



King Edward VI School

Weekly Parent Newsletter

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

Please encourage your child to check their **Microsoft Teams** this weekend and complete the Student Voice Questionnaire. Student Voice is incredibly important to us, we use our students views to inform and drive school improvement work.

During the Easter holidays, 44 intrepid geographers and 5 staff embarked on a 4-day trip to Iceland, which provided an amazing opportunity to match their classroom theory to a real-world context. Before even arriving to the hotel, they got the chance to drive through the most recent lava fields on the south west of the island and see the evacuated town.



Our pre-loved free school uniform service has been widely used and has benefited many students. At King Edward VI School, we take great pride in our school uniform standards. These standards are the result of a strong collaboration between the school, parents, carers, and students. We firmly believe that wearing the school uniform correctly and consistently not only fosters a sense of belonging but also helps our students feel proud of themselves and their school. Additionally, it supports the idea that looking smart contributes to thinking smart and being part of a community that values equality. To continue our pre-loved uniform service **please could you donate any items of school uniform that your child may have outgrown.** Items such as jumpers, shirts, skirts, trousers, PE polo shirts and kit are all welcome. Please ensure that the items are cleaned before bringing them to the school Reception during school hours in a suitable carrier bag. Your donations will directly benefit our community in many ways and contribute to protecting the environment.

Day 2 in Iceland allowed the group to experience a geothermal power production plant, a volcanic caldera, geothermal geysers. Students finished the day by walking through the Þingvellir National Park where the North American and Eurasian plates are separating. They enjoyed the well-earned use of the hotel's outdoor heated swimming pool (heated by geothermal energy).



Day 3, started with a visit to two of Iceland's most amazing waterfalls where the students managed to walk behind one and get rather wet in the process. They headed further south towards the 'Black Sand beach' after stopping to visit a retreating glacier up close. The day finished with group work on what the students had observed over the two days before another relaxing dip in the pool.

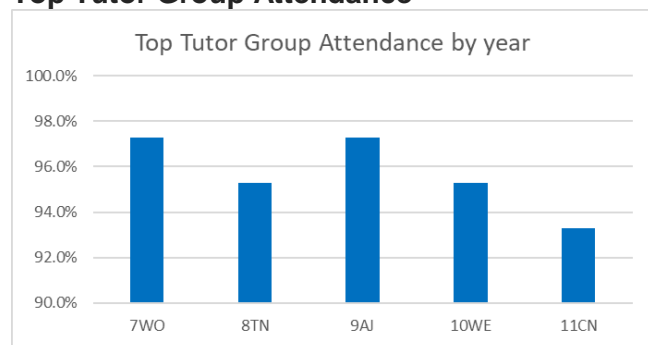


Day 4 allowed the group to visit the capital city Reykjavik and stop by some unusual lava craters on route. After some sightseeing, they all headed for the airport and a return to the UK. The students were exceptional in their attitude to the

whole trip and upheld the school's core values to an extremely high standard.

A big thank you to the staff who supported the trip, and in particular the Head of Geography, Mr Magee, who all gave up their holiday to ensure the trip could go ahead.

Top Tutor Group Attendance



King Edward VI School 475th Anniversary Celebration



We are thrilled to announce that on Friday, 27 June 2025, King Edward VI School will celebrate a momentous occasion—our 475th Anniversary! This landmark event marks nearly five centuries of world-class education, the development of thousands of young minds, and the growth of an enduring community spirit. Click the link to find out more: [Parent Letter 475](#)

Broadway

Over the Easter Break, our staff member Sue had the pleasure in seeing ex-student Tom Francis (Barber) performing in Sunset Boulevard on Broadway, New York. The show was absolutely incredible, and Sue even got VIP access backstage, to chat with him after the show.



Tom shared that he has just received his highly acclaimed Met Gala invite and is set to make his television debut as Clayton in the fifth and final season of the Netflix series 'You', and his film debut in Noah Baumbach's upcoming ensemble film, 'Jay Kelly'.





Following on from Sunset Boulevard, Tom will be jetting off to Australia to film his next movie with The Mosquito Bowl alongside Ray Nicholson, which he is very excited to be a part of. Sue was so pleased to have been able to reconnect with Tom and we as a school are exceptionally proud of the highly acclaimed, talented actor he continues to be.

YOUNG MINDS

Exam season is undoubtedly one of the most stressful, nerve-wracking times in a young person's life – especially if it's their first experience of sitting exams.

We know it's difficult for you as well, and knowing how to support young people during this time can feel confusing and overwhelming. Here are some activities you could use to help your child get through exam time in one piece.

 **Stress bucket activity** – help young people identify what exactly is causing them stress and the things they can do to reduce it.

 **Mindfulness activities** – help young people calm their heightened emotions and cope with anxiety.

For more tips and advice on managing exam time or anxiety in general, check out the Young Minds guides for [parents/carers](#).

Old Burians' Association



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Former Students of King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026



PRIZES

Fourth Prize	£10
Third Prize	£20
Second Prize	£30
FIRST PRIZE	£50

The winning entries will be published in the 2026 "Old Burian" Magazine and on the www.oldburians.org website

ONE ENTRY PER PERSON

HOW TO ENTER

Send your photo as an attachment (any common picture format, but at least 1600x1200 pixels, please) to: OBphotocomp@mail.com by 28 February 2026

Don't forget –

Please include:
Your full name
Your date of birth
Your college

The date your photo was taken (must be between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026)

IMPORTANT: You can use your artistic skills to manipulate your photo with Photoshop™ or your favourite program, but the entry **MUST** be based on a photograph taken by you. We reserve the right to ask to see the original, un-manipulated image with proof of the date taken, camera used, etc., in cases of doubt.

Local Events and Activities



Family Adventure Day

On June 7th 2025 we are holding an open day at Thorpe Woodlands where families can come along and take part in lots of activities including high ropes, zip wires, archery, canoeing, climbing, caving and lots more. The price is £20 per person for the whole day with no extra costs.

All proceeds from the day will go towards supporting the amazing work of Keframa School in Uganda.



When: 10am-4pm on Saturday June 7th 2025

Where: Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre, Shadwell, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2RX

Please bring a picnic for the day
Activities are suitable for age 8+

How to book: Please click the link below and scroll to June 7th on the timetable. You will then be able to book and pay for your places after selecting 'Family Adventure Day'.

Click here to book: [Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre - Outdoor Adventure Sessions](#)

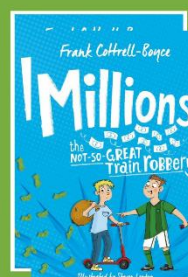
SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

WHERE I BELONG



Chatterbooks

Our current read is:



Brothers Damian and Anthony didn't mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery... but what would you do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky?

We will also be writing our own news stories at the 3rd May session!



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The next Chatterbooks book club session at Bury

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library is Saturday 3 May, from 10.15am-11am. Bury library will also be unveiling the refurbished junior library.

The book club book is 'Millions: the not-so-great train robbery' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

Children will be offered an activity or puzzle to either complete in the library or bring home. There is no pressure for children to have read the monthly book (they can chat about their own favourite books from home if they like), but we hope they will enjoy helping to choose the titles.

The book club is aimed at children aged 9-12 years olds. The club is an opportunity to chat about their favourite reads in a relaxed setting, make new friends and discover new authors.



BRIDGE THE GAP

**Bridge Family Hub
Summer Term
10:30 - 12:30
Tuesdays fortnightly**

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.

29th April
13th May
10th June
24th June
1st July
15th July

JOIN with other parents and carers
ENJOY activities for your child
CONNECT to gain the support and advice you need to overcome the barriers to accessing school regularly.

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

for further details
please contact
emma@bridgecommunitychurch.co.uk
07501 408608

family hubs



**2025-2026
BASKETBALL
TRIALS**

U14S NBL: 1:30-3:30 PM U16S NBL: 3:00-4:30 PM MENS: 4:30-6:00 PM

MAY 11TH & 25TH

**£5 EACH PLAYER
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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a magnificent weekend.



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary Term Dates <u>2024-2025</u> , <u>2025-2026</u> & <u>2026-2027</u> Additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website	
Mon 28 – Wed 30 April	MFL GCSE Speaking Exams
Tues 29 April	Downing College Trip
Mon 5 May	School Closed – Bank Holiday Monday
Tues 6 – Fri 9 May	Citizenship Week
Tues 6 May	EHCP Target Meetings Y9, 10 and 11
Wed 7 May	Hosting Shakespeare Regional Final Heat
Thurs 8 May	GCSEs Commence
Fri 9 – 11 Sun May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

Thought for the Week:

Everything done in the dark will be brought to the light.
Luke 8:17

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