022.



## Safeguarding

Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. It is a unique organisation and is underpinned by the latest intelligence from CEOP Command.



This week they have launched their new CEOP [11-18s website](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/) offering information and guidance which is appropriate and relevant to

the experiences of young people aged 11-18. [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_18/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_18/)

The website offers advice articles and signposts clear ways young people can access help and support across 7 key categories:

1. Relationships
2. Socialising online
3. Nudes
4. Sex and sexual content online
5. Sexual abuse
6. Support
7. Online safety

Please promote this new website at home with your children. You may find helpful information yourselves as they have a Parents page too. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Sue Sweny, our Safeguarding Officer is also a CEOP Ambassador within school. She can be contacted via [SCS@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:SCS@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).

## And finally ...

Please join us in thanking all our staff for the hard work they are putting in to keep things going when absence rates are still high.

Beverley Tucker  
Co-Headteacher

Tom Grey  
Co-Headteacher

**FRIENDS OF KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL  
F.O.K.E.S**

# QUIZ NIGHT

PLEASE SEND £5 BY BANK TRANSFER IN ORDER TO BE SENT THE KAHOOT! LINK AND INSTRUCTIONS

**FRIDAY 1 APRIL  
7PM**

ALL MONIES RAISED GOES TOWARDS MAKING OUR SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE AND HELPING TO CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL'S JUBILEE YEAR IN STYLE.

ACCOUNT NAME: FRIENDS OF KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL (FOKES)  
SORT CODE: 40-15-22  
ACCOUNT: 02015757  
REFERENCE: PLEASE USE YOUR QUIZ TEAM NAME. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE REFERENCE YOU USE IS YOUR QUIZ TEAM NAME, SO WE CAN IDENTIFY YOUR PAYMENT OR WE WON'T SEND YOU THE LINK!

GET TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY AND SETTLE IN FOR A FUN EVENING FOR EVERYONE!  
INVITE FRIENDS OR FAMILIES TO JOIN US BY SENDING THEM THIS LINK.

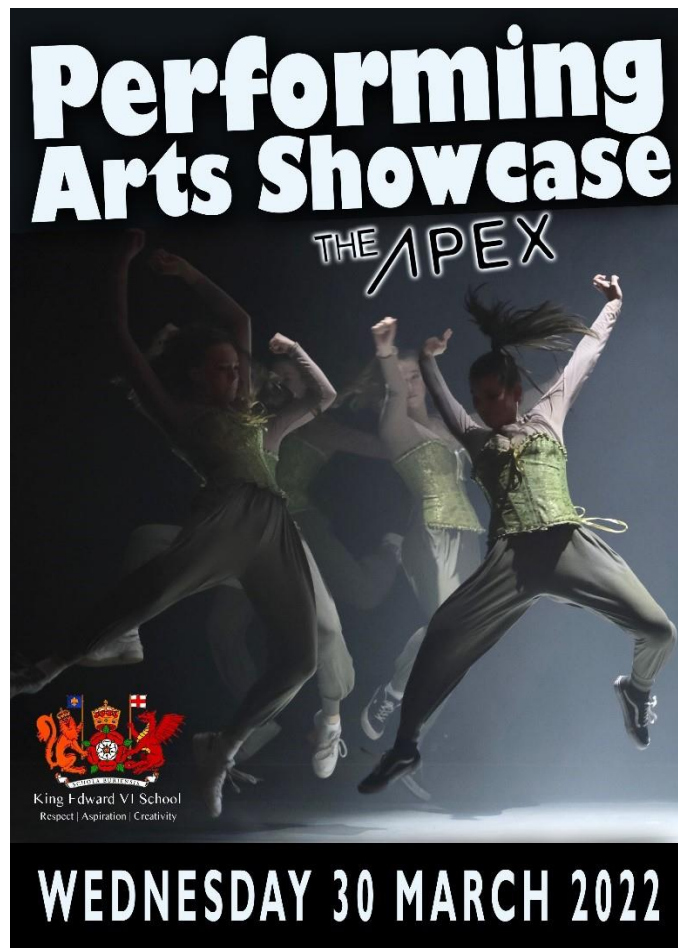
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**Reluctant Reader Tip 15:** Listening to audio books as a family is good idea. Sharing a story together is a fabulous way to bond; try *Stop the Train* by McCaugrean, or *Mort* by Terry Pratchett.

### Dates for your Diary

[Term dates for next academic year](#) 2022-2023 are now on our website.

Sat & Sun 26 & 27 Mar 22	Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
Wed 30 Mar 22	Performing Arts Showcase at the Apex - tickets <a href="#">available from the Apex</a>
Thurs 31 Mar 2022	HPV Vaccinations Years 8,9 & 10
Fri 1 Apr 22	Y8 Globe Theatre Trip London
Fri 1 Apr 22	Fokes Quiz night
Mon 11 Apr – Fri 22 Apr 22	Easter Holidays
Tues 31 May 22	Deadline for opt-in application for school transport
Thu 30 Jun 22	HPV Vaccinations Years 8, 9 & 10 (2 <sup>nd</sup> date)
Fri 1 July 22	School closed in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday



### Thought for the Week

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”  
Mark Twain

All past issues of this Newsletter are available [on our website](#).