



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to inform you that our Under 13 Boys Team put in an outstanding performance in their recent futsal tournament. In the first match, the team showed great determination and skill to secure a 6–3 victory over Mildenhall. In the second match, they faced a strong Ormiston side in what proved to be a very close contest. Both teams battled hard, and after an intense game, it ended in a well-earned draw. The students displayed resilience, tactical awareness, and a fantastic work ethic from start to finish. Everything that one needs for success in life!



Bebras Computer Challenge 2025

Congratulations to Florence (Rose House) for coming first in the recent Bebras Computing challenge.

Congratulations also to

Mohib who came in second (Crown House), and Elizabeth coming in third (Crown House). Well done to all those who took part and competed in a very tough challenge; you all did yourselves proud.



Year 7 Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale on Monday 15 December. Please can Year 7 students/parents

Festive Jumper Day



Christmas Lunch 16 & 17 December 2025

Don't forget to buy your Christmas Lunch Tickets next week. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

bring in cakes with allergens clearly labelled ready for any student to purchase at breaktime on Monday 15 December. The sale will take place outside the Year 7 Year Base. Please could we ask that students not bring cakes in that contain nuts or seeds.

Food, Preparation and Nutrition GCSE Revision Sessions

Sessions begin after Christmas and are available to book on School Cloud. They run every Thursday from the 8 January from 3.40-4.15pm with Mrs Grant. These sessions are ideal for revisiting past topics, strengthening understanding and building confidence ahead of the written exam.

Blank Page Holiday Activities Return to Libraries for Christmas 2025

Blank Page workshops are free for young people eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). There are also a limited number of places per workshop priced at £15 each for young people that are not eligible for FSM. This includes lunch, drinks and snacks. There will be 19 winter workshops running from Monday 22 December 2025 - Friday 2 January 2026 in the following libraries: Bury St Edmunds, Chantry, Gainsborough, Great Cornard, Ipswich County Library, Lowestoft,

Sudbury, Stoke, and Stowmarket. The workshops will include a wide range of creative activities which can provide young people with new skills, a chance to increase their confidence and make new friends. The workshops are run by local artists and include:

- Typography T-shirt with Sarah Nkugwa from AMPP Studio.
- Mosaic Decoration with EJArt Ceramics.
- Character Illustration with Dex Legon.
- Upcycled Collage and Decoupage with Clare Sams.

For full details and to book workshops, please visit: [The Blank Page Project](#) or [Suffolk Community Libraries](#)

Messages from our Safeguarding Team

Last year, Young Minds **helped over 11,000 families** find the right help for them.

But with recent research showing 35% of parents worry about making their child's struggles worse by talking about them.

And 1 in 4 young people aged 16–24 now experiencing a common mental health condition.

That's why this month, they are promoting their [Parents Helpline](#) – the free, confidential, 1-1 service that parents and carers can reach out to when they don't know where to turn. Offering tailored information, advice and support to parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's mental health aged 25 and under. Please check out their website for more information if you feel it could be of use or signpost a friend or family member to access it.

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

E-Scooters

Suffolk Police have asked us to share the

information leaflet below with parents/carers in relation to E-Scooters; to raise awareness of the issues and law around E-Scooter usage. Please consider this guidance carefully and discuss it with your child as appropriate.



What is the law if you have an e-scooter

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

What happens if you are stopped?

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zones' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

You can check with your local council to see if they have signed up to the controlled trial. In Suffolk, there are not currently any local councils taking part.

What is a section 59?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Suffolk Police also have the powers to seize vehicles. Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Report a crime to us at [suffolk.police.uk](https://www.suffolk.police.uk) or call 101. In an emergency call 999.



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a relaxing weekend.



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
Term dates <u>2025-2026</u> & <u>2026-2027</u>	
Additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website.	
Mon 15 – Thurs 18 Dec	Y11 Art and Photography Mock Exams
Tues 16 – Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 19 Dec	End of Term 1.20pm
Mon 5 Jan	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tues 6 Jan	School Open to all Students
Thurs 15 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening - in person

Thought for the Week:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
Isaiah 9 v2

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