



## 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](#)

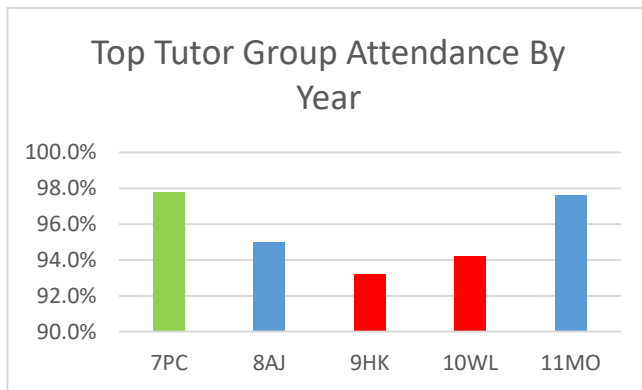
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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the parents who joined the planning committee for the relaunch of Friends of King Edward School (FOKES). I am delighted to announce that the first FOKES meeting of the year will take place on **Monday 30 October at 4.30pm in the Library**. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to get involved but unable to make the meeting, please contact [admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) and we will keep you informed of our plans.

## Great attendance Tutor Group 7PC!



## Open Evening

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## Open Evening

Thursday 5 October 2023  
6pm-8pm



## Parents Evening Survey

We continually strive to make improvements and your feedback is valuable to inform our planning. Please can you complete this short parents evening survey: [Parents' Evening Survey](#)

## Netball Success

A great performance by the Year 9s resulted in a 15-5 win against Stowmarket.



Our Year 7 team also travelled to play their first ever game at Stowmarket gaining lots of essential match experience.



## Under 14 Boys Football Culford v KEVI

An excellent performance from the back four, goalkeeper Will was key to the Year 9 Boys football team keeping a clean sheet and returning from Culford with a 1-0 win.

A first half goal from Jack, following a superb through ball from Aidan was the difference between the sides.

## Attendance

To report your child absent, please contact the school every day they will be absent, by 9am. You can leave a message on the absence line 01284 761393

(option 1) or by emailing: [attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).



## Flu Vaccinations - 4 & 5 October 2023

A reminder that the flu vaccinations for students (whole school) will take place next week. If you have not already done so, please complete the form [Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk) with your parental consent decision before 2 October 2023, as the online portal closes then.

It is really important that you provide your consent decision to the vaccination team by this means. On this occasion only students who have a consent from parents **to have** the vaccination will be given an appointment. Students should wear normal school uniform on these days.

## SEN Student Voice

We are offering ten students the opportunity to take part in a SEN student voice panel, this will be led by Ria Taher from the Engagement Hub, which is part of Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Service. Ria will be finding out your child's views on our current SEN provision and how they would like to see it improved.

If your child would like to be part of this project and represent the views of SEN students in the school, please complete this form by 10 October 2023: [SEN Student Voice \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com) We will be speaking to successful applicants during the week commencing 16 October 2023.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning at King Edward VI School

Our staff have been hard at work baking treats to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support.



## WhatsApp

As a school, although we educate students about online safety and the risks of social media, we are aware that most of our students have access to apps and online content beyond their years.

One particular app that is very popular with students is WhatsApp, and although it has an age restriction of 16 or older, the majority of students are using it to connect and communicate with friends, family and communities. While this can benefit children's wellbeing, we urge parents to act and ensure

their child's accounts are safe.

When using WhatsApp there is an ongoing issue with students adding others into large group chats, without their permission. These students are then subject to huge risks include inappropriate messages, image sharing, adult contact, cyber bullying and even contact from complete strangers.

Please take time to discuss these risks with your child and read this safety guide from Internet Matters with tips to keep children and young people safe.

[WhatsApp safety guide for parents \(internetmatters.org\)](https://internetmatters.org/WhatsApp-safety-guide-for-parents)



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a good weekend.



Deri O'Regan

| <b>Dates for your Diary</b>  |                  |
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| <a href="#">Term Dates for 2023-2024</a> and additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website |                  |
| 4 – 5 Oct  | Flu Vaccinations |
| 5 Oct  | Open Evening     |
| 23 – 27 Oct  | Half Term        |

Thought for the Week

**'The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.'**

**Brian Herbert**

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