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

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2!

Remembrance Service



I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the exemplary conduct shown by our Year 9 and Year 10 students during Friday's **Remembrance Service**. Throughout the event, students demonstrated great maturity, respect and reflection, contributing to an atmosphere that was both dignified and meaningful. Their engagement with the occasion reflected the values of our school community and ensured that the significance of remembrance was honoured appropriately.



Particular thanks goes to those students who played a direct role in the service itself. Whether singing as members of Ex Silentio, taking part in the procession, or delivering readings, they approached their responsibilities with confidence, professionalism and great respect. Their contributions helped bring the ceremony to life and created powerful moments of reflection for all those in attendance. We are incredibly proud of the manner in which they represented themselves and the school throughout the event.



The service also provided a valuable reminder of the importance of our longstanding relationship with St Edmundsbury Cathedral. As a Church of England school, these opportunities to come together in worship, reflection and remembrance are an important part of our shared identity and values. The service included a moving act of remembrance for former students of the school who lost their lives in conflict, helping our current students to reflect on the sacrifices made by previous generations and the enduring importance of remembrance. We are grateful for

the continued support of the Cathedral and value the strong partnership that enables our students to participate in such meaningful occasions. The Remembrance Service was a fitting example of how that relationship enriches the life of our school community.



Welcoming our International Visitors from Spain



From 9 November to 20 November 2026, we are delighted to welcome students and accompanying staff from Spain to King Edward VI School as part of our ongoing commitment to international collaboration and cultural exchange.

During their visit, our Spanish guests will experience life at King Edward VI School, joining lessons, meeting students and taking part in a range of school activities. Our International Ambassadors will act as buddies, helping our visitors settle in and make the most of their time with us.

The exchange offers a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop their cultural awareness, build new friendships and celebrate the diversity of our school community.

We look forward to giving our visitors a warm welcome and sharing what makes our School so special.

¡Bienvenidos a King Edward VI School!

Green Council News

The new academic year has allowed new volunteers to join the weekly Green Council where we are already getting involved in sustainability initiatives. The first term has allowed us to set our yearly targets but to also continue collecting, sorting, and sending old writing instruments to be recycled. As a school of nearly 1200 pupils, the number of pens entering the recycling scheme has greatly improved due to the efforts of teachers and pupils within our school community. Very well done to the Green Council for taking the time to sort these pens.



Active Travel Ambassadors news

After the success of our first year participating in Active Travel with the external organisation Modeshift and Suffolk County Council, we are delighted that so many volunteers wish to be part of Year 2. We held our first event in October where we reviewed Year 1 and discussed our plans for the forthcoming year. Due to the hard work of our Year 1 volunteers and Ms Granger, we have received our first accreditation as a school, in recognition of our efforts to make travel more active for all. We are looking forward to another year of trying to improve our school's sustainability initiatives.



P E Reminder

We would like to celebrate a brilliant start to the school year, with students demonstrating excellent effort, attitude and resilience in their PE lessons.

To help continue this positive start, please encourage your child to take responsibility for bringing their full PE kit on the days they have PE.

We would also kindly ask that students continue to bring their PE kit even if they are feeling unwell or have an injury. They will be fully supported by staff and can take on an alternative role within the lesson where appropriate, ensuring they remain involved in their learning.

Thank you for your continued support. The full PE uniform and kit policy can be found on the school website under the **PE Subject** section.

School Flu Vaccinations 18 November

The school flu vaccination team will see **all Students** Years 7 and 10 PLUS catch-up vaccinations

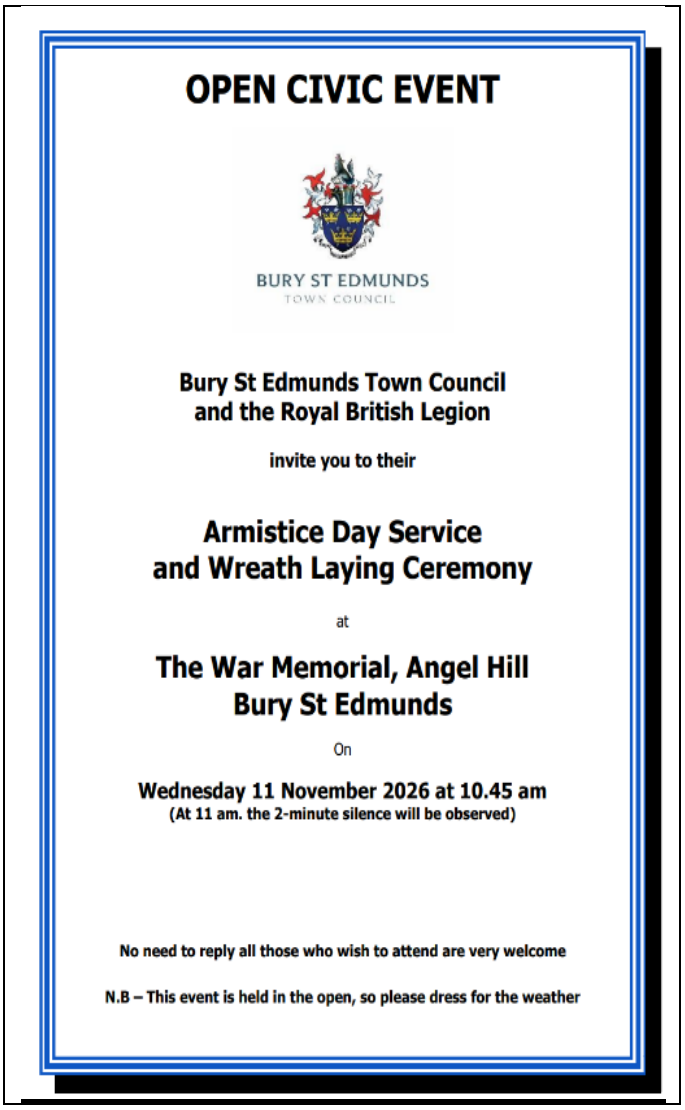
Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals Eligibility

As a result of changes to Free School Meal eligibility introduced in September 2026, there have been changes to eligibility for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. Children and young people receiving Targeted Free School Meals are automatically eligible to access HAF-funded activities during the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays.

Lunchtime Supervisor opportunities

We are looking for people to join our lunchtime team - 1 hr 15 mins a day. If interested, and you'd like more details, please email recruitment@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.



OPEN CIVIC EVENT

BURY ST EDMUNDS
TOWN COUNCIL

Bury St Edmunds Town Council and the Royal British Legion

invite you to their

Armistice Day Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony

at

The War Memorial, Angel Hill Bury St Edmunds

On

Wednesday 11 November 2026 at 10.45 am
(At 11 am. the 2-minute silence will be observed)

No need to reply all those who wish to attend are very welcome

N.B – This event is held in the open, so please dress for the weather

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice & Support Service

sendiass

SENDIASS news and information items

Help shape our service – surveys to find out priorities for our service

We want to hear from children, young people and families, about what matters most to them.

Feedback will help us develop our service and resources.

Surveys are available in a range of formats to meet different needs

Find out more and take our survey

Deadline for applying for a primary school place – information for families



Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are due to start primary school in September 2027. You can apply for a school place from 1 November 2026.

The deadline to apply is 15 January 2027.

The admissions process is different for children and young people who already have EHC plans.
However, if you have requested an EHC needs assessment, or this is underway, do still apply through admissions, as there is no guarantee the assessment will lead to an EHC plan.

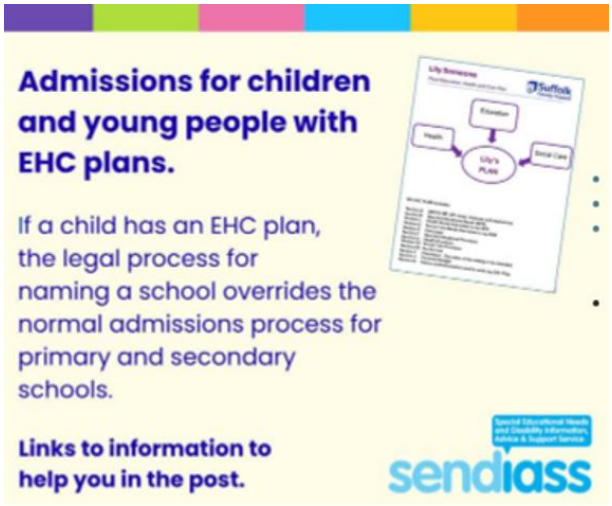
Local authority admissions information:

- Apply for a primary school place 2027/2028 - Suffolk County Council

SENDIASS information to help you:

- Choosing a school for a child with SEND - Suffolk SENDIASS
- Transition tips (changing school or key stage) - Suffolk SENDIASS
- SEN Support - Suffolk SENDIASS
- SEN Information Report - Suffolk SENDIASS

Admissions for children and young people with EHC Plans:



If your child has an EHC plan and is moving school (whether this is at the end of a key phase or not), you will receive a new draft EHC plan and you will be asked which setting you would like to be named.

We have information to help families of children with EHC plans –

- Choosing and requesting a setting to be named in an EHC plan - Suffolk SENDIASS
- How do I ask for a setting to be named in an EHC plan?
- Amended EHC plans for transfer between phases of education - Suffolk SENDIASS

IPSEA information:

- Choosing a school/college with an EHC plan | (IPSEA) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice

However, if you have requested an EHC needs assessment, or this is underway, do still apply through the normal local authority admissions, as there is no guarantee the assessment will lead to an EHC plan

Home to School travel for children with SEND



If you believe your child needs help with transport to school because of their SEND needs, the following information may help you:

- Travel - Suffolk SENDIASS – SENDIASS webpage information
- Post 16 travel to education for young people with additional needs – SENDIASS video
- Travel_and_transport_16_easy_read_revised_March_20261.pdf- our easy read leaflet

- SEND Travel – Suffolkonboard – local authority information
- Home - Independent Travel Toolkit – toolkit coproduced with children and young people, Suffolk Parent Carer Forum and the LA Engagement Hub.

Events – see link below:

View our autumn sessions

21 Young Hearts – drop-in:



Next week we're at 21 Young Hearts Community Café 😊

Location: 20 The Square, Martlesham Heath, Martlesham, Ipswich IP5 3SL

Date and Time: 2nd November, 9:30am – 11:30am

Come and join us over a cuppa - we'll be here to listen to you and offer information and advice.

21 Young Hearts is a Community Interest Company (CIC) based in Suffolk.
Their mission is to encourage, empower, and support young people with disabilities into the workforce by providing meaningful employment and volunteering opportunities.

Their goal is to build core life skills in a supportive and inclusive environment.

We look forward to seeing you there!

St Nicholas Hospice Care



Join us on 7 November for a magical evening beneath the historic skyline of the Abbey Gardens.

With spectacular fireworks, food and drink, fairground rides and family entertainment, it's set to be another fantastic community event. We're delighted to be working alongside St Edmundsbury Theatre Services and Bury St Edmunds Town Council to bring the evening to life.

Advance booking is recommended as numbers are limited.

Abbey Gardens Fireworks 2026 | St Nicholas Hospice Care

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



Mr T Grey
Interim Headteacher

Dates for your Diary Term Dates 2026-2027 Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.	
Whole School Flu Vaccination	18 November 2026 Remaining students only
Autumn showcase	10 November 2026
Year 10 PSHE Day	11 November 2026
Year 11 Mock Examinations	16 Nov – 27 Nov 2026
Year 7 Parents Evening	26 November 2026
A Christmas Carol Performance	2 December 2026
Year 11 Celebrations Evening 25/26 Cohort	1 December 2026
GCSE Theatre Royal Performance	10 December 2026
Year 11 Art and Photography Mock Examinations	14 – 17 December 2026
Carol Service	15 December 2026 7pm
Christmas Lunches	16/17 December 2026
Autumn Term Ends	18 December 2026

Question of the Week:

Anti Bullying Week: What should we do when we see bullying?

All past issues of this Newsletter are available on our website.