

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

We highly value the views of parents and believe that it is through partnership that we can provide the high-quality education which your child deserves. As such, please can you spare 10 minutes to provide us with views about the school. [CLICK HERE FOR PARENT SURVEY.](#)

Spring Concert

Congratulations to our fantastic musicians who put on a highly accomplished Spring Concert – wow! The event, which took place last night, was packed with phenomenal musicianship and extraordinary skill. Well done to all involved. Parents who want to sign up their children for music lessons for next year should contact Mrs Tye on GNT@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.



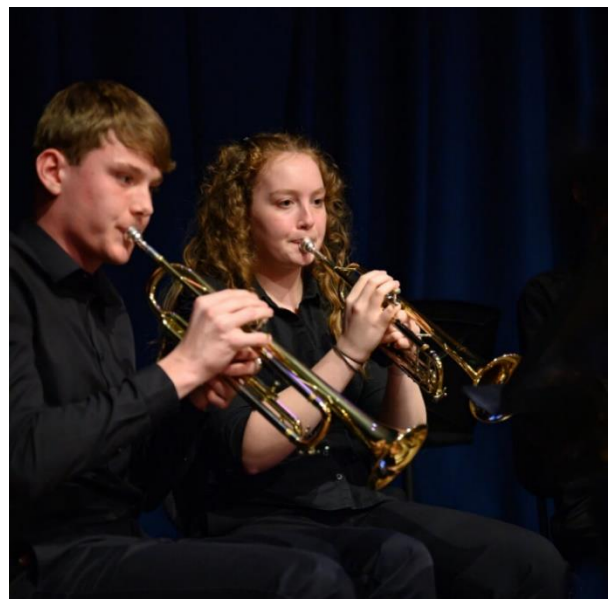
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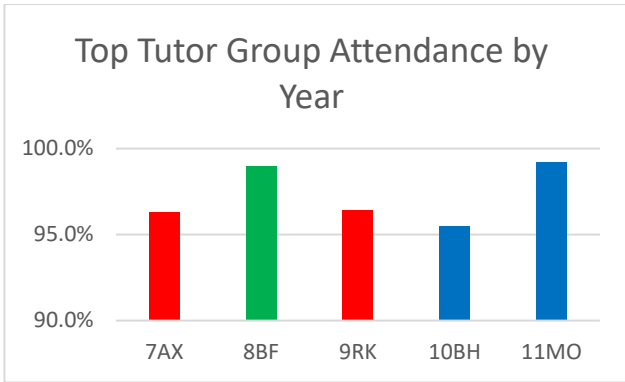
Please can we remind parents and students that phones should be switched off and in bags throughout the school day. If parents need to contact their child, they should do so via Reception, the Year Team and via your child's Pastoral Support Manager. If your child has been caught breaking the school's mobile phone rules more than once, we politely ask that you remove their smart phone and swap with a non-smart phone.

Uniform

School jumpers do not have to be worn in the Summer Term (they are compulsory from October half term to Easter) Reminder: students should have a waterproof, zipped coat (not a hoodie or tracksuit top).

Please do not allow your child to have new piercings during any holiday period, other than the start of the summer holiday, so they can be removed prior to term time.





The Big Sing 2024

The Big Sing on 26 March was a lovely service, with a live band accompanying the upbeat praise songs and more traditional hymns. The cathedral was completely full of school children from local schools.

The aims:

- Celebrate students work, as courageous advocates
- Celebrate the central Christian festival of Easter
- Raise money to support the courageous advocacy work of Christian Aid
- Enjoy singing songs together - both new and old.



Football Success

The Under 13 Football A team are into the semi-

final of the County Cup after their 1-0 win against Thurston. The team put in an outstanding performance in all areas of the pitch leaving it late to score in a tense match. Nico scored a last-minute header from a corner kick sending us through to the next round.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a new range of sporting extra-curricular clubs to take advantage of the warmer weather and light afternoons alongside many of our existing activities and GCSE revision clinics for the Summer Term. You can view the Clubs on offer on our website [HERE](#) and book places (for after-school activities) using the online booking system: [HERE](#).

Year 10 Mock Exams Timetable Amendment

There has been a slight change to the Year 10 exams timetable - the date and times for the Geography and PE exam have been amended. The amended timetable can be found on the school website in the exams section: [Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable](#).

Apprenticeships Explained

The West Suffolk College's Apprenticeship team has spoken to the Year 11's explaining what apprenticeships are and the process of applying for one. Apprenticeships are a perfect training opportunity for anyone from 16-year-olds to adults looking for a change in career. If you would like to find out more, you can watch the presentation here https://youtu.be/Q_xNuSQndd0.

Suffolk County Council Funded School Travel for 2024/2025

Parents will be able to opt in for SCC funded school travel for the 2024/2025 school year from 1 March 2024. If their child is eligible, they must opt in by **31 May 2024** to ensure that school

transport is in place for the start of the Autumn term. Click the link for more details [Suffolk County Council Funded School Travel for 2024/2025 – Suffolk Learning](#).

Need a bit more help getting your child to school?

Anyone who has been a parent will know that parenting can be even more tricky when navigating around teenage children. Get some guidance and support here: [Face Family Advice online parenting classes \(outlook.com\)](#) especially if you are struggling to get your child into school. They offer a free online session giving tips and advice to help anxious children back into school the 29 April is fully booked so they've added a second session on 7 May, just click forward on the booking calendar - spaces will fill quickly! Please also talk to the school for further support if your child is struggling with anxiety related to school.

Year 8 Reward Trip fundraising

To fundraise for our end of year reward trip to Pleasurewood Hills we will be hosting a week of activities for Year 8 to get involved with in tutor time and social time. The fundraising week will commence the week beginning 22 April. On Tuesday 23 April there will be a colour run during Session 4. Students will engage in a Just Dance-style warm-up followed by a fun run with music. The colour run will cost £3.50 to participate, and payments can be made via ParentPay. Students should bring in clothes to wear that they don't mind getting covered in paint powder! On Friday 26 April, we will be holding a non-uniform day, for £1 donation. There will also be a bake sale. Any cakes donated should be nut free and clearly labelled with any potential allergens such as egg, dairy and gluten.

We appreciate your support in making these events successful and look forward to your child's participation.

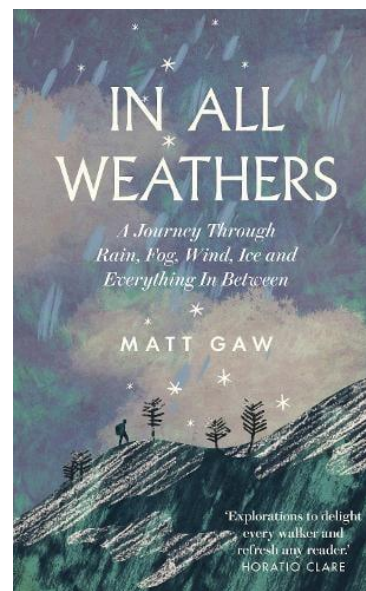
Walton Burrell

Please click on the link [HERE](#) to see an online display all about why Walton Burrell was so important to the history of deafness in Bury St Edmunds and nationally. It also includes some of the brilliant work that the deaf students have contributed to the 'Deaf Perspectives' project. Within the online display you can click on

the YouTube link to watch the behind-the-scenes footage too! [CLICK HERE](#) to see the entire concert which is available on YouTube.

English Teacher Mr Gaw's new book launches today!

We are excited to announce that our wonderful English teacher Mr Gaw has a book launch tonight in Waterstones, Bury St Edmunds. Waterstones say: *Following the success of his previous books, The Pull of The River and Under the Stars, Mr Gaw's new book, In All Weathers, explores the power and beauty of British weather in all its forms from rain to fog, wind to ice and everything in between.* Everyone welcome, no need to book. We look forward to seeing you. Click the link for more details. [Matt Gaw- In All Weathers- Book Launch | Events at Waterstones Bookshops](#)



Teen Chill

Teen Chill is a project whereby Abbeycroft has been funded by Suffolk Police Crime Commissioners, West Suffolk Council and in partnership with Bury Town Council, to provide young people with a safe environment to socialise on Monday evenings. 'Teen Chill' provides a service for young people in Bury St. Edmunds and immediate surrounding areas. Sessions are not structured, instead they allow young people to choose what you want to do...or do nothing. But if you do want to get involved, there's plenty to do and you can suggest activities that you'd like to see added.

- Sports
- Music

- Computer Games Consoles
- Tuck Shop

The Teen Chill sessions take place:
 Monday evening 7-9pm
 New Bury Community Centre, BSE, IP32 6TD.
 £1 entry fee
 Turn up and pay!

**BE YOUNG,
BE FREE,
BE YOU!**
AT TEEN CHILL

Find out more

Are you aged 11-16?
 Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all - you choose!

Newbury community centre
 Monday 19:00-21:00
abbeycroft.org.uk

Turn up & pay
£1
 a session

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 Let's Love Life

**HEALTHY
HABITS FOR
HAPPY KIDS!**

Are you aged 11-15 and want to explore the gym?
 Our qualified gym instructors are here to teach you how to use the equipment safely & effectively while having fun at the same time!

Juniors can attend any gym session if they are accompanied by their parent.

See junior hours on the fitness timetable.

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Twelfth Night – Shakespeare Schools Festival Review

"IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE, PLAY ON"

Twelfth Night
 by King Edward VI CofE Upper School
 at The Apex, 4th March 2024
 appraised by Sam Webber

Congratulations King Edward VI CofE Upper School for your fantastic reimagining of Twelfth Night as part of the Spring 24 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a thrilling night of theatre, and I'd like to shine a spotlight on some aspects I really loved.

This was a hilarious and incredibly inventive production of Twelfth Night. From the very start you utilised music to great effect, providing suitable underscoring for each scene whilst treating much of the older audience to a joyful nostalgia trip. Alongside the various lighting states, all of the student-masterminded tech added to the mood required by the scene and established location/topic with a clarity rarely seen in student productions. As performers you worked skilfully in collaboration with these technical elements, responding with the pace of your movement, allowing transitions to flow smoothly (especially the strikingly powerful move from the storm to the first monologue) and engaging with these elements of production in a way that showed a professional and powerful holistic approach to playmaking.

You found ample opportunity to not only perform Shakespeare's jokes with confidence, but also to add many of your own physical comedy moments. For many of your characters, you had multiple actors playing the same part. In a play that already has characters dressing as each other and secret identities, this approach can be confusing. However, your synchronicity as actors, both in voice and physicality, not only made the play easier to follow but also added to the humour and exaggerated the themes of double-identities from within the text. It should not be underestimated what a monumental achievement it is to clearly present this particular story to an uninitiated audience, and to do this whilst adding even more layers of your own shows incredible skill.

It is clear that you work well together as an ensemble, and the largely populated group scenes were among my favourites for this reason. The fight scene was a magnificent example of taking an initial idea from the rehearsal process and exaggerating it to the extreme; from the slow motion punching to the large cardboard signage, to the hilarious individual reactions from every single character (was Olivia voqueing in this or was that my imagination?) was an exercise in comedy staging that can only be achieved by a cohesion and commitment from everyone involved. Another ensemble moment, in which the town is established just before the fight, managed to be both an exemplar model, and a knowing send up, of classic theatrical conventions. Again, this only works due to the commitment from every single performer on the stage. Well done!

This was a hilarious and imaginative production by a remarkably talented company.

We're thrilled to have reimagined Shakespeare with you this year and have loved being with you on your journey from classroom to stage. We can't wait to work with King Edward VI CofE Upper School again in the next Festival!

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Keeping children safe over the Easter holidays

Over the holiday period, if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, trust your gut instinct and report your concern.


Phone Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.

[Reporting a child at risk of harm, abuse or neglect \(safeguarding\) - Suffolk County Council](#)

#ARETHEYSAFE?
YOU MAY BE THE ONLY PERSON THEY TELL.

IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS AT RISK OF BEING ABUSED OR HARMED, DO THE RIGHT THING.
 REPORT IT, YOU CAN STOP IT.

Bridge the Gap – Community Church




BRIDGE THE GAP

"Bridge the Gap" is a provision for children struggling with school for any reason. It is run by Bridge Community Church in Bury St Edmunds, in collaboration with the Early Help Team.

Team. It is a 'drop-in' session for children and their families, once a month, who are finding accessing school difficult, for any reason. This includes part-time timetables, attendance issues, mental health difficulties, or SEN. It also includes children no longer on school role. "Bridge the Gap" aims to provide an alternative to their home environment during this period of reduced school attendance. We run monthly sessions which provide families access to a welcome setting with activities for their child including sensory spaces, creative play and sensory circuits.

There is also the opportunity to connect with other parents and gain support from volunteers as well as meet with other professional groups, all attending to offer advice. It has already seen immense benefits, with children who have had difficulty sustaining any length of time in a different environment being able to join in the activities for two hours and interact with both the volunteers and other children. The parents have also valued the advice of professionals and voluntary organisations and this has not only enabled them to access further support, but given them hope for the future for their child. It would be great if we could develop a relationship with you in your varying roles to be able to grow this initiative, enabling families to create positive pathways for their child back to education. You are very welcome to visit Bridge Family Hub and "Bridge the Gap". Alternatively please contact Emma Malcolm to refer a family to our service.

Venue: Bridge Family Hub, Bridge Community Church,
68 Queens Rd, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3EW
Registered Charity No. 1192359
www.bridgecommunitychurch.co.uk
Contact Emma Malcolm, Family Lead
emma@bridgecommunitychurch.co.uk
01284 723737 / 07501408608




BRIDGE THE GAP

BRIDGE FAMILY HUB
Bridge Community Church,
68 Queens Rd, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3EW

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL
10:30 - 12:30
WITH HELEN CUMBERS
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Do you have a child who struggles with school attendance?
"Bridge the Gap" is a drop-in support space for children and their families who struggle to attend school for whatever reason.

JOIN with other parents and carers
ENJOY activities for your child including sensory circuits, creative space, Lego station, games and separate sensory space.
CONNECT to gain the support and advice you need to overcome the barriers to accessing school regularly

for further details
please contact
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2024
10:30 - 12:30

March 12th
April 16th
May 14th
June 11th
July 9th
August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you an amazing Easter



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates for 2023-2024 and Term Dates for 2024-2025.	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
Thurs 28 March	End of term
Mon 15 April	Start of the Summer Term
Mon 22 – Tues 23 April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition
Fri 26 April	Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation)
Tue 30 April	Transition Evening
Wed 1 May	Long Road Scholars Trip
Mon 6 May	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 9 May	GCSE Examinations begin
Friday 17 May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half Term

Thought for the Week

How we treat the vulnerable, is how we define ourselves as a species.
Unknown

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