



# 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

### Enterprise Week 2026



As the first Enterprise Week at King Edward VI School, we have been delighted by the enthusiasm and engagement shown by our students whilst taking part in a wide range of

activities designed to develop the skills they will need for their education, training and careers.

Throughout the week, students have had opportunities to strengthen key employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, resilience and confidence, while gaining a greater understanding of the opportunities available beyond school. Alongside employability and personal development activities, Year 8 students also took part in GCSE taster sessions, helping them make more informed choices about their subject options.

### Hot Weather next week and Uniform

Following the success of wearing PE kit this week, and the smartness of our students, we will be permitting students to wear kit again next week, due to the hot weather. Please ensure that students are wearing the correct PE uniform (black shorts/skorts). Students can also choose to wear normal uniform if they so choose. See PE uniform guide link below:

[PE-UNIFORM-GUIDE.pdf](#)

Normal Sanctions will be in place next week for students either not in the correct uniform or PE Kit.

The programme has provided valuable experiences that will support students in planning their next steps and developing the qualities employers value. We look forward to building on the success of this inaugural Enterprise Week in the years ahead and continuing to shine a spotlight on the importance of employability skills, helping to prepare our young people for life beyond school



A particular well done goes to our Year 10 students who spent the week on work experience placements. We hope they gained valuable insight into the workplace, developed new skills, and enjoyed the opportunity to explore areas of personal interest. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.

One employer, hosting three of our students said "I wanted to let you know that your students have shown great maturity and a proactive, "can-do" attitude. They have been friendly, respectful, and have participated in all aspects of the role with great enthusiasm. They are a credit to themselves and to King Edward VI School."



### Celebration of Achievements:

This week we have celebrated the achievements of students in Years 8. It was wonderful to share our celebrations with our wider community of parents and governors. We are looking forward to celebrating with Years 7, 9 and 10 next week.



### Duke of Edinburgh 2026

### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh 2026



The 57 Bronze DofE participants rose to the challenge of their 2-day qualifying expedition in Thetford and the surrounding area with enthusiasm and determination. Despite exceptionally hot conditions, they managed themselves responsibly by staying hydrated, taking advantage of rest opportunities, and supporting one another throughout the journey. They demonstrated growing confidence in map reading, route planning, and time management, successfully completing their planned routes. At camp, teamwork was particularly evident during cooking tasks, with pupils sharing responsibilities, helping one another prepare meals, and working together to ensure everyone was fed and ready for the next day. Their resilience, cooperation, and positive attitude made the expedition a successful and enjoyable experience for all involved.



## Silver Duke of Edinburgh 2026



The 31 Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants performed exceptionally well during their three-day expedition in the Peak District. Throughout the challenging journey, they demonstrated excellent resilience, teamwork, and determination while navigating a variety of terrain. Their map reading and navigation skills were impressive, with groups successfully following their planned routes and managing their time effectively to reach checkpoints and campsites as scheduled.



At camp, pupils showed great independence by pitching tents efficiently, preparing and cooking their own meals, and taking responsibility for their equipment. They supported one another throughout the expedition, working together to overcome challenges and maintain high spirits. Their positive attitude, strong communication, and commitment to the expedition made the experience a great success and reflected the values of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. All participants should be extremely proud of their achievements.



### **Last day of term**

Reminder – Friday 17 July is the last day of term. Please note that the students will be finishing at 1.20pm on that day.

Here comes the summer!



### **GCSE Results Day**

**Year 11 results day this year is Thursday 20 August 2026. Students' results will be available to collect from school from 9am - 11am.** Students can log on to their Go4Schools account from 10am to also view their results. An email with more detail will be sent out next week to all parents/carers. Please also ensure that you update any change of address with the school, as GCSE certificates will be delivered to school in November and then sent out to the addresses we hold on our system at that time.

## Football:

Walsham Le Willows Wanderers under 13s are looking for players in year 8 of September



## Explore outdoors with AC Leisure:

AC Leisure pleased to share an exciting range of free activities available over the Summer holidays for children and families who are eligible for Free School Meals.

### • Family Park Cooking (Families)

Families will take part in an outdoor cooking session over a campfire. Each family participating will receive a food box with ingredients for five healthy meals to prepare at home, along with recipe cards.



### • Adventure Days (Ages 8-14)

A full day of activities (8:30am-4:30pm) with breakfast, lunch and snacks, including axe throwing, archery, swimming, bread making, kite making, and more.



All activities must be booked via Eequ and are subject to a verification check.

Free places are primarily intended for children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals, however, we will also consider applications from young people who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (Pupil Premium – excluding KS1 universal FSM)
- Looked After Children (LAC)
- Subject to a Child Protection Plan
- Refugee status

To book any of the above activities please follow the link below:

<https://www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF/>

## Adventure Days with additional SEND support –

Bury Leisure Centre – 22<sup>nd</sup> July & 11<sup>th</sup> August  
Haverhill Leisure Centre – 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August  
The Jarman Centre, Newmarket – 4<sup>th</sup> August  
Mildenhall Scouts – 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Hadleigh Sea Scouts – 28<sup>th</sup> July  
1<sup>st</sup> Combs Scouts, Stowmarket – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Sudbury Scout Hut – 24<sup>th</sup> July

\*SEND Supported sessions will run: There is ONLY Additional SEND support on the dates listed above: on these days we provide an extra instructor increasing our ratio from 1:10 to 1:5 to provide a little extra support to those that need it. Children will still be expected to be independent and manage their own behaviour and interactions with other children as set out in our behavioural policy.

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## Wild Summer Sessions with the Green Light Trust

[Wild Summer Frithy Poster.pdf](#)



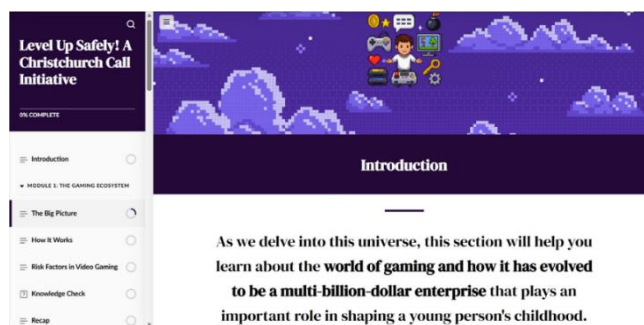
## Suffolks' Healthy Child Services

Please see the link below for a message from Suffolk County Council Public Health, Communities and Public Safety team. They are inviting parents, carers, young people and families from across Suffolk to take part in a public consultation on proposed changes to the Healthy Child Service.

Your voice matters, and they would like to hear from you.

[Parent-Carer Email.pdf](#)

## Keeping young people safe online



Keeping young people safe from potential online harms is critical. That's why, through its Catalyst programme, the [Christchurch Call Foundation \(CCF\)](#) is leading a project to develop practical solutions to a growing and troubling convergence: the intersection of online violent misogyny, technology facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV), and violent extremism. There are only few programmes globally that directly address these links between violent misogyny online and violent extremism. Catalyst is changing that. [Previewing Catalyst's New Online Learning Tools for Parents, Educators, and Moderators to help Tackle Violent Misogyny & Extremism Online](#)

Level Up Safely! by the [Christchurch Call Foundation](#) is an e-learning course, designed by experts for parents, guardians, educators, and caring adults. Across five interactive modules, available on demand at your pace, you'll learn:

- What the world of online gaming looks like today, with simple explainers to break down the gaming ecosystem

- How online harms, including harassment, bullying, violent misogyny, and violent extremism, can impact children and young people
- Evidence-based warning signs to look out for
- Practical advice for having challenging conversations with young people
- Support and referral pathways if you need further help

This course aims to improve your knowledge, understanding, and strategies to build your confidence in helping the young people you care for navigate online gaming spaces more safely.

### Bury Theatre Workshop

Please see the flyer below about a production by the Bury Theatre Workshop.

**The Merry Wives of Windsor**  
By William Shakespeare  
Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds  
(below the rose garden)  
Tues 28 July - Sat 1 August 2026  
Performances start 7 pm, 2 pm Sat matinee

The roguish Falstaff is at it again in this classic comedy. BMI-challenged Falstaff attempts to seduce the already married Mistresses Page and Ford but quickly learns that he is in for more than he bargained for as the two women team up to teach him a lesson. Full of trickery, secrets, and disguises (and a song or two!) Can love win out over jealousy? And what's with the washing basket?

Bury Theatre Workshop perform 'Merry Wives' in their trademark 'Elizabethan' costume and style. Come and enjoy the fun in Bury St Edmunds' lovely Abbey Gardens!

Bring your own chairs or blankets and why not bring a picnic?  
Arrive early and dress appropriately!

Tickets from [burytheatreworkshop.org.uk](http://burytheatreworkshop.org.uk) or 'on the door' (yes, we can do contactless!)

**PRICES**  
Tuesday 28th July £10  
Weds 29th to Fri 31st £16  
Sat 1st August matinee £10  
Saturday evening £10  
Under 21s any performance £5  
Under 12s free.

### Shakespeare in the Park 2026

Tuesday 28  
July -  
Saturday 1  
August  
2026

7 pm  
Saturday  
matinee 2 pm

Abbey Gardens  
Bury St Edmunds

Buy tickets here (or on the door)

Bury Theatre Workshop  
[burytheatreworkshop.org.uk](http://burytheatreworkshop.org.uk)

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

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| <b>Dates for your Diary</b><br>Term Dates <a href="#">2025-2026</a> & <a href="#">2026-2027</a><br>Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website. |                                                                         |
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| Celebration of Achievement – Y8                                                                                                                                                             | Monday 6 July                                                           |
| Celebration of Achievement - Y10                                                                                                                                                            | Monday 13 July                                                          |
| Celebration of Achievement - Y9                                                                                                                                                             | Tuesday 14 July                                                         |
| Celebration of Achievement - Y7                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday 16 July                                                        |
| End of Term                                                                                                                                                                                 | Friday 17 July<br>Students will be dismissed at 1.20pm                  |
| School Closed                                                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday 2 September and Thursday 3 September –<br>Staff Training Days |
| Term Starts – Year 7 Only                                                                                                                                                                   | Friday 4 September                                                      |
| Term Starts                                                                                                                                                                                 | All year groups                                                         |

Thought for the Week:

**Celebrate what you've accomplished but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed."**



**Mia Hamm**

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