



## Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

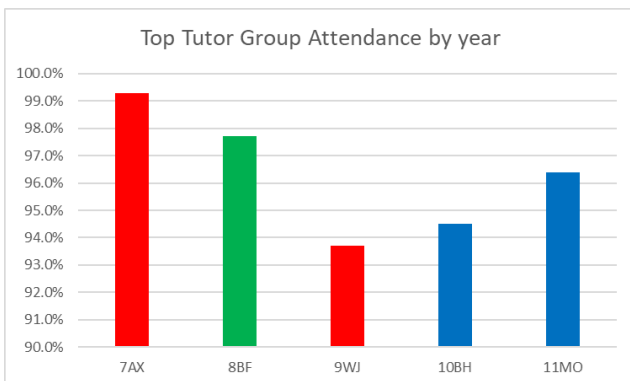
I am sorry to inform you that Ms Prunty passed away yesterday after a short illness.

This is a big shock to us all and our thoughts are with her family and friends. Ms Prunty had worked at the school since May 2022 as a Learning Support Assistant, and she was really kind and popular with students and the adults she worked with. Ms Prunty was a much-loved member of staff and highly valued person in our community. This will be a great loss to us all.

Over the next few days and weeks, we will think about how we can pay a fitting tribute to celebrate Ms Prunty's life and her time with us at King Edward VI.

If you believe your child might be affected by this sad news, please speak with their Head of Year or our Safeguarding Officer to ensure they get the right support over the next few weeks and months.

## Top Tutor Group Attendance



**KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL**

**My Fair Lady**

**12-15 FEBRUARY 2024**  
**7PM**  
**LOWER HALL**

Book and Lyrics by ALAN JAY LERNER Music by FREDERICK LOEWE  
BASED ON THE GEORGE BERNARD SHAW PLAY AND GABRIEL PASCAL MOTION PICTURE "PYGMALION"

Tickets go on sale from the 19 January 2024 for the school production of My Fair Lady. Details of how and where to purchase tickets will be sent out next week and included in next week's Parent Newsletter.

## School Website – SEND

We have been updating the SEND section of the school website. We have created a parent information page which will be updated regularly. It contains support materials and details of upcoming courses and local events. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more.

### Year 7 Pupil Passport Event

On Tuesday 30 January 2024 the Learning Support Department will be reviewing Pupil Passports for Year 7 SEN students. The booking system will open on Friday 12 January.

### Pupil Passports

Pupil passports can be found in the document section of Go4Schools.

### Parent Tea and Talk Focus Group

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SEN parent focus group on Tuesday, we appreciate your opinions and time.

### Are you a family carer?

A family carer is anybody, of any age, who looks after someone with a long-term illness, mental health difficulty or disability who could not cope day to day without this help.

Becoming an unpaid family carer is often a gradual process, like the changes affecting person you care for. The work of caring gradually impacts your daily life, restricting your ability to get time for yourself. Because of this most people see themselves as a 'wife', 'husband', 'daughter', 'son', 'brother', 'sister' or 'friend', rather than as a family carer.



From January 2024, all schools will be asked to record the number of young carers in their school annual census return. It uses the section 17ZA of the Children Act 1989 definition: 'a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person (which isn't to a contract or voluntary work)'.

This care doesn't need to be practical and could relate to how living with someone with additional needs impacts on the family. If you feel your child could be classed as a young carer, please let us know so we can offer additional support within

school and externally for the family as a whole if appropriate.

### Suffolk Libraries

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES WHERE I BELONG

**YA Book Group**  
For ages 11-15

We will be discussing 'Holes' by Louis Sachar at our next meeting on Saturday 3 February, 2-3pm.

Come and join us for a friendly discussion and meet new people!

LOUIS SACHAR  
25  
holes

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES WHERE I BELONG

**Coding Club**

Every last Saturday of the month  
11am - 12pm

A great way to learn new skills in Scratch and develop advanced skills in Python. This club is aimed at 7-12 years old accompanied by an adult. All abilities welcome. Sessions are free although booking through Ticketsource is advised.

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### Follow us on Instagram

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

Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b> <a href="#">Term Dates for 2023-2024</a> and additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website	
17 January	Year 10 Theatre Trip (Wicked)
17 – 18 January	Year 11 Parents Evening
24 January	Careers Fair
26 January	Poetry Live trip
31 January – 1 February	Year 9 Parents Evening
12 –15 February	School Production of My Fair Lady
15 February	Formula 1 Trip (Y9,10,11)
19 – 23 February	Half term

Thought for the Week

**Receive the children in the reverence, educate them in love, and sent them forth in freedom.**

**Rudolf Steiner**

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