



Today's Prayer

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final parent bulletin of the academic year. This week saw the reintroduction of our whole school retro inclusive sports day which we relaunched as HouseFest. Restarting a long tradition our students spent the day having fun in an inclusive day packed full of teambuilding and sporting challenges. It was perfect opportunity to get our three new Houses together properly for the first time. It was also the perfect performance opportunity for the full range of King Edward bands to entertain the whole student body: Glastonbury eat your heart out!

King Edward VI School Vision and Values

[CLICK HERE](#) for the stakeholder consultation summary, outcomes and King Edward VI School Vision and Values.

Once this has been reviewed, it would be fantastic to hear your views, [CLICK HERE](#) for a short survey.

If you would like to review the original survey, sent to parents and carers in May, please [CLICK HERE](#) and the results from May's survey can be found [HERE](#)

HouseFest 2023





and are extremely grateful for their generous sponsorship of academic prizes at all four celebration events.



Celebration of Achievement

This week also saw the final Celebration of Achievement assembly, meaning that every student in Years 7-10 has celebrated the successes of their peers together as a community. We are lucky to have our Foundation



Student Petition



One of our Year 7 students showed great initiative in presenting a petition to the Headteacher to reduce plastic waste in our

school. The school is proud to have already moved to vegetable-based disposable cutlery, however, we have further to go and following this super petition we will be looking at further ways to reduce disposable plastic. We look forward to further eco efforts next year by more students getting involved in the Sustainability Committee

Uniform

A reminder that students are not allowed to dye their hair an unnatural colour. Also, students are only allowed to wear one stud in each ear and no other piercings. Please do not let your child have their hair done in such a way that it will cause an issue at school in September and similarly that if anyone is having a piercing then it must be able to be removed by the time we return to school.

MathsWatch

All of the MathsWatch homework will be unlocked in the summer holidays. This will enable students to try again on the homework they didn't achieve 100% on.

Message from Suffolk Constabulary - Water Safety



We have recently had reports in to the Police with regards to young people accessing private land that has lakes or sections of rivers running through it to use the water to swim/play in hot weather.

Aside from making the landowners very anxious as to the dangers this can cause to the young people in case they get into difficulty in the water due to reeds/mud and debris unseen, it has also caused criminal damage to fencing, gates etc and has had to be replaced at a cost to the landowner. Please be aware of the dangers, not only of open water but accessing and damaging private property, which could all lead to serious injury.

Message to all current parents

School Transport – September 2023

We appreciate that this academic year has only just finished but below is an important message from the Passenger Transport team at Suffolk County Council:

Please do not to assume that your child's current route and operator will be the same in September 2023. The new and/or amended timetables for

bus operators will be uploaded on our website www.suffolkonboard.com during August 2023. The recommendation is for everyone to check our website. All the details will be available before the start of the new term in September 2023.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU...

to all parents who have donated uniform and textbooks back to the school. We have been inundated with items and your generosity will enable us to help families in the new academic year. Any parent in need of help with uniform for the new academic year should contact the school on admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Attendance



Suffolk
County Council

[CLICK HERE](#) for an

important letter from Suffolk County Council, regarding school attendance.

Keeping Children Safe



Over the summer holidays, trust your gut instinct. If you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, please phone **Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.**

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/keeping-children-safe/reporting-a-child-at-risk-of-harm-abuse-or-neglect-safeguarding>

#AreTheySafe?

Local Holiday Activities

Magic & Circus Skills Workshop

Come along to learn some magic and circus skills in The Yard!

Friday 4 August
10.30 am – 1.00 pm

For those aged 10 – 16yrs
Then stick around and maybe take part in...

A Family Fun Show!

Magic and Comedy with Donimo

For families and children of all ages. Show includes slapstick comedy and magic gone wrong, with a sprinkling of excitement and danger!

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Workshop free to children with an identified need or eligible for free school meals, otherwise £10.00 per child.
Show free to children with an identified need or eligible for free school meals, otherwise suggested donation £5.00 per person.
Contact janedow@stedscathedral.org or 07747 540 594

Age 10 - 16
all welcome, people of all faiths and none

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Art in The Yard

Monday 24 July
2.00 pm - 4.30pm

Help us make a circus backdrop for the show!

Monday 14 August
2.00 - 4.30pm

Beach themed art activity

With resident artist Veronica Tatarciuc

Workshops free to children with an identified need or eligible for free school meals, otherwise £10.00 per child.
Contact janedow@stedscathedral.org or 07747 540 594

Age 11 - 18
all welcome, people of all faiths and none

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Message from Abbeycroft re: Child Health and Wellbeing Programme

We have a number of spaces available on a child health and wellbeing programme.

This is a five week programme running at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre (Children can attend from anywhere in Suffolk). There is a range of activities, including cooking lessons, outdoor

activities such as archery and climbing, as well as activities focused on health and wellbeing.

Children aged 8-16 years.

9am-3pm

Friday 4 August

Friday 11 August

Friday 18 August

Friday 25 August

Friday 1 September

Below is the link for parents to register.

<https://onelifesuffolk.co.uk/free-onelife-kids-summer-clubs/summer-club-sign-up-form/>

Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/KingEdwardVISchool/>

Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you an amazing summer with whatever adventures await you and we look forward to seeing our students again in September!



Deri O'Regan

Eligibility criteria:

Children between 5 – 18 years who have a BMI > 91st centile on the growth chart. The child, young person and family must live in Suffolk



One Life Suffolk
OneLife Kids Summer Clubs ★

A fun and free* club for kids aged 8-12 to learn about how to live a healthy lifestyle and good wellbeing!

This year our clubs are focused on helping to improve children's wellbeing and to help them have a great start to the new school year!

Topics covered will include, sports and activities, how our bodies work, good sleep habits, healthy diets, and lots more!

Every Friday for 5 weeks
4th August, 11th August, 18th August, 25th August, 1st September
at Abbeycroft leisure Centre
Bury St Edmunds

Scan the QR code or visit the website below to sign up!
www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk/free-onelife-kids-summer-clubs/summer-club-sign-up-form/

*Eligibility criteria applies



SCAN ME

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates for 2023-2024 and additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
Fri 21 Jul 23	Last Day Of Term
Wed 6 Sep 23	First day of term for years 7 and 11
Thu 7 Sep 23	First day of term for years 8, 9 and 10

Thought for the Week

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!

Audrey Hepburn

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