



## 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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**Friday 15 November 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers

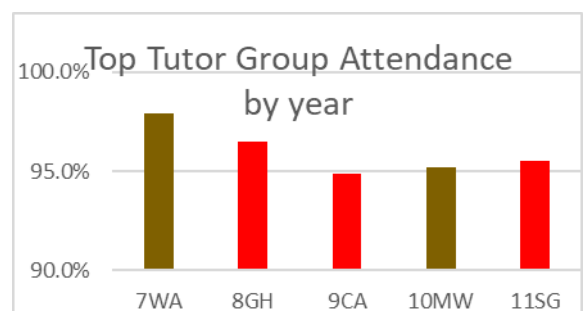


As you may be aware **OFSTED** visited King Edward VI School on 8 and 9 October. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of their final report.

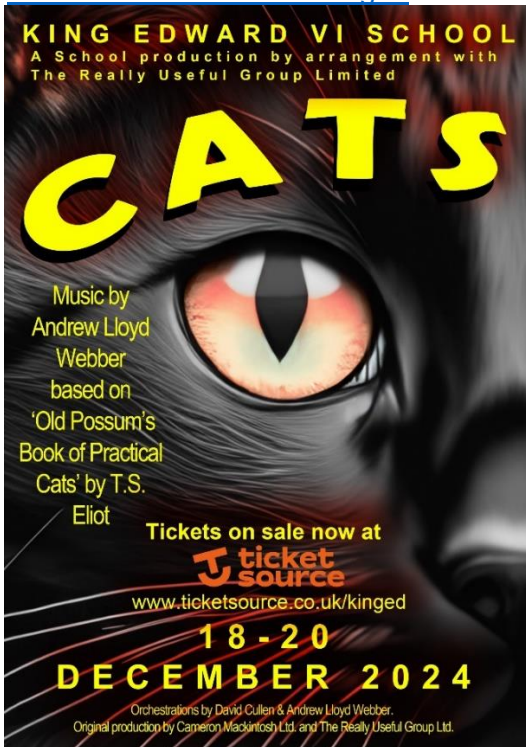
We are extremely proud of the high-quality work going on within the school and the positive improvements which have been recognised by this inspection. We are particularly proud that the inspectors have seen 'there is a culture of kindness and support' and 'there is a culture of high expectations'. We are pleased that the inspectors recognised that 'the school encourages pupils to identify their aptitudes and to further develop their talents and interests' and 'the atmosphere in lessons and around the school is harmonious and purposeful'.

Thank you to all parents who shared their views with OFSTED and encouraged their children to complete the survey.

**School is closed on Friday 22 to all students.**



**Tickets are on sale now!**  
Click the link to purchase your tickets:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinged](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinged)



### Remembrance Service 2024

King Edward VI School's annual Remembrance Service was held last Friday, 8 November, in St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

All of Year 9 and 10 were in attendance, alongside a group of Old Burians' who helped our student leadership team lay poppies for the men from this school who died in WWI, WWII and the Afghanistan war.

Members of Ex Silencio led the singing and Lewis Marshall played the Last Post. All students who came behaved impeccably and we're hugely proud of everybody involved.



### Remembrance Day Parade

The below photo was taken at the Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 10 November. A poppy wreath was laid on behalf of The Old Burians' Association by their representative David Blackmore and three students from our school. The Old Burians' Association said: *The students were a pleasure to meet - with their respective parents - and conducted themselves very well. They were a tribute to the School.*





Well done to all of you for representing the school!

### Under 15 Girls Football

The U15 Girls football were in action Castle Manor, after a tough 0-0 game the game went to penalties. The girls won 4-3 on penalties with some amazing saves from our goalkeeper Sofija. The girls are through to the next round of the County Cup.

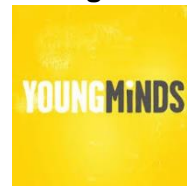


### Artist of the week

This week we have a selection of completed clay cactus sculptures from Year 9. Students have done a fantastic job building their sculptures and painting this week. We are looking forward to seeing more cactus for our end of year exhibition.



### Young Minds



Young Minds have a really helpful A-Z guide with a wealth of advice on how to help your child with their feelings and behaviour, as well as mental health conditions and life

events. [Parents' A-Z Mental Health Guide | Mental Health Advice | YoungMinds](#)

### Year 7 Boys Football

We've had a busy few weeks with over 40 different students representing the school across three different teams!

One team played in a tournament against Mildenhall and County High School and beat them both.

A second team lost a close and hard-fought game against Mildenhall in the West Suffolk Cup.

The third team have had 2 matches, beating Stowupland convincingly in the County Cup! They narrowly lost out on penalties to Stowmarket in the West Suffolk Cup.

We know that exams and tests are a stressful time for any young person and mood swings and outbursts are more likely to occur during this period.

Within this section of their website, you can find a wealth of information including their [Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

Look out for other signs that your child may be struggling, including poor sleep patterns or a change in appetite or behaviour. If you are worried about how your child is coping, this A-Z may give to some tips on how to help. Alternatively, don't hesitate to contact school and speak to the pastoral team.





**Old Burians' Association**  
Former Students of King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds



## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2025



This year's theme is:

# REFLECTION

### reflection

*HOBI*

1. the throwing back by a body or surface of light, heat, or sound without absorbing it
2. serious thought or consideration

### PRIZES

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Fourth Prize       | £10        |
| Third Prize        | £20        |
| Second Prize       | £30        |
| <b>FIRST PRIZE</b> | <b>£50</b> |

The winning entries will be published in the 2025 "Old Burian" Magazine and on the [www.oldburians.org](http://www.oldburians.org) website

**ONE ENTRY PER PERSON**

### HOW TO ENTER

Send your photo as an attachment (any common picture format, but at least 1600x1200 pixels, please) to: [OBphotocomp@mail.com](mailto:OBphotocomp@mail.com) by 15 February 2025

**Don't forget –**

**Please include:**

Your full name

Your date of birth

Your college

The date your photo was taken (must be between 1 June 2024 and 14 February 2025)

**IMPORTANT:** You can use your artistic skills to manipulate your photo with Photoshop™ or your favourite program, but the entry **MUST** be based on a photograph taken by you. We reserve the right to ask to see the original, un-manipulated image with proof of the date taken, camera used, etc., in cases of doubt.

## Local Resources and Activities

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS (LOWESTOFT)

In collaboration with Suffolk County Council and Adopt East



Face to face support group for adopters

Contact [cypsthepline@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:cypsthepline@suffolk.gov.uk) to register an interest



**NEW FOR Spring 2025!**

## LET'S TALK WITH 10-14s

An online practical course for parents and carers to support their child's transition from primary to secondary school, and study in Years 8 and 9.

- 5 x 2 hour Sessions
- Training Cost: **FREE**
- Course Manual: £15 + P&P



**Closing Date:**  
Friday 17th January 2025

**FOR BOOKING & QUERIES EMAIL:**

[alex.baker@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:alex.baker@suffolk.gov.uk)



### LET'S TALK WITH 10-14S

This practical course is designed for parents and carers but is also suitable for teaching assistants. Written by a speech and language therapist and two teaching advisors, these five two-hour sessions will explore the issues and challenges involved for a child and their family as they transition from primary to secondary school and on into Key Stage 3. The course workbook is full of strategies and activities with a particular focus on home work.

#### The aims are:

- To explore the link between language, communication, reading, writing, behaviour, learning and home work.
- To provide practical ideas to support children's learning particularly as they transition from primary to secondary school.
- To share ideas with other parents and carers.

#### Topics covered:

- What's happening when we communicate?
- Improving listening and understanding.
- Improving conversation and supporting social communication.
- Helping with homework and preparing for the new school/year.

The course encouraged us to think about and discuss ways to support our children with learning, communicating and organising themselves.


#### What the experts say:

"Written language can be limited by weak oral language skills"  
(Snow, CE, Porche, MV, Tabors, PO and Ross Harris, S 2007)

"In the secondary classroom, language is a fundamental skill for participation in, and access to, most aspects of the curriculum"  
(Wetherall D, Botting, N and Conti-Ramsden, G (2007))

Great Ideas for learning new topics and helping children to revise, loved the mind and word maps...

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|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Session 1 | Tuesday 4th February 2025  | 10am - 12pm |
| Session 2 | Tuesday 11th February 2025 |             |
| HALF TERM |                            |             |
| Session 3 | Tuesday 25th February 2025 |             |
| Session 4 | Tuesday 4th March 2025     |             |
| Session 5 | Tuesday 11th March 2025    |             |



**Suffolk County Council's**  
**FRIENDS AND NETWORKS**

Friends and Networks (FaN) is a new DfE-funded project, delivered through Suffolk County Council Inclusion Services. FaN supports school-aged children with emotional based school avoidance (EBSA) and/or special education needs and disabilities (SEND), who are experiencing difficulties in maintaining a full-time education placement or facing placement breakdown.

FaN offers a child-led approach to re-engagement, through activity-based, short-break sessions. Participants are supported to develop their skills and build resilience, in activities aligned to their likes and interests. We work closely with families and schools throughout, to encourage joint working towards shared goals.

Support through FaN is free of charge to children/families/schools. If you wish to find out more or refer a child to FaN, please contact: [friendsandnetworks@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:friendsandnetworks@suffolk.gov.uk), alternatively you can call Lauren Flood on 01473 264267, who is overseeing the scheme.

[www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk)

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**Follow our SEND Instagram page** [KEVI Learning Hub Instagram](#)

Everyone at King Edward VI is wishing you a happy weekend.



Deri O'Regan



**Suffolk**  
**Holiday Activity Programme**  
**West Suffolk Council**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the West Suffolk Winter HAF Timetable. Bookings will go live on Eequ on Wednesday 20 November, please see link below:

[Search learning experiences · Eequ](#)

| <b>Dates for your Diary</b>   |   |
|---|---|
| Term Dates <a href="#">2024-2025</a> & <a href="#">2025-2026</a>                        |   |
| Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website |   |
| Tues 12 Nov 24  | Autumn Concert, PAC, 7-10pm                     |
| Thurs 14 Nov 24   | Year 11 Mock Exams Begin                        |
| <b>Thurs 21 Nov 24</b>  | <b>School Reports Available on Go 4 Schools</b> |
| Fri 22 Nov 24   | School Closed – Teacher Training Day            |
| Wed 27 – Thurs 28 Nov 24  | Year 7 Parents' Evening                         |
| Tue 3 Dec 24  | Carol Service – Years 7 & 8                     |
| Tue 3 Dec 24  | Parent Focus Group Tea & Talk                   |
| Thurs 5 Dec 24  | Parent Connect                                  |
| Wed 11 – Thurs 12 Dec 24  | Christmas Lunch                                 |
| Fri 13 Dec 24   | Year 10 PSHE Drop Down Day                      |
| Mon 16 – Thurs 19 Dec 35  | Year 11 Art and Photography Mock Exams          |
| Wed 18 – Fri 20 Dec 24  | School Production of CATS!                      |
| Fri 20 Dec 2024   | End of Term                                     |

Thought for the Week

**We cannot have it both ways: if we are free, we are responsible: if we are not responsible, we are not free.**  
**Fulton Sheen**

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