



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

Congratulations to our 83 musicians who, along with a special few from Abbeygate Sixth Form, performed in St Edmundsbury Cathedral last week for our Carol Service. Our musicians, along with our readers, did us proud. To paraphrase the Very Rev Joe Hawes, if we may, 'You matter'.

Here are some photos from the service, more pictures are on our school Facebook page:

[Facebook](#)

School finishes at 1.20pm on Friday 19 December 2025 for the Christmas break.



Autumn Term Lost Property

Please note that all lost property items from this

Autumn Term will be retained until the end of term. Any unclaimed items will be given to charity after **Friday, 19 December 2025**.

To ensure students have the opportunity to retrieve any missing belongings, the Lost Property Room is open during breaktime, lunchtime and after school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage lost property efficiently.

Badminton News

Well done to the Under 16 Boys and Girls Badminton teams who played a high level of Badminton against 8 other schools in the area and finished third and fourth respectively.



Year 10 Work experience- more information

Following the launch of our Year 10 work experience, please find further information on our school website- [Work Experience \(WEX\)](#)

This includes:

- A 'how to' guide to the work experience process

- Example emails to send to employers
- A copy of the student launch presentation.

West Suffolk Council Work Experience 2026

West Suffolk Council want to support students in gaining meaningful work experience and to understand the types of jobs available within the council and how they impact our community and the people that live here. Local government offers a variety of careers and is an exciting and forward-thinking place to work that really makes a difference to people's lives.

Therefore, they have designed a programme specifically for Year 10 students, which will run over five days. The programme will give students the opportunity to learn about the council as a whole and the services they deliver. Students will learn about the career pathways they offer and how they can align to students' current studies to help them make informed decisions about their future and improve your job prospects. The week will consist of interactive workshops, talks, activities and meeting lots of interesting people. Students will also learn about the skills and behaviours required for the world of work, such as communication, team building, problem solving and self-confidence.

Key information:

- There will be a maximum of 12 placements
- Applications must be submitted by **Monday 11 May 2026**
- For more information, visit this link- [Work Experience](#).

Is your child interested in joining the British Army?

This online session is designed to give parents clarity and confidence about the opportunities the British Army offers young people.

Event: British Army Insights – A Guide for Parents & Guardians

Date: Tuesday 20 January 2026

Time: 6-7pm

Register Now: <https://britisharmy.my/GTQfiD>

Why it matters:

Recent research with over 600 parents and guardians revealed:

- Only 27% feel fully confident supporting their child through the application process.

- Nearly half (49%) want to attend an online session and receive resources about Army apprenticeships.

What parents will gain:

- A real look at life in today's Army, including roles, training, and qualifications
- Inspiring stories from those with lived experience, plus practical advice and Q&A time
- Insights into how the Army helps young people build confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills — all while earning and learning

Bonus: Attendees receive a FREE downloadable resource to help support their child's career choices.

Psychology in Schools Team Parental/Carer Stress Workshop

This workshop will explore parental/carers stress and consider some ways to manage this and support your own wellbeing.

For parents/carers of children aged 0-18 years. Research suggests that parents of neurodivergent children and young people experience greater stress than parents/carers of neurotypical children and young people. This workshop will explore the reasons for this and consider some ways to manage parental stress and support your own wellbeing.

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a place for the Online Event, taking place on Thursday 29 January 2026, from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Teen Chill

Teen Chill is funded by Bury St Edmunds Town Council and provides a safe, relaxed, and welcoming environment for young people in Bury St Edmunds, and the surrounding areas.

The group meets every Monday evening from 7.00–9.00pm at New Bury Community Centre, (IP32 6TD) and is open to young people aged 10–16 (Year 6–11).

Teen Chill offers an informal, choice-based space where young people can simply hang out or get involved in a range of activities, including:

- Sports
- Music
- Computer game consoles
- Tuck shop
- Free Wi-Fi

Young people are also encouraged to suggest new activities they'd like to see added.

**BE YOUNG
BE FREE,
BE YOU!**

Are you aged 11–16?

Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together in a safe environment. The best part is, you get to choose what you want to do!

Newbury community centre
Monday 18:00–21:00
abbeycroft.org.uk

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Local Holiday Activities

**ADVENTURE
DAYS**
AGES 8–14 YEARS

21st & 22nd December
Subject to availability
08:30–16:30

FREE

Come to life in the great outdoors this Christmas 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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EXPLORE OUTDOOR

FAMILY PARK COOKING

21st, 22nd & 23rd December
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.

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FREE*
BOOK NOW



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

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EXPLORE OUTDOOR

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FOOD BOXES

14 locations across Suffolk
22nd or 23rd December

These boxes are for families that can't attend one of our Family Park Cooking sessions.

Receive all the ingredients for a Christmas dinner and Boxing Day lunch as well as a family activity pack to make an extra special Christmas!

One box per family

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria. Boxes are limited and issued on a first come first serve basis. You must have a booking confirmation email to collect a box. Unfortunately we are unable to cater for dietary requirements.

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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
Mon 19 Jan	Poetry Live Trip
Wed 21 Jan	Year 10 PSHE Day
Fri 23 Jan	House Competition – Maths

Thought for the Week:

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”
Luke 2:10

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