

Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

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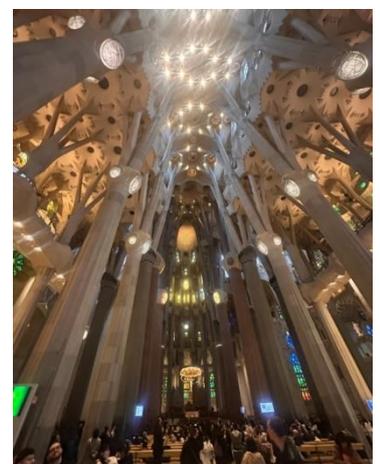
Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to report that both our skiers and our estudiantes de español had a super time in Austrian and Barcelona. Thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff who took them out there, during the holidays. More details below:



Year 11 GCSE Exam Entries Information

Further to the communication sent out before half-term, whilst most parents have viewed the entries information for their child, only 26% of the students have viewed their copies and confirmed their entries, name's and any other arrangements are correct. It is very important that students take the time to check this information to ensure that their exams information is correct. Please encourage your child to log in to their student email and complete this confirmation. Changes required nearer to exams time are more difficult to complete, and may involve additional costs. Thank you.



Barcelona Trip

The students conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the entire school trip to Barcelona, representing the school with maturity, respect, and enthusiasm. They embraced every cultural opportunity—from exploring Gaudí’s architectural masterpieces to navigating the vibrant streets of the Gothic Quarter—with genuine curiosity and openness. What was especially impressive was their confident use of Spanish in real-life situations, whether ordering food, asking for directions, or engaging with local people. This not only strengthened their linguistic skills but also deepened their cultural understanding, making the trip both enriching and memorable for everyone involved. Their teamwork shone particularly during the cookery class, where they collaborated beautifully to prepare a traditional paella, demonstrating cooperation, communication, and a real willingness to learn.

Click the link to a brilliant video by Mr Last:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iD1OTQ-4q78>

Ski Trip 2026

Following an extended stay in Austria, the ski trip returned on Monday. We were fortunate to have fantastic snow conditions throughout, and the students made excellent progress with their skiing while representing the school brilliantly. A huge thank you to all the staff, students and parents whose support made the trip such a success. Please keep an eye out for details of the 2027 ski trip — coming soon!



Year 7 Football Team

The King Edward VI School Year 7 produced an outstanding performance to secure an emphatic 5–1 victory over a strong St Joseph’s Ipswich side. King Edward started with real intent. The team played with energy and confidence from the first whistle, setting the tone early and putting St Joseph’s under pressure.

Defensively, centre backs George and Toby were excellent throughout, dealing calmly with any threats and providing a solid platform for the team to build from. In midfield, debutant Mario stepped in and impressed, showing great work rate and composure to help drive King Edward forward.

The teams attacking play was sharp and clinical, taking their chances well to build a commanding lead. Despite St Joseph’s pulling one back, King Edward remained in control and finished the match strongly to seal an impressive 5–1 win. Goals from the Connor, Antek, two from Mason and a goal on his debut for Albie.

A superb team performance and a result the boys can be very proud of.



PraySpace 2026

PraySpace have been in school all week, in the Foundation Room. It has been popular with students and staff of all faiths and none. The quiet and wonderfully sensory atmosphere led to much mindfulness and contemplation. Thank you Deputy Headteacher Bev Tucker for supporting with the logistics and thank you to the PraySpace team: Gavin & Nicola and all from Bury Christian Youth and Alice our school Chaplain!



Reminder - YR 8 Vaccinations - Tuesday 3 March

Please can all parents ensure they have completed the consent form provided by the NHS team via 'MAVIS'. It is also important your child comes into school wearing a short sleeve shirt and has had something to eat before they arrive at school.

From Garden Club

With spring planting in mind, Garden Club would be very grateful of donations of **any small plant pots** (6-12cm diameter) that anyone has for the potting up of seeds and seedlings. If you have any you can to give us, please drop them off in reception OR send them in via your child to be taken to **Ms Ambrose in B102**. Thank you.

Suffolk Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) Easter Delivery coming soon



Suffolk HAF programme will be going live for the Easter Holidays on **28 February 2026**. Activities will be live for booking from this date. Suffolk HAF provides activities for families who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals (FSM).

Families can book via our [booking system Eegu](#) (all sessions include a healthy meal). Families can browse our HAF listings (via the link above) between now and the 27 February 2026. HAF have some provision for children with SEND or who require support but are not eligible for FSM (with a referral form). Please contact them (via the email below) if you would like to know more details. To contact Suffolk HAF directly with regard to any questions or issues, please email: HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk.

Our SEND Advocates

We are delighted to share that a group of SEND advocates ideas are having a meaningful impact beyond the classroom. Following thoughtful and creative work, the group's app idea, designed to support neurodivergent people, is now being developed further. This inspiring project reflects

our students' empathy, innovation, and commitment to making a positive difference for others. We are especially proud that their work champions inclusion, helping to create a community where everyone feels understood, supported and valued. The students involved were:

Eddie, Noah, Hazel, Poppy, Sylvia, Sophia Baylee, Emma, Harrison, Tamsin.

SEND Survey



From teens to adults
Take the survey to shape support for young people with SEND in Suffolk

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Teenagers and young adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), along with their parents, carers, and guardians, are encouraged to take part in a countywide [survey](#) to help improve support for young people as they move into adulthood.

Hosted by Healthwatch Suffolk on behalf of the Local Area Partnership for SEND, the survey offers an important opportunity for young people and families to share their experiences of local SEND services. The Partnership includes organisations such as Suffolk County Council and the NHS, working together to strengthen support across the county.

The survey is open until **9 March 2026** and is available to:

- Young people aged 13–25 with SEND
- Parents, carers, and guardians supporting a young person with SEND

Taking part ensures that more families can have their say and helps us design services that enable young people with SEND to thrive in adulthood.

Survey links:

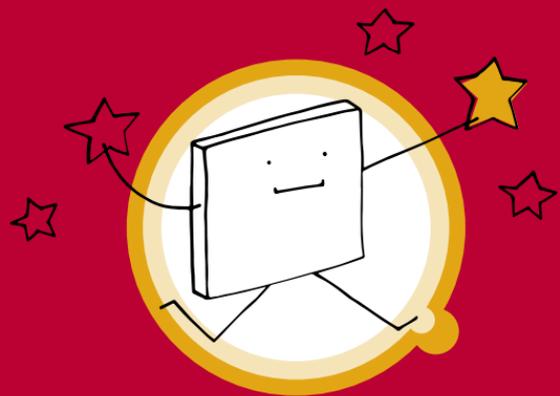
- Ages 13–20:
www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PfAfeedback/
- Parents/carers/guardians:
www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PfAParentFeedback/
- Ages 21–25 conversation sign-up:
<https://healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk/pfesignup/>

SEND Parent Guide

The EPIC Strategy booklet: A guide for parents of neurodivergent children

These strategies apply to all children but are particularly relevant to children with ADHD, autism, Dyspraxia/DCD and those born prematurely.

A teacher's version of this book is also available



Edinburgh Psychoeducation Intervention for Children and Young People® (EPIC)

Click the link below for a helpful guide for parents and carers: [A guide for parents of neurodivergent children](#)

Mental Health Resources



Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2026

This week (23 Feb – 1 Mar) is Eating Disorder Awareness Week, organised by Beat.

This year's theme is Community - celebrating the power of community and the vital role that those around us play in supporting someone through an eating disorder.

A Parent's Journey: Supporting a Child Through an Eating Disorder

Join Catherine, a trained New Maudsley Approach facilitator and parent who has personally navigated supporting her own child through an eating disorder. In this webinar, Catherine shares how the practical tools she gained from the approach, along with the layered learning and insights she developed throughout her family's journey which are so supportive to parents and carers in the same position.

31 Wednesday 4 March

🕒 2.00pm - 3.00pm

📍 Online, Free

Sign up to the webinar [HERE](#)

NHS Mental Health Workshops



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Emetophobia
- Tourette's Symptoms/Tics
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)



Please see details of the NHS free online parent/carer Mental Health workshops for the Spring Term:

[Parent/Carer Workshops Spring Term 2026](#)

Careers

Title: British Army - Seven Career Streams, Endless Opportunities

About: Join us this National Careers Week and International Women's Day for an inspiring webinar exploring the breadth of career opportunities within the British Army.

Date: Tuesday 3 March 6.30-7.30pm

Event Type: Virtual

Register Today: [HERE](#)

Title: Women in the Army – Real Stories, Real Impact

About: Join us for an online event celebrating women in the Army and the many career opportunities you can explore. You'll hear from soldiers and officers as they chat about their roles, the sports they get involved in, the places they've travelled, and how they balance Army life with family life.

Date: Wednesday 11 March 18:00 – 19:00

Event Type: Virtual

Register Today: [HERE](#)

British Sugar Apprenticeship vacancies

Are you interested in working for British Sugar? Vacancies include:

- [Process Engineering Apprentice, Level 3](#)
- [Electrical Engineering Apprentice, Level 3](#)
- [Electrical Engineering Apprentice – Customer Supply, Level 3](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering Apprentice, Level 3](#)
- [Control Engineering Apprentice, Level 4](#)

The starting salaries for the apprenticeships range from £25,000 - £27,000 and there are opportunities available for post-16, although all candidates will need to be able to travel to the workplace. Applications close on 5 April 2026. Click the link for more details: [British Sugar Apprenticeships in Bury St Edmunds](#)

Are You Interested in Working in Healthcare?

The NHS Allied Healthcare Work Experience begins this Sunday 1st March from 9:30am - 5pm. Year 10 and 11 students considering healthcare are strongly encouraged to register ahead of this weekend. A strong record of work experience is crucial to all allied health careers. During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. This session will be focused on Recovery and Rehabilitation: Strokes & Opioid Dependence. Students will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Throughout the programme, participants will gain insights into various careers, including:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications. Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 6-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs! Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and

technological costs. Sign up here:
<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

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You will be able to:

- **Explore** – our state-of-the-art campuses and industry standard facilities.
- **Meet** – our tutors and students, and get detailed course information.
- **Chat** – with our careers team – get careers information, advice and guidance to help you decide which course is right for you.
- **Discover** – everything you need to know from our Student Services Team about how to apply, additional learning support, finance and travel options to our campuses.

Pre-booking an arrival time is essential for all of our open events, so register your interest!

If you are unable to attend an open day, don't worry! All the information about our courses, including video introductions from our course directors, is on our website.

SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENTS

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

cwa.ac.uk/opacity



SAVE THE DATES!

<p>CAMBRIDGE</p> <p>Tuesday, 21 April 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>Thursday, 22 October 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>Saturday, 28 November 2026 <i>Morning places available</i></p> <p>WISBECH</p> <p>Thursday, 23 April 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>Thursday, 15 October 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>Saturday, 21 November 2026 <i>Morning places available</i></p>	<p>KING'S LYNN & SPORTS</p> <p>Wednesday, 29 April 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>Saturday, 17 October 2026 <i>Morning places available</i></p> <p>Wednesday, 11 November 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>DOWNHAM MARKET <i>(SEMH Provision only)</i></p> <p>Wednesday, 29 April 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p> <p>Wednesday, 11 November 2026 <i>Evening places available</i></p>
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Special Educational Needs (SEN) Learners: We have quiet time places available for SEN learners at most of our open events. These places are at the beginning of the events, before general admission starts. Select the SEN Quiet Time ticket to book your place.

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a springy 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 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
Mon 16 March	Tea and Talk Parent Meeting (SEN)
Tue 17 – Fri 20 March	MFL Speaking Tests
Thurs 19 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening – in person
Fri 20 March	GCSE Presenting and Performing Texts Drama
Tue 24 March	Spring Concert
Wed 25 March	GCSE Drama Trip
Fri 27 March	End of Spring Term

Thought for the Week:

**Spring is the time of plans and projects.
— Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina**

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