



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

Individual timetables for Year 10 mock exams have been emailed out this week to all students via their student email and also to all parents. It is important that students carefully check these timetables, so they see their subjects, any tiers where applicable, their rooming and any access arrangements in place. The students will attend an assembly on Tuesday 3 June, to give them more information and advise them of the rules and guidelines for exams. Those students with access arrangements will receive, after half-term, an invitation to a workshop on Wednesday 4 June, which will explain how their access arrangements will work and give them their first demonstration of reader pens for those students who require them, computer readers, and laptops, so that they can start practising using them in their mocks. Should you or child have any questions, please do not hesitate to email our Exams Officer Mrs Blyth: clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk



Year 11 Prom will take place on Wednesday 2 July, 6.30pm-10.30pm at Blackthorpe Barn, tickets are now available to buy, dress code is 'dress to impress'!

Save the date **Friday 13 June 4-6pm to visit our Art Department**. Whether you are celebrating the amazing work of your Year 11 artist or bringing a Year 7-10 student along to inspire them, it will be great to see you there.



This year we are celebrating 475 years.

Please support the school and our celebrations by splashing out on some highly exclusive merchandise: **475 Years Celebration - King Edward VI School**

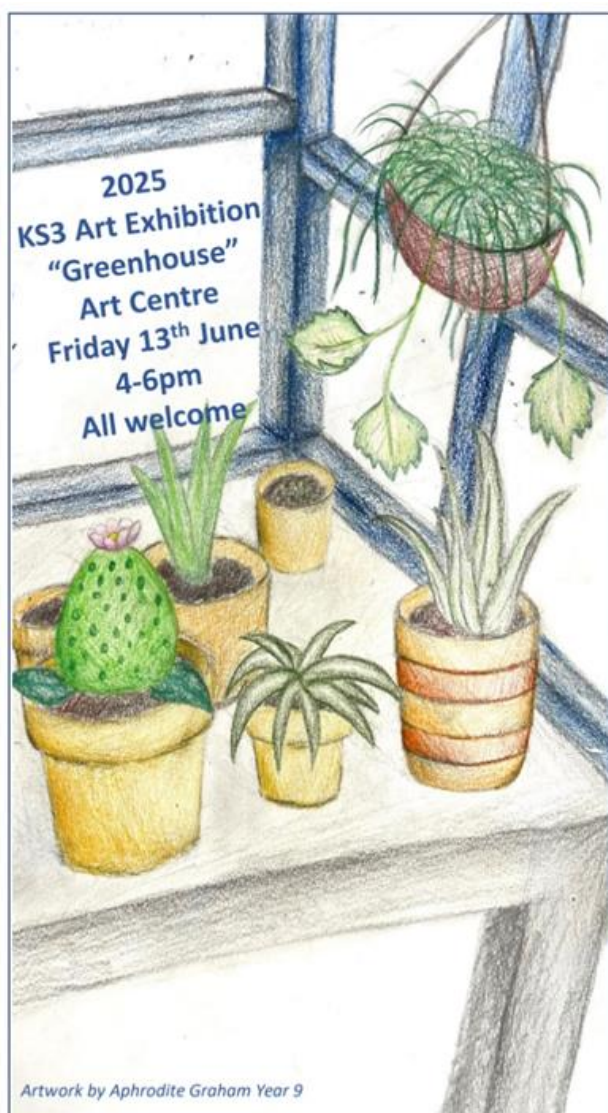
All proceeds will be used to support the celebration plus go towards making the next 475 years just as successful!

GCSE ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



Art Centre
Friday 13th June
4-6pm
Refreshments provided
All welcome

drawing by Maya Thomas



475 Year Anniversary of King Edward VI School – Cookbook

Along with celebrations that will take place next month, we are putting together a school cookbook of all your favourite (and cheap) recipes. Please add your favourite family recipe using the link below, even better if it is a handed down family recipe! The cookbook will be on sale to families and staff next month.

<https://forms.office.com/e/2BUWpkCx6u>



Duke of Edinburgh

We had a successful Silver practice expedition last weekend with students going the extra distance in preparation for our qualifying expedition in the Peak District. They navigated



their way, walking 60km+ across the three days, with full packs, in the glorious sunshine across the Suffolk countryside. They did a brilliant job! It is worth considering that some students may benefit from some walking before July to wear in their boots and help avoid blisters in the Peaks.

Garden Club with Ms Ambrose

There will be a Garden Club starting soon for students at KEVI to learn about growing, propagation, sustainability and caring for the environment. In preparation for this, I am sending out an appeal for **any unused/unwanted garden items** that could help us get off to a flying start. If you have **any** of the following items that you no longer want and would be happy to donate them to the school, we would be *REALLY GRATEFUL* to have them, and they would be put to good use. If it is difficult for you to bring the items into school and you are in the Bury area or surrounding villages, please email me (Ms Ambrose) and I will arrange a time to collect items:

ae@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

GARDEN ITEMS NEEDED:

- Hand trowels or hand forks
- Broom / dust pan and brush
- Gloves (S-M)
- Old kitchen aprons (to protect uniform)
- Soil sieve / rill
- Trugs / buckets
- Watering cans
- Potting compost (any type) and sand or grit
- Seeds (no plants yet please, as we need to prepare planting areas first)
- Fruit netting
- Canes / plant supports
- String / twine / wire
- Plant labels

Cultural Celebration Lunchtime

We have recently secured funding from Suffolk County Council to promote and celebrate the diverse cultures within our school community. To bring this vision to life, we are organising a 'Cultural Celebration Lunchtime' event this term, to showcase different cultures through food, music, art, faith and much more.



This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity that enriches our school. We are inviting parents and carers, as well as students, to participate in this event. If you or your child would like to contribute some ideas, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mrs Williams:

smw@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating the rich cultural diversity that makes King Edward School such a special place.

Road Safety Reminder – Spring Lane Entrance

We would like to remind all students, parents, and staff to take extra care when using the Spring Lane entrance, especially during drop-off and pick-up times.



We've received reports of several near misses involving pedestrians and vehicles in this area. Contributing factors include:

- **Gridlock and congestion** as cars stop on both sides of the road
- **Limited visibility** due to the blind corner near the entrance
- **Students walking into the road** without looking
- **Vehicles reversing** unexpectedly, creating dangerous situations for both pedestrians and drivers

To help keep everyone safe:

- Please avoid stopping or parking close to the entrance or on both sides of the road
- Encourage children to use designated paths and crossings
- Drive slowly and with extra caution around the entrance

Deadline approaches to apply for Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded transport

Please see the message below from Suffolk County Council:

The deadline to opt-in for SCC funded school travel for the 2025/26 school term is fast approaching.

If your child is eligible for SCC funded school travel you will need to **opt-in by 31 May 2025** to receive travel for the start of the 2025/2026 school year.

If your child already receives SCC funded school travel you still need to opt-in every year.

If your child is starting primary or secondary school in September 2025 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel, you will have received an email with details of how to opt-in.

For more information on the SCC school travel policy and getting your child to school, please visit: [Opt-in - Suffolkonboard \(suffolkonboard.com\)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/opt-in-suffolk-board)

Without Consent - Cyber Griffin

Using social media, many people are happy to share pictures of holidays, celebrations and private moments directly with each other. This can be invaluable and often connects us with family and friends far and wide. However, once online, this personal data is available worldwide and forever and as a result can have unforeseen consequences.

Using AI, Cyber Griffin in conjunction with the City of London Police, have created a video example of how this data can be manipulated in the story of a child called Ella.

Please take a moment so watch this clip and review your own data security to protect your loved ones from potential abuse.

https://youtu.be/F4WZ_k0vUDM?feature=shared

Local Activities and Events:

SPCF Forum and survey

Click the link for details of the last parent forum:
[7 May 2025 - Parent Forum](#)

More information on SPCF events and an annual survey can be found here:

[Suffolk Parent Carer Forum](#)

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum



SEND OPEN EVENT

Come and meet professionals and support services in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Featuring

Suffolk County Council, Health Services (NHS), SENDIASS Specialist Education Services, Psychology in Schools Team, Attendance, Travel Training, Activities Unlimited, Suffolk Family Carers, Suffolk User Forum, Wellbeing Suffolk, PACT, BEANS And more!

Martlesham Community Hall

Felixstowe Road, IP12 4PB

Thursday 15th May

10:30AM – 1:30PM

For those seeking a quieter time, we recommend attending during the final hour

01473 760933

info@suffolkpcf.co.uk

www.suffolkpcf.co.uk

 **FACEBOOK.COM/SUFFOLKPCF**

Chatterbooks



We will also be making a mini origami book at the 7th June session!

Bury St Edmunds Book Club

The next Chatterbooks session will be on **Saturday 7 June 2025 from 10.15am-11am**. The book group is run by staff at the library (newly refurbished!) and the next session will focus on the author Pamela Butchart. The library has ordered a selection of her titles for a display, children can choose to read any one of them. Copies are available to borrow from the display in the junior library.

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. There will be an activity on offer - in June it will be to make a mini origami book.

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

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

**FREE activities during
May half term for
children & young people
living in Bury St Edmunds**



Scan the
QR code
to find
out more



BURY ST EDMUNDS
TOWN COUNCIL



EXPLORE OUTDOOR



Abbeycroft
Let's Love Life

We're partnering with Bury St. Edmunds Town Council to offer children and young people who live in Bury St. Edmunds FREE activities this May half term.

EXPLORE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAYS

Action-packed, safe, structured activities under the careful eye of experienced outdoor instructors.

Activities include axe throwing, fire-lighting, swimming, archery, catapult building, Geocaching and more!

Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 May 2025

8:30am-4:30pm

Breakfast and lunch included

For children aged 8-14 years

ACTIVITY DROP IN SESSIONS

This half term book on to one of our Climbing or Archery 30 minute drop in sessions running across Bury, for children aged 5-16 years.

Archery 10am-12pm
Climbing 1pm-3pm

Gainsborough Park: Tuesday 27th May

Moreton Hall Community Centre: Wednesday 28th May

Tollgate Playing Field: Thursday 29th May

Abbey Gardens: Friday 30th May

Hardwick Heath: Saturday 31st May

FIND OUT MORE



FREE SWIMMING AT BURY LEISURE CENTRE

100 FREE swimming places for children & their parents /guardians to enjoy any of our floats & fun,

family or wet-n-wild swim sessions between

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May.

To be eligible you need to live within the Bury St Edmunds Town Council catchment area IP33/IP32 postcodes



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[KEVI Learning Hub Instagram](#)

Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you an enriching 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 calendar page of the website.	
Tues 20 – Wed 21 May	Year 10 Mock Art & Photography Examinations
Tues 20 May	Transition Tuesday (SEN)
Mon 26-Fri 30 May	Half-Term
Sat 31 May – Sun 1 June	Bronze qualifying expedition
Mon 2 June	Return to school
Tues 3 June	Transition Tuesday
Tues 3 – Wed 4 June	GCSE Geography Field Trips
Wed 4 June	Bury Education Partnership Writing Moderation
Thurs 5 June	Speakers Trust Final
Thurs 5 June	Professional Learning Group 8
Fri 6 June	Report 3 Close
Until Wed 18 June	GCSEs

Thought for the Week:

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.
Desmond Tutu

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