



# 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

We are very excited to see all Year 9 parents in school next Thursday for Parents' Evening. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need any help booking your appointments.

It is a cause of great joy that our Head Boy and Head Girl have been given the honour of welcoming our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Dr Joanne Grenfell, to the Cathedral as part of her enthronement service on Saturday. We look forward to welcoming her into the school soon. We received this message from the Cathedral letting us know of one of Bishop Joanne's first acts: *'The angels (made by students from King Edward VI School and other local schools), are still up in the Cathedral, because our new Bishop loved them. She requested the angels be left up for her enthronement which happens this Saturday and they are also on the front cover of the order of service. Bishop Joanne has also referenced them in her press release. Thank you so much for helping me make this project such a wonderful success.'*



## Year 7 Dance

Year 7 have been completing a Dance unit of work. The PE department have been so impressed with how creative the students have been in developing their routines. The confidence that students have shown in their performances has been superb; we are really proud of them!

## Exam Invigilator Vacancies

There is an opportunity for new team members to join our invigilation team. If you are interested, [CLICK HERE](#) to view the advert, which includes application deadlines and a link to the application form: If you have any questions about the role please contact the Exams Officer, Caroline Blyth ([clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)) who would be happy to discuss it further with you.



## Road Safety

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when driving to and from school. Unfortunately, we have received reports from local residents of vehicles being damaged during drop-off and pick-up times. To help reduce congestion on Spring Lane and Springfield Avenue, we ask that parents drop off their young person a short distance away from the school where possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our community safe and considerate.

## Year 7 Musician Takes to the Stage

Year 7 student Edward performed drums for the Thetford pantomime! He's worked hard with lots

of rehearsals over the last few months and they performed Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. His mum said he did an amazing job, and he has to do it all again this weekend too!

Tickets are still on sale if you want to see Edward and the cast in action! [Hansel & Gretel at Carnegie Room, THETFORD](#) [TicketSource](#)



### Indoor Athletics Competition News

Two Year 7 teams went to Finborough School on Wednesday 21 January to compete in an Indoor Athletics competition. They had some fantastic results, and we were very proud of both their individual and team efforts!



Congratulations to the U13 Girls Indoor Athletics Team who had a strong performance, finishing second in the competition.



### Message from Ed's Eco-Club

Each year the RSPB ask people to engage with the Big Garden Birdwatch, a scheme to monitor the population of our local bird species. It only takes 1hr and is a lovely way to spend time relaxing outdoors and to help engage our young people in local nature. Please click the link to register and take part.



### Let's Talk About Anxiety: Parent and Carer Guidance

Anxiety is a natural response to everyday difficulties. It's normal for children and young people to feel anxious about certain things – just as it's normal for parents and carers to worry about their children. Most children and young people who are experiencing anxiety don't require specialist help. A good deal of what parents and carers already do can be helpful.

Normalising anxiety, helping your child to understand their own anxious feelings, and providing support and encouragement can make a big difference.

However, parents and carers, don't always know if their child is anxious and how they can support them, or what to do if their child's anxiety doesn't get better.



This guide from Anna Freud will give you a greater understanding of anxiety and how to navigate this tricky time. [Parental Guide](#)

### Important information regarding Household Support Fund discretionary grant: [Parent Letter](#)

#### Photography Competition 2026

The Old Burians' Association photography competition is still live! Your child has until 28 February to be in with a chance to win a cash prize!

 **Old Burians' Association**  
Former Students of King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds 

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026



# “My Suffolk”

**PRIZES**

Fourth Prize	£10
Third Prize	£20
Second Prize	£30
<b>FIRST PRIZE</b>	<b>£50</b>

The winning entries will be published in the 2026 “Old Burian” Magazine and on the [www.oldburians.org](http://www.oldburians.org) website

**ONE ENTRY PER PERSON**

**IMPORTANT:** You can use your artistic skills to manipulate your photo with Photoshop™ or your favourite program, but the entry **MUST** be based on a photograph taken by you. We reserve the right to ask to see the original, un-manipulated image with proof of the date taken, camera used, etc., in cases of doubt.

**HOW TO ENTER**

Send your photo as an attachment (any common picture format, but at least 1600x1200 pixels, please) to: [OBphotocomp@mail.com](mailto:OBphotocomp@mail.com) by 28 February 2026

**Don't forget -**  
Please include:  
Your full name  
Your date of birth  
Your college  
The date your photo was taken (must be between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026)



# FAMILY PARK COOKING



**16th - 20th February**  
**Across Suffolk**  
**10:00-15:00**

\*Subject to availability

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 County Council eligibility criteria

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**FREE\* BOOK NOW** 





# ADVENTURE DAYS

**AGES 8-12 YEARS**



**16th - 20 February**  
**Across Suffolk**  
\*subject dates apply  
**08:30-16:30**

Come to life in the great outdoors this February half term 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.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

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



Deri O'Regan

**Dates for your Diary**  
Term dates 2025-2026 & 2026-2027  
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.

<b>Thurs 29 Jan</b>	<b>Year 9 Parents' Evening - in person</b>
Mon 2 Feb	Year 7 & 8 EHCP & Pupil Passport meetings
Tues 3 Feb	Year 9,10 & 11 EHCP & Pupil Passport meetings
Tues 3 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Thurs 5 Feb	Year 9 Options Evening
Fri 6 Feb	Student UN Climate Change Conference - Online
Mon 9 Feb – Fri 13 Feb	NEA Y11 Practical Exam
Mon 9 Feb	Open Mic night 4.30-6.30pm
Tues 10 – Fri 13 Feb	Barcelona Trip
Tues 10 Feb	Azores Trip - Parent Information Evening
Tues 10 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Wed 11 Feb	Careers Fair
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>Report 2 Available on Go 4 Schools</b>
Mon 14 – Fri 20 Feb	Ski Trip
<b>Mon 14 – Fri 20 Feb</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>

Thought for the Week:

**Care is: serious attention, especially to the details of a situation or thing.**

## Cambridge University Dictionary

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