



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please see the link below to a letter confirming our Uniform requirements from September – Thank you

[uniform requirements Sept 2026.pdf](#)

Goodbye...

At the end of this academic year we have the following staff leaving us. We wish each one of them good luck with whatever comes next and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school.

Mrs Tucker - Deputy Headteacher
Miss Blair - SEND Lead
Mrs Chadwick - Data Manager
Miss Compton - Teacher of English
Mrs Cook - Teacher of PE
Mrs Grant - Teacher of Food & Nutrition
Miss Gull - Teacher of Philosophy & Ethics
Mr Hepper - Pastoral Support Manager
Miss Maxwell - Teacher of Visual Arts
Mrs Norris - Teacher of Science
Mrs Rodriguez - Librarian
Ms Stevens - Teacher of Psychology & Sociology

Transition Days



On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July, we were delighted to welcome approximately 243 Year 6 students to KEVI for their induction days. Across two wonderful days, students immersed themselves in a range of team-building activities, explored our school site, met new friends, sampled lessons from our broad and exciting curriculum, and took part in reflective sessions with our Mental Health Team focusing on managing nerves, building resilience, and embracing new beginnings. They even found time to enjoy pizza together in the shade of our beautiful school grounds.

Quite simply, the students were an absolute delight. From the moment they arrived to the moment they waved goodbye with huge smiles on their faces, our new Year 7s embodied the very best qualities of our future KEVI community. We were so impressed by their curiosity, demonstrated through the thoughtful questions they asked in lessons; their kindness and care in getting to know students they had never met before; and their courage in embracing new experiences – whether that was using Bunsen burners in Science or stepping out of their comfort zone to start conversations with new peers.

Their creativity shone brightly too, from crafting miniature wooden robots in Design Technology to producing beautiful pastel artwork in Art. Every member of staff commented on what a wholesome, enthusiastic and delightful group they are, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have shared these first steps of their secondary school journey with them.

We cannot wait to welcome them back in September and officially begin the next exciting chapter of their journey as members of the KEVI family.



Celebration of Achievements:

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



Bawdsey Manor

We had a successful trip away at Bawdsey Manor, where students took part in a range of exciting activities designed to develop teamwork, resilience and confidence. Many embraced opportunities to step outside their comfort zones and showed great determination when faced with new challenges. The high ropes course and rifle shooting were particular highlights, amongst lots of memorable experiences. Despite the hot weather, students remained positive, engaged and willing to get involved. It was fantastic to see them supporting each other

and making the most of the opportunity. A big well done to all who came on the trip.





Paris Trip

The students conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the entire school trip to Paris, representing the school with maturity, respect, and enthusiasm. They embraced many cultural opportunities—from exploring **the architectural** masterpiece, the Eiffel Tower to discovering the iconic Parisian landmarks located on both banks

of the famous river Seine. What was especially impressive was their confident use of French in real-life situations, whether ordering food, asking for directions, or engaging with local people at the legendary theme park, Asterix. 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 unfortunate cases of sickness, where they cared for each other and showed a lot of kindness.

<https://youtu.be/5tFPXYs2T8Q>



Return in September

Year 7s return on 4 September 2026.
All other students return on Monday 7 September 2026.

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.

Bury Theatre Workshop

English teacher Meg Reynard is performing in the Merry Wives of Windsor next week in the Abbey Gardens. Tickets are only £5 for those under 21 years old and free for under 12. Tickets are available here: [New Productions | 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 or 'on the door' (yes, we can do contactless!)

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

Creative Writing Competition With Bury St. Edmunds Literature Festival!

Details here: [Children's Writing Competition 2026 | Bury St Eds Lit Fest](#)

"Have you read a book that you loved so much you wish it went on forever? Imagine the story didn't end on the last page. What happened to your favourite characters after you closed the book? Did they live happy ever after? Is there another adventure to be had?"

WRITE A STORY or POEM
800 WORDS (+ up to 4 PICTURES)
to
WIN
100+ BOOKS for your school
See your work published in the Bury Free Press
up to £50 in BOOKS and TICKETS for you!
to see AUTHORS at Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival.
plus
an Edward Penman badge
& discounts on Festival tickets for your grown-ups
See details of prizes



Follow the link for details of offers and programmes at Banham Zoo this summer
[Summer Holidays | Banham Zoo](#)

Best Start Family Voice Network

The Best Start Family Voice Network is independently hosted by Knowing Works CIC on behalf of Suffolk County Council. The network is open for parents and carers to get involved in research and co-production to develop the Best Start Family Hubs service.

It would be much appreciated if school leaders could share information about the network with parents/carers. Please find below (via the link) a communication pack, which schools can download information/graphics from.

[Best Start Family Voice Network - Communication pack](#)

Contact: Luke Bacon at
research@knowingworks.co.uk

Safeguarding during the summer holidays

During the school holidays, the safeguarding team only monitor their email address, periodically. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

For other serious or urgent issues, contact Suffolk County Council children's services directly on 0808 800 4005 (this is a freephone number).

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support.

Parents wanting advice can also contact the Young Minds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you an amazing summer.



Deri O'Regan



ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON?

IF YOU SEE OR HEAR SOMETHING THAT WORRIES YOU

 Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership

0808 800 4005

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2025-2026 & 2026-2027	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.	
End of Term	Friday 17 July Students will be dismissed at 1.20pm
School Closed	Wednesday 2 September and Thursday 3 September – Staff Training Days
Term Starts – Year 7 Only	Friday 4 September
Term Starts	All year groups Monday 7 September
School Photos Y7-Y10	Monday 7 September
Year 7 Parents Evening - Tutors	Wednesday 9 September
Year 11 Success Evening	Thursday 10 September

Thought for the Week:

Champions keep playing until they get it right.
— Billie Jean King

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