



King Edward VI School

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday 27 June, we celebrated our 475th anniversary and what an absolutely amazing day it was! Thank you to all staff, students and stakeholders for making the day so special.



A special thanks to the 475 Team – Miss Doxon (School Business Manager / 475 Project Manager), Mr George Shaw, Ms Beverley Tucker, Mr Tom Spillane, Mrs Sarah Rose, Mrs Margaret Shaw, Mr Ashley Punchard, Mr Finn McGoochan, Mr Steve Draper, and Mr Christopher Last – thank you for your hard work and for making the event truly spectacular. Thank you to Ms Ambrose and the students who attend Gardening Club for the beautiful plants around the site, the school was transformed.



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. Please complete our end of year parental survey. [CLICK HERE FOR THE PARENT SURVEY](#)



The students and staff were ready and welcomed all the visitors – Deputy Mayor Diane Hind, Dr Francis Young, School Governors, former members of staff, Governors of the Foundation, former students and Headteachers from both primary and secondary schools. We had guests from the Eastern Education Group, parents and other members of the local community.



Dr Francis Young delivered an inspirational lecture on *"Schoolboy King: The Life and Legacy of King Edward VI."* Dr Young's insightful presentation added tremendous value to our celebration. This has been recorded and will be uploaded to our website shortly.



Mr. Geoff Barton, thank you for the video message we enjoyed watching it.

We were grateful for the marvellous weather that we had and the Year 7s made us proud with the 475 Formation with their pom poms. We have some fantastic footage taken by the drone and Ms de Turberville captured some amazing photographic moments of the event.



A heartfelt thank you to our Vice Chair of Governors, Jane Tyers, and all School Governors who attended the celebration. Your presence and support made this occasion even more special, and we are grateful for your dedication to the school. Governors of the Foundation and Old Burians', as usual it was a pleasure to welcome you, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support over the years.

Governors of the Foundation, we hope you liked our present to you, to show our appreciation for your continued generosity over the years.



The Stakeholders Meal was a prestigious gathering and our guests joined us in honouring our rich legacy and vibrant school community.



To our F.O.K.E.S, thank you for your ongoing support. To those who could not join us on the day, your presence was missed. This included

Reverent Joe Hawes said grace before our meal. Students and staff devoured the free BBQ. This was definitely a delicious summer treat for all. The ice cream vans complemented the BBQ: a sweet addition to the day.



During lunch, the live musical performances were enjoyed by all, as everyone listened to the line-up from the student bands.



Our talented school orchestra also graced us with a special performance before the unveiling of the plaque by the Deputy Mayor Diane Hind.



Governors – Mr Richard Stiff, Professor Ros King, Mrs Nicola Iannelli-Popham, Deputy Mayor Diane Hind, Governor - Ms Susie Henson and Headteacher Mr Deri O'Regan.

Whilst everyone was enjoying the BBQ, the pressure was on at our first ever House Tennis Tournament. It was serious business; all teams were determined to win the trophy for their House. Well done to everyone who took part. A huge congratulations to **Crown House** on winning this trophy. This was definitely nail-biting Wimbledon tennis at its best.





The competition heated up at our inaugural Football Penalty Shoot-Out Tournament, with the pressure mounting on every player. A huge congratulations to all participants for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship. The cup was won by **Lion House**.



Our visitors had the pleasure of stepping back in time with our stunning collection of historical books, beautifully presented thanks to the generous support of our Foundation Governors. Special thanks to Mrs Rodriguez for her exquisite finishing touches – the display was truly a showstopper.



A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the exceptional 475 Team and every member of staff, students – current and former and visitors who contributed to the celebrations. Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm are deeply appreciated.



Here's to 475 years of excellence, pride, and unwavering community spirit at King Edward VI CEVC School!

Finally, we are thrilled to share that our very own Ms. Georgie Swift participated in the Norwich Triathlon last week and you won't believe the number she landed! It's so unbelievable, you'd think we were making it up – but trust us, the proof is in the photo!



Masterclass with Violist Richard Holttum



In preparation for their performance at the CBSO Centre, Birmingham as part of the National Festival of Music for Youth, the string quartet took part in a masterclass with Violist Richard Holttum. Richard is a professional musician who was a member of the London Symphony

Orchestra for more than 30 years, and has a very long and impressive discography, including the Star Wars soundtracks from the 70s/80s.

Richard was hugely complimentary about the quartet's playing, and shared many tips and helpful suggestions. The quartet benefitted so much from his time, and we all feel immensely grateful to him. Good luck to Josh, Joe, Jeremy, and Sylvie on Thursday 10 July.

English Youth Ballet

Year 7 student Aila successfully auditioned for a part in The Sleeping Beauty Ballet with English Youth Ballet. She will be on stage with 7 professional dancers and nearly 100 children in this full ballet production.



Click the link for more information and tickets:
[English Youth Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty | Norwich Theatre](#)

Parents can now apply for spare seats for school transport – message from Suffolk County Council

Parents can now apply for spare seats if their child is not eligible for Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel.

Parents of children who are not eligible for SCC funded school travel, may wish to buy a spare seat for their child to travel to and from school on a vehicle that SCC has arranged specifically for children eligible for SCC funded school travel.

We cannot guarantee that a spare seat will be or continue to be available as this will depend on the number of seats needed for children who are eligible for SCC funded school travel. We re-assess school travel capacity every school term. However, this may mean that we have to withdraw the offer of a spare seat if more children become eligible for SCC funded school travel.

[View full details about spare seats and apply](#)
[Find out more about school travel](#)

Alternatively you can call the passenger transport

team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk

Message from our Safeguarding Team

Eating disorders. Know the first signs?



Lips

Are they obsessive about food?



Flips

Is their behaviour changing?



Hips

Do they have distorted beliefs about their body size?



Kips

Are they often tired or struggling to concentrate?



Nips

Do they disappear to the toilet after meals?



Skips

Have they started exercising excessively?

If you're worried someone you care about is showing any signs of an eating disorder – even if they're not on our list – act quickly and get in touch. We can give you the answers and support you need to help them on the road to recovery as soon as possible.

Don't delay. Visit beateatingdisorders.org.uk/tips



Beat is the UK's eating disorder charity.
We are a champion, guide and friend
for anyone affected by an eating disorder.



Online support

Visit beateatingdisorders.org.uk for information about eating disorders, message boards, online support groups and one to one chat.
Use helpfinder.beateatingdisorders.org.uk to find services in your area.
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Careers

Summer of STEM! Is your child interested in learning about and experiencing the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Sector? If so, see below for more information and opportunities.

Human Habitat on Mars

20 – 22 August

Online

Open to students currently in Year 10 & 11

Join us on this three-day virtual course, where students will be introduced to the following:

- Aerospace: Design and build a prototype rocket
- Biomedical: Build a pulse sensor using Arduino boards
- Computer Science: Learn about the power of quantum computing

All materials needed for this course will be delivered to the student's home address. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain valuable experience and get a glimpse of university life from the comfort of their own home.
[Find out more](#)

Engineering Experience Warwick (residential) 5 – 7 August 2025

University of Warwick

Open to students currently aged 12-14

This three-day residential course introduces students to three different engineering topics they could study further in higher education. During the course, students will:

- Design and build a hydrogen car
- Learn how to program LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime robots using a block-based application
- Design and build a bridge

Students will stay in student accommodation on site. All catering and accommodation will be provided. In the evenings, students will take part in a range of fun evening activities, including games and quizzes.
[Find out more](#)

Girls into Engineering (residential)

12 – 14 July 2025

Loughborough University

Open to female students currently in Year 8/9

This three-day course invites female students to explore the exciting world of engineering and innovation at one of the UK's leading universities in this field. During the course, students will:

- Learn how to solder and build circuits
- Discover the future of AI and healthcare
- Take part in immersive workshops, including ultrasound scanning
- Gain invaluable career advice from industry professionals

Students will stay in student accommodation on site. All catering and accommodation will be provided. In the evenings, students will take part in a range of fun, evening activities, including games and quizzes.

[Find out more](#)

Engineering Experience Humberside (residential)

19th – 21st August

University of Hull

Open to students currently aged 12-14

New to this year, students are invited to join us for three days of fun, interactive learning. Our team of STEM Engagement Specialists will be delivering a BRAND-NEW module, exclusive to this course...mechanical engineering!

- Design and build a hydrogen car
- Learn how to program LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime robots using a block-based application
- Build and test a mechanical crane

Students will stay in student accommodation on site. All catering and accommodation will be provided. In the evenings, students will take part in a range of fun evening activities, including games and quizzes.

[Find out more](#)

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a wonderful 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 7 July	School Closed - Staff Training Day
Mon - Fri	Thorpe Woodlands
Tues	Parent Focus Group Tea and Talk
Tues	Year 8 Celebration of Achievement
Wed	Year 9 End of Year Maths Assessment
Wed	Year 9 Celebration of Achievement
Thurs	Year 10 Celebration of Achievement
Thurs	Parent Connect
Fri	Year 6 Pupil Passport Event
Mon 14 – Tues 15 July	Transition Days
Wed 16 July	Sports Day
Thurs 17 July	Reward Trips
Thurs 17 July	Year 10 Results Published
Fri 18 July	Year 7 Celebration of Achievement
Mon 21 July	HouseFest
Tues 22 July	End of term (1.20pm finish for students)

Thought for the Week:

The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet.

J. Robert Oppenheimer

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