



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to every parent that has been working so hard to support us this term. It makes such a difference when parents engage and support the school, empowering us to provide the very best education we can for your children. As we reach the midpoint of the school year, please ensure that you have accessed your child's school report on Go4Schools (via the webpage, not via the app). These have been published today for all Year Groups. You should have received an email detailing how you can access your child's reports. Please contact data.manager@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk if you have not been able to access your child's report.

When reviewing your child's report, please start by looking at **attendance**. Over 1000 students at the school have 96% or higher attendance. If your child's attendance is below 95%, please prioritise raising this. The single biggest thing you can do to support your child's education is increasing their attendance. If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please reach out to their Tutor in the first instance but also to other staff members connected to your child, to work collaboratively to improve things.

The next thing to focus on is **effort**. Effort is reported in three grades per subject: Behaviour, Classwork Effort and Independent Learning (homework).

Please click the link below for more information on how you can monitor and support your child with their homework: [Homework - King Edward VI School](#).

Please direct any concerns about attainment to your child's subject teacher or the Head of Department in the first instance.

Careers Fair

On Wednesday, we held our annual Careers Fair, full story and pictures are on page 2.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations 3 March

The Year 8 HPV Vaccinations are taking place in school on Tuesday 3 March. Please can all parents ensure they have completed the consent form provided by the NHS team via 'MAVIS'. This is particularly important if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, as the NHS vaccination team will be attending the school for the whole day and will see all students in Year 8.



Open Mic Night

Thank you to the Music Department for another super Open Mic event: [CLICK HERE](#) for an end of half-term treat.



Handball Success

The U15 Boys' Handball Team were brilliant this week. Four years, and still no losses! Scores were: 4-1 vs Ormiston Sudbury and 10-0 vs Mildenhall. Well done boys!



Barcelona

Hello from Spain! Our students and staff arrived safely and enjoyed a warm, leisurely stroll on 'la playa'. More details and photos are on the [King Edward VI School Facebook Page](#)



Careers Fair

On Wednesday, we held our Annual Careers Fair in school. We had 23 stallholders in attendance, from 16 different industries including: Uniformed Services, Animal Care, Performing Arts, Computing, and Engineering.

The Careers Fair is designed to give students an early look at a wide range of jobs, industries and future possibilities. It helps them start thinking about what they enjoy, what they don't, and what might be right for them in the future. Many students aren't aware of all the options out there,



so by introducing these ideas in KS3, we hope they feel more confident and better prepared when making decisions about their next steps.

Well done to Dominik and Seth, who successfully completed EDF Energy's "Great Nail Puzzle" where students needed to balance 13 nails on the head of a single nail sticking out of a block of wood. This showed great team-building and problem-solving skills!



Our stallholders shared some wonderful feedback, praising our students for their politeness, enthusiasm and the thoughtful questions they asked.

A huge thank you to our student helpers, Alfred, Bella, Elijah and Ashlyn, who managed morning sign-in and showed attendees to their stalls.

They were a polite and friendly presence, giving visitors a great first impression of the school and represented us brilliantly. Thank you to our IT team for providing essential assistance in the morning, and to Sara Rodriguez for your continued support during the event.

Food and Nutrition Department

Welcome to the students joining us on the new rotation for Food and Nutrition this week. We are looking forward to helping your child learn more about food, nutrition and of course, cooking with them. Letters have gone home regarding monetary contributions to help us pay for student ingredients. We currently provide all ingredients, and each student makes a small portion to eat at the end of the lesson. We would love to continue to do this, reducing your stress of buying and weighing ingredients the night (or morning) before the practical and to be inclusive for all students. Please do help us by making your payment for this rotation. We ask all students to bring a tub/container to take their cooking home in each lesson please. Thank you in advance. Year 11 NEA practical exams have been underway this week, we can't share this work with you just yet, but here's a snippet from other Year Groups this half-term... Best wishes from the Food and Nutrition team



Free Family Wellbeing Workshop



Click the link below to find out more about the Family Wellbeing workshop run by Suffolk Mind. The workshop is for both parents and children, aimed at providing practical tips to try when a family is experiencing anxiety, anger or worry. [Family wellbeing workshop \(free\)](#)

An Enriching Week of International Exchange

This week, we were delighted to welcome five students from Shenzhen, China to King Edward VI School. Throughout their stay, our visitors were fully immersed in school life, integrating seamlessly into lessons and enthusiastically embracing a wide range of activities. Their openness and curiosity made them a pleasure to host, and it was wonderful to see them engaging so positively with our community.



Each day, they were supported by members of the China Lunchtime Club, who demonstrated outstanding leadership, kindness and maturity as they guided and accompanied our guests throughout the week. We extend our sincere thanks to these students, who were superb ambassadors for our school and exemplified the very best of our values.



We are also extremely grateful to the many staff and students whose support ensured such a rewarding and enriching experience for our international visitors. In particular, we thank the teachers who so warmly welcomed the students into their lessons and enabled them to participate fully in classroom life.

This exchange has provided a meaningful opportunity to build lasting friendships and further strengthen our global connections. The week concluded with a final day of lessons followed by a special Farewell Lunch with members of the China Lunchtime Club — a fitting celebration of new friendships and shared experiences.

We wish our friends a safe journey home and every happiness until we meet again.



Welcoming International Students from Italy

From Monday 2 to Friday 6 March 2026, King Edward VI School, in partnership with Bury Language School, will be delighted to welcome 12 visiting students from Italy to our school community. During their visit, the students will integrate into lessons and take part in a range of activities, while also shadowing members of the China Lunchtime Club and other KEVI students each day. This immersive experience will give our visitors a real insight into school life at KEVI

and provide valuable opportunities for cultural exchange.

A huge thank you to all KEVI students for their support in helping our visitors feel welcome — a wonderful example of leadership and collaboration in action. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Data Team, IT Team and Reception Team for their invaluable assistance in preparing for the successful integration of our visiting students. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This visit promises to be a rewarding experience for everyone involved, offering opportunities to build lasting relationships and create unforgettable memories.

Fancy Being an International Host?

Host Families Wanted
Bury St Edmunds Area!

We'll soon be welcoming a lovely group of Chinese students aged 11-15 who will be integrating into a local school from 31st May to 12th June, and we're looking for friendly individuals or families to host them during their stay!

Hosting details:

- £30 per night per student
- Tax-free income
- Students will be out on organised day trips during the weekends
- Ideally hosts who can take 2 or 3 students at a time (camp beds can be provided if needed)
- A great cultural exchange experience

Interested or want more info?

- Comment below
- send us a message
- email us at: office@stneots-ec.com

Thanks so much – please share!

SEND Assessments

We would like to share a brief update regarding ADHD assessment requests. Firstly, congratulations to those families who have recently been informed that their child will be progressing to assessment. We recognise that for many of you this has been a long journey, and it is encouraging to see assessments now being processed much more quickly. For some families who have been waiting up to three years, this progress is particularly welcome.

Over the past two weeks, we have experienced a significant surge in requests for school reports and observation forms to support these assessments. The volume has increased to a level that is, nearly unmanageable. While we are very pleased that referrals are moving forward, the short turnaround times combined with the high number of requests have placed considerable pressure on the Learning Support Team, who are keen to help.

To ensure we can provide thorough, high-quality information for each child, we will need to prioritise completing the current backlog of requests over accepting or completing new ones for the next few weeks. Our hope is that by focusing on clearing this backlog now, the overall process will become smoother and quicker for everyone moving forward.

As the school will be closed for the upcoming half-term holiday, we will not be able to process any requests during this time. We will resume working through existing and new requests as soon as we return to school.

We truly appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued partnership. Please be assured that we remain fully committed to supporting every child through this process and will complete all required documentation as promptly and carefully as possible.

Message from Safeguarding



Safer Internet Day 2026 took place this week on Tuesday 10 of February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day explored the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

As AI technology is increasingly part of all our lives, following on from our Internet Safety

assemblies this week, we would like you to have a conversation about how to use it safely and responsibly with your child at home.

The following link includes top tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe online: [Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a wonderful half-term.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. O'Regan' followed by a horizontal line.

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.	
Fri 13 Feb	Report 2 Available on Go 4 Schools
Mon 16- Fri 20 Feb	Half Term
Mon 23 Feb	Students return to school
Mon 23 – Fri 27 Feb	PraySpace
Tue 24 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Thurs 26 & Fri 27 Feb	Duxford
Mon 2 March	Science Trip Live
Tue 3 March	Design museum trip
Tue 3 March	HPV Vaccinations - Year 8
Tue 3 March	Taster Tuesday
Wed 11 March	Shrek Drama Trip at Abbeygate Sixth Form
Thurs 12 March	ESU Performing Shakespeare Competition

Thought for the Week:

A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.
Colin Powell (USA Politician)

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