



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report that we had record numbers taking part in our latest Spring Music Concert with 108 students participating. We were treated to some phenomenal instrumental performances and heart-warming singing. Well done to everyone involved. Check out the Year 7 Choir performance on our school's Facebook page: [KEVI Facebook](#). Please see the Co-Curriculum offer [HERE](#) if your child wants to get involved with music. Our Foundation also fund music lessons for keen students who are prepared to put in the hard work to learn an instrument. Click the link below for more information: [King Edward VI Foundation](#)

Spelling Bee 2026

Our annual House Challenge Spelling Bee took place in the Library this week, bringing plenty of excitement as different year groups stepped up to the challenge each day.

From Year 7 through to Year 11, students impressed us with their confidence, determination, and incredible spelling skills. The atmosphere was lively and supportive, with lots of friendly competition and enthusiastic encouragement from the audience, making each round engaging and fun to watch.

A huge congratulations to all participants for giving it their all, and especially to our brilliant winners:

Year 7 – Oliver
Year 8 – Lloyd
Year 9 – Bella
Year 10 – Nandita
Year 11 – Maxim

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event — proof that spelling can be seriously exciting! We're already looking forward to next year.

Summer Finalised GCSE Exam Timetables

Emails have now been sent this week to students and parents/carers with the finalised GCSE timetables which will also now show rooming and seating. Please would you ask students to carefully check these timetables and come to the Exams Office as soon as possible with any queries. An exams assembly is scheduled for Wednesday 22 April, it is important all students attend this as vital information, with regards to the exams, will be shared. Students studying French, German or Spanish will receive separate timetables after the Easter holidays with timings for their speaking tests which run from 28 - 30 April, and all Art and Photography students will have been advised as to the days for their Art and/or Photography exams which start w/c 20 April.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Headteacher's TOP REVISION TIPS for Year 11s.



Easter Egg Hunt Celebration

On Thursday, a group of students enjoyed taking part in a special Easter Egg Hunt during lunchtime. Students were selected by their LSAs

to participate, recognising their positive efforts and contributions in school.

During the event, students searched for hidden chicks around the school grounds. Each chick they found could be exchanged for an Easter egg. The hunt was a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in a fun, seasonal activity while also celebrating their achievements. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the event.

We look forward to more activities like this to continue celebrating and rewarding our students' successes.



Year 7 Football Tournament

On Tuesday, the King Edward VI Year 7 football team travelled to Thomas Gainsborough School in Sudbury for a four-team tournament.



The squad were excellent throughout, winning all their games with strong, disciplined performances. They showed fantastic focus & attitude and were positive and respectful towards every opposition team. A special mention goes to Arthur, who made his debut after showing great commitment in training. Arthur and Frankie also volunteered to play an extra match for an

opposition side to help keep the tournament running smoothly; outstanding display of sportsmanship and team spirit from both players and a brilliant effort from the whole squad well done!

Year 7 and 8 Boys Basketball Teams

The Year 7 and 8 boys Basketball Teams played in a friendly match against Thetford on Monday. It was the first competitive match for many of the players, they worked hard, learnt a lot and enjoyed themselves despite narrowly losing both matches. Well done to the teams and well done also to the Year 9 students for officiating and running the scoring table.

Year 8 Boys Football

The team continue their successful season by beating Mildenhall 9-0 in the West Suffolk Cup semi-final. It was a dominant team performance with all players contributing. Goals were scored by Lucas, Tom, Josh W, Harvey x 2, and a hat-trick from Vinnie!



Kooth – Mental Health Resources

As we approach the Easter break and the height of the exam season, we know that many students will feel the pressure and may need some support.

Whether preparing for exams, about to sit an exam, or awaiting results; finding a moment of calm can really help manage any feelings of stress, worry, and fear they may be having. Kooth has a selection of resources to help and their calm zone hub is filled with relaxing activities such as calming meditations, activities, and tips to help them during this exam period.



[The Exam Stress Calm Zone - Explore Kooth](#)

The graphic features the Kooth logo at the top. Below it, a central box asks 'Exam stress getting to you?' and provides instructions to use a self-care bingo card. The bingo card consists of a 3x3 grid of boxes, each with an icon and a tip: 'Taking a moment' (pause icon), 'Mapping out your studies' (book icon), 'Moving your body' (person running icon), 'Take a break' (coffee cup icon), 'Journaling and music' (journal and headphones icon), 'Switching off' (sleeping face icon), 'Positive affirmations' (sparkles icon), 'Taking care of your needs' (heart icon), and 'Talking about what's on your mind' (speech bubble icon). At the bottom, it says 'For more support, go to kooth.com'.

are represented. AMR is a growing public health risk with direct relevance to schools. It affects pupil health, attendance, and long-term outcomes and contributes to increasing pressure on health services. Schools play a vital role in building early understanding of appropriate antibiotic use, reinforcing infection prevention, and supporting parents to make informed healthcare decisions. Leadership engagement is key to ensuring consistent, evidence-based messages reach the whole school community. We are reaching out to ask schools to support this work by:

- Sharing the attached quiz QR codes/links with staff for use in class, tutor time, or individual activities (younger pupils may need support).
- Sharing the quiz with parents/carers via your usual communication channels and encouraging their participation.
- The quiz will remain open until the start of the summer term.

Quiz for secondary school students:

<https://forms.office.com/e/H54cRq2LfA?origin=lpLink>

Quiz for parents/carers and school staff:

<https://forms.office.com/e/EjhQ61dmF6?origin=lpLink>

NHS Parent Workshops

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Understanding and Supporting Self-Harm
- Supporting your child to Manage Big Feelings
- Tools for Managing Worry and Uncertainty
- Supporting Teenagers with Emotions
- Supporting your child with Bereavement
- Supporting your child/Adolescent with Anxiety
- Managing Changes and Transitions as we enter the summer holidays



[CLICK HERE](#) for information on the upcoming parent workshops from the NHS.

Please see message below from the Suffolk County Council Health Protection Team:

Recently the Health Protection Team at Suffolk County Council invited schools to take part in a short quiz introducing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) to students, staff, and parents/carers. Nearly 800 responses were received, but participation across the county has been uneven. We are keen to ensure all school communities

The quiz provides instant feedback and is for students, parents/carers and staff linked to Suffolk schools only. Results will help us understand baseline knowledge across the county and inform the planned inclusion of AMR in education in readiness of AMR Week in November 2026. Thank you for your participation.

Learn Portuguese!

King Edward VI School are hosting Portuguese classes from September 2026. The deadline to enrol on a course is 31 May. Click the link below for more details:

<https://sites.google.com/view/epe2021/abertura>

Easter Holiday at the National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket

Click the link below for more information from the NHRM: <https://www.nhrm.co.uk/whats-on-events-and-exhibitions/>



We're having an
EASTER PAW-TY
 Everyone is welcome, especially your pooch!
FRIDAY 3rd APRIL | 10AM - 4PM
 NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM, NEWMARKET

Fun Dog Show | Dog Agility Demos
 Canine Crafts | Refreshments | Puppuccinos

ADULTS £6 | CHILD £4 | UNDER 3's FREE

SCAN the QR CODE
 to book your tickets NOW!

This event is not included with a Museum Annual Pass - event ticket prices apply.

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a wonderful Easter break.



Deri O'Regan

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EASTER PAW-TY AT THE NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM!

Entertainment begins at 10.30am
 Join us for a pet blessing by the Revd Su from our neighbouring All Saints Church.

Our Fun Dog Show will commence at 11.00am
 Classes range from the Best Rescued Dog, Fancy Dress (dogs and owners to dress up) and Easter PAW-TY Pooch of the Day.

Live Dog Agility Demo by Anglian Dog Works
 Watch as Anglian Dog Works members practise for real agility shows.

Take part in a variety of have-a-go opportunities
 in our Peter O'Sullivan Arena.

Get Crafting
 Free crafting station including badge making, colouring and dog bandanas.

Bouncy Castle & Facepainter

Browse our stands, for you and your 4-legged friend
 Including pet portraits, professional photographer and refreshments available to purchase throughout the day.

FUN DOG SHOW - CLASSES

FROM 11AM	FROM 2PM
1 Puppies under 1 year old	7 Trainer's Dog
2 Prettiest Bitch	8 Trick for a Treat
3 Most Handsome Hound	9 My Best Friend
4 Golden Oldie	10 Fancy Dress
5 Best Rescued Dog	11 Best of The Rest
6 Sausage Dog Star	12 Easter PAW-TY Pooch of the Day

Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th place.
 Entry to each class is £2 - available to purchase on the day.

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 27 March	End of Spring Term
Mon 30 March – Fri 3 April	Azores Trip
Mon 13 April	Summer Term Begins – all students return to school
Mon 20 – Fri 24 April	Year 11 Art and Photography Exams
Mon 27 April – Fri 1 May	Art and Photography Moderation
Tues 28 – Thurs 30 April	MFL speaking tests
Thurs 30 April	GCSE PE Moderation (Examiner)
Mon 4 May	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 7 May	GCSEs Begin

Thought for the Week:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

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