



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

After a full week back, I can report classes have established an excellent learning ethos and settling down to their programs. Teachers are reporting that we have an excellent new intake plus older students have returned from the summer well refreshed and ready to go.

All Year 11 parents should attend the Year 11 Success Evening next week, 6-7.30pm to find how to support their child during this important year. The Year 11 team will be there to answer questions and deal with any concerns which have been raised at this early stage in Year 11.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Volleyball Club Friday lunchtime in the Dome

Our extracurricular offer can be found on the school website [HERE](#). Please sign your child up to the after-school events. This is not essential

Shanghai Visit – September/October 2024

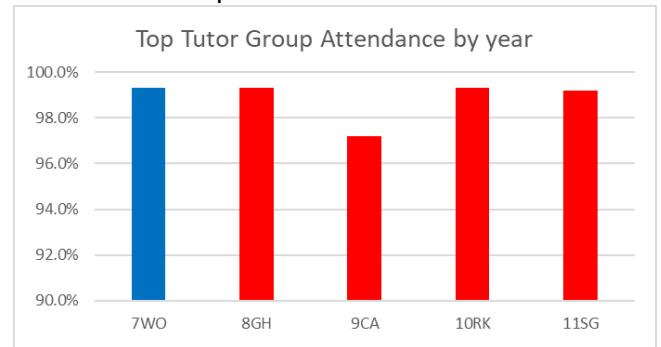
Join us in welcoming our Chinese guests from 30 September to 5 October 2024.

We are planning a variety of activities, meals and trips during this week and would like to invite you to take part in giving our guests an experience they will enjoy and remember. Click the link below to find out how you and your child can get involved:

[Shanghai Visit – Parent Letter](#)

but helps with supporting attendance and engagement.

Well done to Rose House for nearly getting a clean sweep – come on Crown and Lion!



Attendance

The Department of Education have changed their rules for applying penalty notice fines for children missing school. There is now a single consistent national rule for when a penalty notice should be issued. Click the link below from Suffolk County Council on behalf of the Government, outlining the sharp increase in penalty notice costs for repeated unauthorised absences over the course of **three years** of schooling. Charges to parents will be significant for term-time holidays and even higher if repeated in **subsequent years**.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset->

[library/summary-of-national-framework-for-school-penalty-notice.pdf](#)

The Department for Education does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

- **First Offence** - A Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.
- **Second Offence (within 3 years)** A Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - A Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case could be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in Criminal records and fines of up to £2,500. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please contact their tutor in the first instance to discuss how we can help and support. The earlier we intervene, the more successful we are likely to be with removing any anxiety they have around attending school.

Regardless of your views on the fines please appreciate that if some children are missing from a class, then the teacher needs to reteach the content of the lesson at some point later in the year. This has a negative impact on the learning of all children in the class. It is for this reason that all children should be in school every day. Please support the learning of all children in your child's class by not taking holidays or mini breaks during term time and avoiding all non-essential absences.

Student Magazine is back!

Look out for the first edition of the Student Magazine. Students wanting to write for the school magazine should speak to Ms Warner.

Lost Property

Please remind your child to check lost property, next to Student Services, for any misplaced items.

Vacancies

Click the link below for more opportunities to work at KEVI. We are looking for Learning Support Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors. [Vacancies - King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](#)

SEND Advocates



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recruit 10 SEND
Advocates

**JOIN
NOW**

We are looking to recruit 10 SEND Advocates, who will work with Ria Taher from the Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Hub.

The SEND Advocates will:

- Attend a monthly meeting and be a student voice
- Promote inclusion in the school, through assemblies, tutor activities, social media and much more
- Be a Year 6 mentor during the transition process
- Help to educate and inform the school community

Students have been sent an email about how they can apply for the role.

Creative Writing

Joe in Year 8 submitted a poem to Bury Lit' Fest's creative writing competition and came first place in category age 11-13. We are incredibly proud of his achievement. Please see his entry below, Finch's Lullaby.

Finch's Lullaby
by Joseph, Age 12

Come, little fledgling, hatch from your egg
Curled up inside, all beak, wing, and leg
Soon you will enter the mossy wooden cell
But for now you remain in the safety of your shell

Come, little fledgling, find your feet
Your mother and father will help you to eat
Soon you will leave the door of the nest
But for now, little fledgling, you need to rest

Come, little fledgling, learn to sing
On house and tree let your notes ring
Soon you will leave through the darkening door
But for now, little fledgling, tweet, chirp and caw

Come, little fledgling, dance through the night
Past sleepy windows, out of sight
Soon you will find yourself behind locked doors
But for now, little fledgling, avoid death's claws

So, come, little fledgling, hatch from your egg
Enter this world and its joys I beg
Soon you will discover the wonders of life
But for now little fledgling remain far from strife

Local Events



Audition applications are now open for Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmund's 2024 pantomime of Aladdin.

Auditions will take place on the 21 September between 9am and 3pm.

Applicants must be aged 9 – 18.

For more information and to sign up to audition, please visit <https://theatreroyal.org/news/aladdin-pantomime-young-company-auditions/>

Youth Club

Teen Chill is a project whereby Abbeycroft has been funded by Suffolk Police Crime Commissioners, West Suffolk Council and in partnership with Bury Town Council to provide young people with a safe environment to socialise on Monday evenings. 'Teen Chill' provides a service for young people in Bury St. Edmunds and immediate surrounding areas. Sessions are not structured, instead they allow young people to choose what you want to do...or do nothing. But if you do want to get involved, there's plenty to do and you can suggest activities that you'd like to see added.

- Sports
- Music
- Computer Games Consoles
- Tuck Shop.

The Teen Chill sessions take place on Monday evenings, 7-9pm at New Bury Community Centre, BSE, IP32 6TD. £1 entry fee.

First session is FREE OF CHARGE.
Turn up and pay!

World Suicide Prevention Day



In line with World Suicide Prevention Day on the 10 September, we would like to highlight some free certificated Suicide Prevention Training, which should take about 30 minutes to complete. We believe suicide is preventable and that sometimes all it takes to save a life is a conversation. Please follow this link if you would like more information.

NEW Suicide-Awareness-Training: Zero Suicide Alliance

NHS Parent Workshop

A blue banner for NHS Parent Workshops. The text reads 'Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops'. It lists upcoming virtual workshops: Anxiety, Big feelings, Low mood, Sleep, Emotion regulation, and Eating difficulties. The NHS Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust logo is in the top right. A circular image shows three young people walking on a street. At the bottom, it says 'Book onto a free workshop here: www.nsfh.uk/workshops'.

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a productive weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. O'Regan'.

Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2024-2025. Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
Mon 16 Sept 24	School Tours for Year 6
Wed 18 Sept 24	Y11 Success Evening - 6-7.30pm
Thurs 19 Sept 24	Y7 Welcome Event at the Cathedral
Fri 20 Sept 24	Battlefields Trip
Mon 23 Sept 24	School Photos
Wed 25 Sept 24	Y10 Success Evening
Wed 25 Sept 24	School Tours for Year 6
Mon 30 Sept – Fri 4 Oct	Shanghai Visit
Tue 1 Oct 24	School Tours for Year 6
Wed 2 Oct 24	Year 11 GCSE Drama Assessment
Fri 4 Oct 24	KS4 Design & Manufacturing Trip
Fri 4 Oct 24	Royal Ballet School Demonstration
Fri 4 Oct 24	The Future of Work - Trip to WSC

Thought for the Week

Develop enough courage so that you can stand up for yourself and then stand up for somebody else.

Maya Angelou

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