



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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Friday 11 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to inform you that our top String Quartet performed in the National Festival of Music for Youth at the CBSO Centre, in Birmingham yesterday. They were absolutely fantastic. They were cool, calm and collected under pressure, and performed with incredible maturity, communication, and expression. Their playing was wonderfully musical and technically brilliant. The Mentors' feedback was exceptionally complimentary. Well done to all four students; the Music Department is immensely proud of you.

A video of their performance can be viewed

[HERE](#)

Congratulations to 18 students who have succeeded in an Attendance Challenge this term. They will each receive a goody bag and entry into a draw to win an Amazon voucher at the end of term. Please log into Go4 Schools to see if your child has achieved attendance over 95% this year!

The Year 9 French students enjoyed an enriching cultural trip to Paris, where they explored iconic monuments and gained valuable life experiences. The students embraced the opportunity to sharpen their language skills and grow as confident and capable leaders.

<https://youtu.be/BzNDR-Y-hyA>



Year 8, 9, 10 Celebration of Achievement Events

This week we have celebrated the achievements of students in Years 8, 9 & 10. It was wonderful to share our celebrations with our wider community

of parents and governors. We are looking forward to celebrating with Year 7 next week.



Lost Property

All lost property items from the Summer Term will be retained until the end of term. **Any unclaimed items will be given to charity on Wednesday 23 July 2025.** To ensure that student have the opportunity to retrieve any missing belongings, please remind them to visit the Lost Property room. There is a 'Lost Property' page on the school's website, where you can check for your child's lost items [HERE](#).

Parents/ Carers, please make every effort to write your child/ren's name on belongings to help us return lost items. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage lost property efficiently.

Vegetable Cake Sale

To raise funds for the Garden Club, we are putting on a vegetable cake sale, near Eds Place on Wednesday 16 July. Please remind your child to come and try some delicious VEGETABLE cakes: carrot, courgette or rhubarb. £1.50 each, cash only please.

Ed's Eco-Club

In January, Ed's Eco-club asked the site team to leave a few areas unmown to help promote biodiversity. We are thrilled that those areas are thriving with many species using the flora for pollination and for habitat. These areas have always been traditionally mown short. We are looking forward to expanding these areas next year and perhaps even completing a BioBlitz in the future to check for the increase in biodiversity.

Thank you to Mrs Shaw from the site team for liaising with the landscapers to allow this to happen.



MathsWatch Over the Summer

While we recognise the importance of a well-earned break, students can lose some of the valuable skills they've developed during the year. To help keep their maths skills sharp, we've unlocked all homework tasks from this academic year on MathsWatch. Students are welcome to revisit these and aim for 100%—though this is entirely optional.

GCSE Results Day – Year 11

Year 11 results day this year is Thursday 21 August 2025. Students' results will be available to collect from school from 9am - 11am. Students can log on to their Go4Schools account from 10am to also view their results. An email with more detail was sent out this week to all parents/carers. A copy of the letter can be viewed [HERE](#). Please also ensure that you update any change of address with the school, as GCSE certificates will be delivered to school in November and then sent out to the addresses we hold on our system at that time.

Shanghai - Year 8 Parents

Click the link below to view information about next year's Shanghai visit, which our current Year 8 students will be involved in. [Year 8 Parent Letter](#)

Message from our Safeguarding Team

We all want children to become happy, confident adults so to support their development, it is important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help.

As their parent or carer, it's up to you to talk to them when you think they need a nudge in the right direction and to share news or information that'll affect their lives. There will be times when children need advice or support and also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them.

The NSPCC have advice to help you decide how to talk to your child in an age-appropriate and supportive way. But you know your child best, so trust your judgement about what's going to work for them: [How to talk to children about difficult topics | NSPCC](#)

Careers

We are delighted to announce that we are changing our careers platform from XELLO to UNIFROG, courtesy of funding provided to the school by the Foundation Trustees. The purchase will further support and improve our delivery of careers education in the school, ensuring access for all. Our aim is to increase parental and student engagement with our careers offer and UNIFROG will help support this change. UNIFROG helps students (and parents) understand careers progression through school and onwards through Post-16 to College, University or apprenticeship. It helps explore student's interests, enabling them to record any activities, clubs or outside school hobbies etc, which will eventually support their applications. The package will also support them to find education and training opportunities. In addition to this, the package enables teachers to keep track of any careers activities students have done, encouraging conversations around their future. Next year Tutors will deliver short lessons during tutor-time based around student's exploring possibilities, managing careers, creating opportunities, balancing work and life and seeing the big picture. For more information, visit [About - Unifrog](#). If you have any questions,

please email our Careers Co-ordinator:
TLG@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk



Local Events, Opportunities and Activities

Join us for

Thorpe Woodlands Charity Day!

£20pp
for a morning or afternoon of unlimited activities!

please feel free to bring a picnic or there is a cafe located at Forest Holidays

- *Archery
- *Zip Wire
- *High Ropes
- *Canoe Hire
- *Rock Climbing
- *Tree Trekking
- *Caving



scan me to book!
(please select the date then click "family adventure day")

26.08.25

Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre
Shadwell, Thetford
IP24 2RX

9:30am - 12:30pm
OR
1:30pm - 4:30pm

BOREDOM BUSTING SUMMER SORTED!

ONE PASS
ENDLESS ACTIVITIES

ONLY £21.50 PER MONTH*

JUNIOR PASS INCLUDES
SWIMMING, SOFT PLAY, CLIMBING, JUNIOR GYM, RACQUET SPORTS AND MORE



Not all activities available at all the centres. Check website for centre facilities.
*Terms & Conditions: minimum one direct debit payment.



Art in The Yard

Creativity for young people

Calling all young artists!
Unleash your creativity and
have fun at our after-school
art club at the Yard.

Explore various art and craft
techniques with Veronica.
Whether you're a budding
Picasso or just love to create
and experiment this is the
perfect place for you!

Wednesday 3.45pm-5.15pm

FREE to attend. Please pre-book, limited spaces available.
Contact janedow@stedscathedral.org or 07747 540 594

Age 11-18

all welcome, people of
all faiths and none

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Calm in The Yard

Wellbeing for young people

Being a teen is stressful!
Whether it's school or social
time, being a teen has real
challenges.

If you're like many teens, you
may have difficulty dealing with
your stress. You aren't alone!
There are things you can do to
stay calm, no matter how
stressful life becomes.

Mondays 4.00pm - 5.00pm

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Volunteer in The Yard

Volunteering for young people

Young volunteer opportunities
at the Yard:
learn new skills, meet
likeminded people, work
towards a volunteering target,
build your CV.

Help us to keep the Yard
a lovely space for
young people to be
themselves.

Tuesday 4.00pm-5.00pm

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Thetford Voices Singing Workshop

**Tues 12th August
10.00-4.00**

**Wed 13th August
1.30-6.45**

FREE

A musical workshop for
young singers aged 6-16, at
Thetford Grammar School.

We learn a varied
programme
of songs to perform in
concert.

Concert for family and
friends at 6pm on Wed 13th
August at Thetford
Grammar School

For more information,
contact:
thetfordvoices@gmail.com

To register:



<https://tinyurl.com/Thetford25>





Message from Brandon Town U15's (NEW PLAYERS WANTED)

28 June, 2025 by Phil Turner

Please see the message below from Brandon Town U15's, who are looking for some new players to join their team for next season.

We are looking for some new players to join our U15 team next season. We have just been promoted to Division 1 and are looking for some new players who can develop the team. We train on Tuesdays and play our games on Saturdays.

Summer School Grade Boost Programme - Click the link for full details about the **Summer School Grade Booster Programme** at The Community Schools—designed to support children who may need additional academic or emotional support during the holidays. GCSE and KS3

[Community School Programme](#)

In Person tutoring at our Bury St Edmunds Learning Centre:
Most subjects, 3 hour sessions, £86 a session

Online Interactive Group lessons
Maths Foundation, Maths Higher, English Language, Biology and Chemistry
4 x 1 hour lessons each subject, Max 6 students per session, £60 per student per subject.

1:1 online sessions most subject areas,
4 x 1 hour sessions £130 per student.

SCHOOL'S OUT FAMILY FUN BEGINS



Make this summer unforgettable with exciting family activities that'll have everyone smiling, splashing, jumping, and playing!



- ⦿ Soft Play
- ⦿ XHeight Climbing
- ⦿ Swimming
- ⦿ Crash Courses
- ⦿ Pool Parties
- ⦿ Petting Zoo
- ⦿ Movie Night
- ⦿ Soft Play Party
- ⦿ Explore Outdoor
- ⦿ Racquet Sports
- ⦿ Junior Gym
- ⦿ Dance Party
- ⦿ Slime Making
- ⦿ Zumbini
- ⦿ Sports Taster Day

abbeycroft.org.uk

*Not all activities are available at every site



SPLASH YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS

This Summer

**Tuesday 22nd July -
Saturday 30th August**

*Subject to availability

Come along this Summer and take part in our **FREE** swim & lunch offer.

*free for those eligible for free school meals and other hardships

Available at:

Hadleigh Pool & Leisure
Kingfisher Leisure Centre
Mildenhall Hub
Haverhill Leisure Centre
Newmarket Leisure Centre
Bury Leisure Centre

For more info:

haf@acleisure.com
abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF





ADVENTURE DAYS
AGES 8-14 YEARS

22nd July- 30th August
Subject to availability
08:30-16:30

Come to life in the great outdoors this Summer and enjoy fire lighting and cooking in the wild, archery, axe throwing and swimming, and much more.

With our Adventure Days happening across Babergh, Mid and West Suffolk, your child has the chance to unlock their inner explorer whilst fitting around your working hours.

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria
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FREE*
BOOK NOW





FAMILY PARK COOKING

22nd July- 30th August
Subject to availability
10:00-15:00

Parents and children take part in an amazing family day out with a wide range of activities including an outdoor cooking master class where you will cook a delicious lunch together.

Every family that attend will take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards for a weeks' worth of meals.

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria
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FREE*
BOOK NOW





DE | THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEAR 9, 10 & 11

FREE*

Fully Funded - Bronze Award

- Kit and equipment provided
- Camping and expedition fees covered
- Food for training and expeditions paid for
- Funding for boots available
- Weekends Away
- Learn New Skills
- Online support

Follow the QR code to register your interest or send us an email: DofE@acleisure.com



* For those entitled to free school meals

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Holiday Activity Programme



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Follow our SEND Instagram page

[KEVI Learning Hub Instagram](#)

Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a scorching weekend.

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| 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. | |
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| 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 world has only as much power over you as you give it.

Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj

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