



King Edward VI School

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Starting from Tuesday 6 January 2026, all Year 8 Students will be required to hand in their mobile phones at the start of the day. We have completed a highly successful trial of this system in Year 7 where students put their phones in a locker in their tutor room during tutor time and then collect their phones at the end of the day. We now have enough lockers for Years 8, 9 and 10 and from January we will be rolling this system out to those year groups starting with Year 8 during the first week back.

We are a no-phone-school and there is no reason for students to have their phones on their person during the school day, so instead of the expectation that phones are off and in their bags, phones will instead be in a locker in their tutor rooms. If a student needs to contact home for any reason during the school day, they will need to go to their Year Base where contact can be facilitated or in an emergency situation, the main school Reception. Parents can also contact their children in an emergency via the main school Reception.

Autumn Term Lost Property

Please note that lost property are only retained until the end of each term. Any unclaimed items will be given to charity in January.



Lost property

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.

A place has become available on the ski trip. If your Year 10 or 11 child is interested, please contact Mr Post: po@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Student Magazine!

Click the link below to view this term's edition of the Student Magazine

[Green and Pink Organic Travel Magazine.pdf](#)



Tchoukball

Nine King Edward VI School students took part in the largest international Tchoukball tournament this term. The tournament took place in Geneva and our students were representing the UK. The majority of the students played on the two Under 16 teams. Harrison played for the Under 14s. Many of the players are still quite new to the sport (Tabby, Tess, Mia, Digby and Graeme) and

were incredibly resilient and made huge progress across the weekend competing against strong teams from Switzerland, Spain, Singapore, Hong Kong and Italy. On Sunday in the mixed tournament, the UK Bears (U16) finished 7th and UK Lions (U16) finished 8th out of 19 very strong teams, the Bears going undefeated in their last 8 matches.

The parents reported that the students were exceptionally well behaved, playing with pride and excellent sportsmanship and befriended many athletes from different countries, even swapping shirts (and social media contacts!) with the Singaporean team.



Under 16 Boys Basketball Tournament

The Under16 Boys Basketball Team delivered an outstanding performance to claim victory in the recent tournament. Representing a mix of players from different year groups, the team showcased exceptional teamwork, skill, and determination throughout the competition.

In their opening game, the boys faced a strong County High side. It was a closely contested match, but our team held their nerve and secured a hard-fought 38–31 win.

The second match was against Mildenhall and the result was a commanding 40–15 victory, sealing the tournament title in style.

This success is a testament to the players' ability to come together across year groups and play as a united team. Their communication, sportsmanship, and commitment were evident in every game. Congratulations to all involved for an incredible achievement.

Under 13 Boys Football – Suffolk Cup Victory

The Under 13 Boys Football Team produced a dominant display in their Suffolk Cup fixture against Mildenhall, securing an emphatic 8–0 win to progress to the next round.

From the first whistle, the team showed great attacking intent and composure on the ball. Josh was in sensational form, scoring four goals, while Harvey added a superb hat-trick to underline his finishing prowess. Vinnie also scored with a well taken finish.

Equally impressive was the defensive performance. The back line worked tirelessly, making crucial challenges and maintaining excellent shape throughout the match to ensure a well-deserved clean sheet.

This commanding victory reflects the team's hard work and togetherness. We now look forward to discovering who we will face in the next round of the Suffolk Cup.

Under 16 Football Team

The Under 16 Football Team have bowed out of the National Cup but secured a quarter-final place in their defence of the County Cup. The team went down 2-1 at Comberton College in a very physical encounter which could have gone either way. Jesse Logan got the goal. Jesse was on target again to secure a 1-0 win at East Point Academy in the County Cup after converting a late penalty he himself had won.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Willow Angel Sculptures

This year we were invited by the cathedral to create a series of willow angel sculptures to be hung in the cathedral over the Christmas period.

Our School created six angels in total ranging in size from 120-160cm.

The angels were made by students from Year 9 art classes. We would like to give a special thank you to Alex Pottle, who not only had some very helpful construction ideas also worked through several lunch times to help with the project.

The angels will be on display in the cathedral until epiphany (Tuesday 6 January 2026).



Supporting Food & Nutrition Practical Lessons



Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support, which enables our students to develop essential cooking skills throughout Key Stage 3 and Year 10 as well as preparing them for GCSE.

We kindly ask that parents make a monetary contribution towards practical lessons through ParentPay and ensure their child brings a suitable container to take home their dish each lesson. Every student prepares a small portion of each recipe, and your support is vital to keep this opportunity available for all. Please also note, each recipe is carefully tailored to meet individual dietary requirements, ensuring inclusivity for all students.

However, this term we have faced challenges, with only a small percentage of contributions received. The school providing ingredients for every child offers significant benefits to families and allows us to maintain a high-quality practical curriculum. Without sufficient contributions, we may be left with no option but to reduce the number of practical lessons, which we are keen to avoid or alternatively ask parents to provide ingredients. As we can buy some ingredients in bulk, the cost we ask you for is less than what you would pay for your child to bring their own ingredients during the year, and food wastage is reduced.

Your contribution directly impacts the continuation of practical cooking lessons. Without your help, we cannot sustain this provision on the school budget alone. Please make your payment as soon as possible to help us maintain this valuable part of your child's education.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Keeping children safe over the holidays.

Over the holiday period, if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, trust your gut instinct and report your concern. Phone Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.

Reporting a child at risk of harm, abuse or neglect (safeguarding) - Suffolk County Council



Bury Knights Junior Chess Club

- Established in 1982
- Free coaching for all

Moreton Hall Community Centre
Friday nights 6-8
First 3 weeks free - then £3 a week
Termly reductions

Open evening
23rd January
6-8 pm

Screen free time!

- Improve logical thinking
- Make new friends
- Boost cognitive skills
- Problem solving
- Better memory

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a very merry Christmas

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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.	
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:

Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.
Neale Donald Walsch

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