



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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Dear Parents and Carers

We will be spending next week preparing the first report data of the academic year for delivery to parents by the end of the week. Next week's parent newsletter will contain information about how to make good use of the data we send out.

Term Dates for the [Academic Year 2023-2024](#) are now available on the website calendar page.

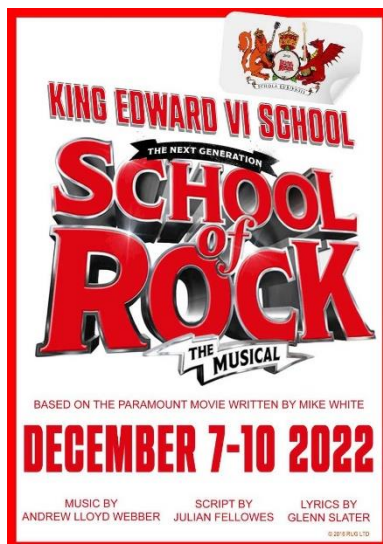
Our Storehouse (foodbank) local collection will be launched to students next week in assemblies. We will be asking for donations of food/toiletries and holding a non-uniform day on Friday 2 December 2022 to raise money for this worthy cause. Watch this space for further details!

Don't forget your School of Rock tickets. They can be purchased online via this link [King Edward VI School event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

We need a clothing rail/s for storage of costumes. If you have one that we could borrow for the duration please email Ms Manchett at glm@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.

Careers News

At King Edwards we are committed to providing the best possible careers, advice and guidance.



Year 7 Careers Assembly

Year 7 were introduced to careers education in assembly. They were also set their first assignment in our online Careers platform, Xello. Every student in the school has a Xello account. Please encourage them to logon and explore this excellent website.

Year 11 Careers Morning

Our Careers Morning for Year 11 students took place on Thursday, it's aim was to inform and inspire them as they continue to explore their post-16 options.



Students attended a mini Careers Fair with visitors from Abbeygate Sixth Form College, West Suffolk College, St. Benedict's School Sixth Form, Apprenticeships Suffolk, our Armed Forces, Pick Everard and the Ipswich Town FC Football and Education Programme. They also received presentations about careers in



construction and engineering, courses at our local colleges and applying for apprenticeships.

Our much larger annual Careers Fair for the whole school is planned for 8 February 2023.

In conjunction with advice from school the National Careers Service is also a great place to explore the UK labour market and the opportunities which exist. [Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)

Prize Winning Poetry!

A huge congratulations to two Year 10 students, Bea Maynard-Lowe and Evie Howes who won a poetry competition through *Young Writers*. Both Bea and Evie will have their poems published in an anthology called "The Power of Poetry - Across the Page" and a copy of this will remain in the National Archives of the British Library forever!

This is Evie's poem *Who Am I?*

Who Am I?

Who am I?

I know who I want to be,
But that I can hardly achieve.
How can I say what defines me
When I barely know myself?

I know the image I present,
Or at least I think I do.
But I'm not sure if that's really me
If it's false or true.

I'd like to seem carefree,
Happy, light and fun,
Always something great to say,
A smile like the sun,
Why can't I be perfect?

I want to be more confident,
Able to say what I want.
The main character who everybody knows.
More friends,
Awesome clothes,
Expressing myself for who I am,
But, then again, I don't really know, do I?

Evie Howes (14)

Former student's work published



Last week, Lily (former student of the school) visited the Library to share her children's book with Year 11 Child Development students. The group listened to the story and Lily answered questions about how she came up with the idea and illustrations and the process to publish a book.

Lily is a real inspiration, at only 19 years old she has published her first book 'The Purple Tiger'. All of her books have prominent messages and reach out to younger children. Lily's books are available to buy on Amazon and to borrow from the school library.

The Purple Tiger, by Lily Barrass

The purple tiger is a children's book about a tiger who was born purple, instead of orange. As well as this she only has three legs. In this book the other tigers learn to accept her for who she is and learn not to judge someone based on how they look.



Christmas Holiday Activities

Abbeycroft Leisure and Explore Outdoor are now taking bookings for their Christmas holiday programmes. Working with West Suffolk Council they offer lots of exciting FREE events and activities open to children and families entitled to Free School Meals.

- Family Park Cooking - Every family will cook a hearty lunch and receive a Christmas ingredients box
- Adventure Days - A six hour Action Packed Adventure Day including a packed lunch and snacks
- Teen Challenge Days - Activities such as Snorkelling, Climbing and Combat Archery including hot lunch Swimming
- Free swimming and a lunch for families

Spaces are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please go to the [Abbeycroft Leisure website](#) to book or email HAF@acleisure.com for more information.

Safeguarding

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) report that more than a quarter of teenage girls who took part in their survey have had some kind of experience of receiving a request for nude or semi-nude photos or videos.

Children can be groomed, coerced or encouraged into sexual activities online. Any child with unsupervised access to the internet is potentially at risk.

To help parents understand this difficult topic and talk to their children, the UKSIC has produced a checklist and resources about online sexual abuse.

Find the information here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/coerced-online-child-sexualabuse>



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 are now available on the website	
Mon 21 Nov 22	Years 7, 9 & 11 - deadline for submission of photo orders
Fri 25 Nov 22	First report data for all year groups
Wed 30 Nov 22	Year 7 Parents' Evening part 1 (online)
Thu 1 Dec 22	Year 7 Parents' Evening Part 2 (online)
Fri 2 Dec 22	Non uniform day in aid of Storehouse
Weds 7 – Sat 10 Dec 22	School of Rock performances. Get your tickets here!
Weds 7 – Weds 14 Dec 22	Book Fair
Fri 9 Dec 2022	Year 7 Flu Vaccinations
Tue 13 Dec 22	Christmas Celebration at the Cathedral
Wed 14 Dec 22	Christmas Lunch Year 7 & 8
Wed 14 Dec 22	Year 11 Parents' Evening part 1 (online)
Thu 15 Dec 22	Christmas Lunch for Years 9, 10 & 11
Thu 15 Dec 22	Year 11 Parents' Evening part 2 (online)

family action Building stronger families

Join our friendly 'Drop-in'

West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service

Neurodivergent conditions include: Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties or behaviours that indicate a Neuro developmental condition

What is it? An opportunity to meet up once a month in a friendly, informal setting with other parents/carer's/ grandparents along with Family Support Workers, who can offer support and answer any questions

Location: Oakes Barn, St Andrews Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3PH
1st Thursday of the month
Date: 1st December 2022
Time: 10.30am till 12.00pm

Come and join us for our December 'Drop-in' and enjoy a festive mince pie with the team

West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service supports families of children with neurodevelopmental differences.
 For more information, contact our friendly team on... 01284 636655
 or Email wsuffolk@family-action.org.uk
 *Please note drinks will not be provided but are available to purchase at the venue.

Thought for the Week

'The truth has no defence against a fool determined to believe a lie.'

Mark Twain

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