



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 students are raising funds for Storehouse this year as well as collecting donations of food and everyday items.

What Do We Need?

- Food items that are non-perishable (food that does not need to be stored in a fridge or freezer): Tins, packets and boxes of food, treats, chocolate, biscuits, cakes, all within use-by/best before dates.
- Products for babies: nappies, wet wipes, jars of baby food.
- Toiletries: deodorant, cotton wool, ear buds, shampoo, bubble bath, toothpaste, soap, face cream.
- Anything else that you think a family may need in a food parcel

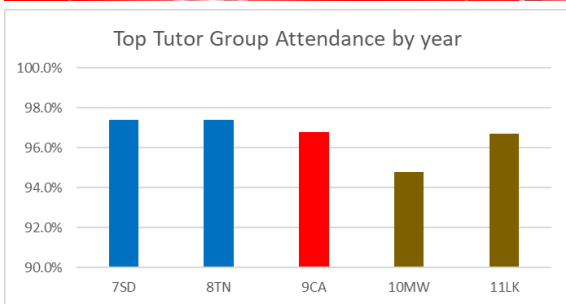
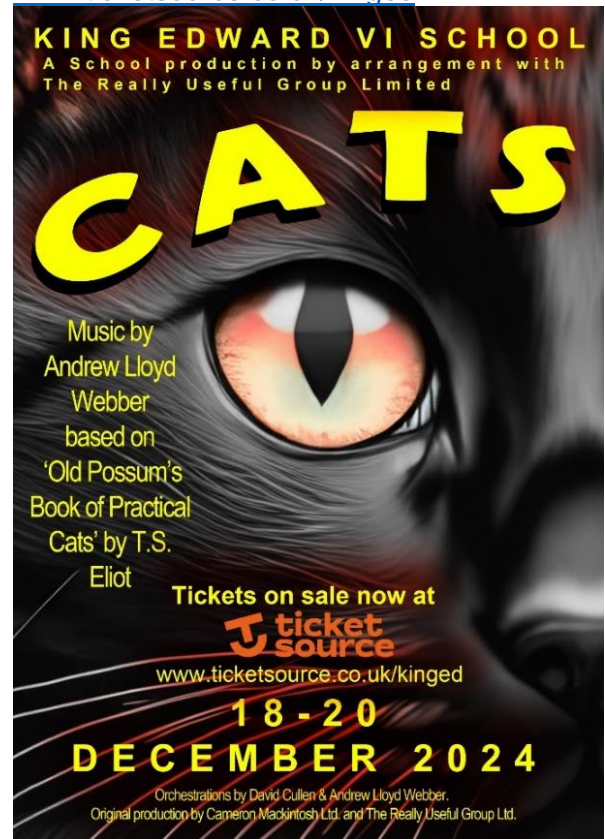
All students from all years can donate items for this important cause. Please can donations be dropped off to the Year 10 base, or to Reception.

Reminder: The last day of term is Friday 20 December. Students will be dismissed for the Christmas break at 1.20pm.

Tickets are on sale now!

Click the link to purchase your tickets:

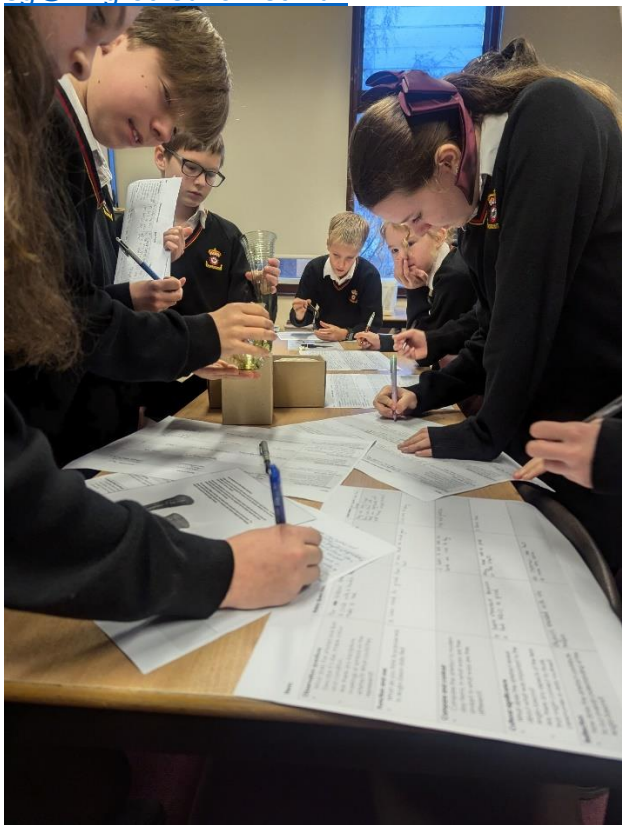
www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinged



West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

The History Department are thrilled to share that our new Year 7 enquiry on 'Does West Stow confirm or contradict what Bede says about the years after 410?' has been a huge success. Students were so excited to get their hands on real and replica artefacts from West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village. The entire year group conducted themselves brilliantly as they engaged with objects over 1,400 years old! This experience was only made possible by the generous support

of a parent who works in the heritage sector. We thank you Lance for your enthusiasm and work to help create these experiences in the classroom. If any parents want to reach out with other exciting opportunities, then you can email Mr Shaw, Subject Leader for History, using sg@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.



Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball team played against County High School on Monday and won with a huge score of 22-1. The girls had a great game and were all able to play in a variety of positions to try something new. A huge well done to all who played.



Under 15 Boys Rugby Team



The Under-15 boys rugby team delivered an outstanding performance at the Stowmarket schools rugby tournament, showing tremendous progress and determination. Facing strong opposition throughout, they played exceptionally well in their first three matches, narrowly losing to some very talented teams, despite putting in resilient and spirited displays.



In their final game against OSB, they rose to the challenge against the tournament's undefeated team, delivering a dominant performance that showcased their skill, teamwork, and sheer effort. The boys left everything on the field, securing a fantastic. It was a highly successful tournament, and the team should be immensely proud of their growth and achievements.



Kooth are pleased to invite you to their upcoming **KoothTalks** webinars for **professionals** and **families** on **Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)** and

emotionally supporting young people with **SEND/ ASN and Neurodiversity** scheduled for December 2024. All webinars are FREE and around 45 minutes in length, taking place across December 2024. The webinar is repeated so you/ families only need to book and attend 1 session. If none of the dates for either webinars are suitable, you can still register and choose the 'I can't attend the live dates' option in the forms below and you will be sent the recording after the live dates have passed to share with other families in your own time. **Families can join their EBSA webinar by registering [here](#).**

For students:

You may also be interested in registering your classes on to the 30-minute **KoothKlass** webinar about **Building Resilience**. Book your spaces [here](#)

If you've already signed up or plan to do so, please expect the joining link one day before the session.



Supporting reading and literacy at home

In school Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30pm
Contact Mrs Farrow if you would like to attend.
email: Fy@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk



SEND Parent

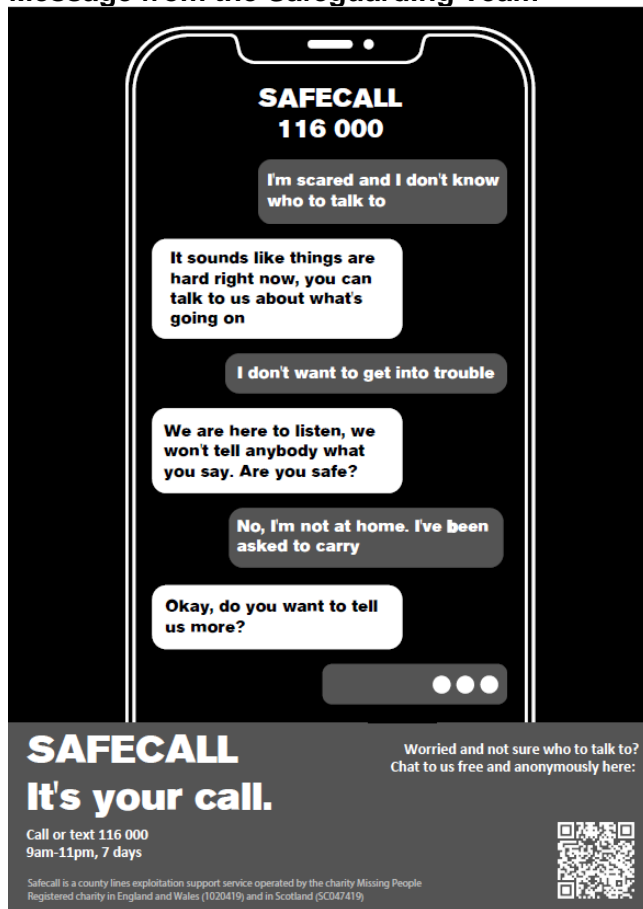
FOCUS GROUP

3rd December

4-5pm

In School - Meet in Reception

Message from the Safeguarding Team



SAFECALL
116 000

I'm scared and I don't know who to talk to

It sounds like things are hard right now, you can talk to us about what's going on

I don't want to get into trouble

We are here to listen, we won't tell anybody what you say. Are you safe?

No, I'm not at home. I've been asked to carry

Okay, do you want to tell us more?

SAFECALL
It's your call.

Worried and not sure who to talk to?
Chat to us free and anonymously here:

Call or text 116 000
9am-11pm, 7 days

SafeCall is a county lines exploitation support service operated by the charity Missing People
Registered charity in England and Wales (1020419) and in Scotland (SC047419)

In line with the current Suffolk Police campaign, we wish to draw attention to SafeCall a national county lines exploitation support service. What is Criminal Exploitation and County Lines? Criminal Exploitation: Being forced, threatened and/or blackmailed into criminal activity for someone else. This includes drug dealing, carrying weapons, stealing or using a person's bank account to transfer money gained from drug dealing.

County Lines: A specific form of criminal exploitation set up by gangs and organised crime groups to transport and sell drugs from one area to another. This could be over short distances in your own neighbourhood or hundreds of miles across the country.

SafeCall is a free, confidential and anonymous helpline and support service for young people and family members that are affected by missing, county lines and criminal exploitation.

The service is open 9am to 11pm; 7 days a week on 116000 or click the following link for more information [SafeCall - Missing People](#) or the leaflet link below, from Suffolk Police. [County Lines](#)

Year 11 leavers

If you had a child in Year 11 last year and they took GCSE Art and/or Photography, their work is now ready for collection. In order for a smooth running, ex-students will need to book a collection time slot on either Tuesday 3 December, Wednesday 4 December. Please ask them to contact Mrs Southgate jvs@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Message from Co-Op - Out Risbygate Street

There was an incident last week regarding a customer having a 'near miss' with a car that was parked in our carpark. Please can all parents be reminded the Co-Op carpark is for customers of both the Co-op and Opulence. There has been a rise in parents using the carpark as a pickup point for their children, the standard of parking has become unsafe leading to incidents like last week of where a customer was nearly hit due to the carpark being full and the cars all being parked unsafely. The Co-Op may begin using ANRP in the carpark if the situation does not improve.

Bury St Edmunds Festive Food Project 2024

The Festive Food Project funded by Bury St Edmunds Town Council is back this year to prepare 250 heat at home Christmas dinners for individuals who will be spending Christmas Day alone and living in Bury St Edmunds (postcodes IP33 and IP32)

If you know a family member, neighbour or friend who could benefit from this service please click the link to refer them below. [Reducing Isolation With Food Referral Form](#)

Support for Families

Families in need can also access food parcels in school via pastoral teams. Please contact your child's Year Team to make a request. There are also a number of foodbanks throughout West Suffolk, for further details on how to access the foodbanks please visit their website: [Food banks](#)

Free Christmas Holiday Activities 2024

If your child get means tested free school meals, then you can apply for a range of free activities for your family and children, see flyers for more details and [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



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CHRISTMAS FAMILY FOOD BOXES

18 locations across Suffolk
Sunday 22nd or Monday 23rd December

These boxes are for families that can't attend one of our Family Park Cooking sessions.

Receive all the ingredients for a Christmas dinner and Boxing Day lunch as well as a family activity pack to make an extra special Christmas!

One box per family

FREE
BOOK NOW



*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria. Boxes are limited and issued on a first come first serve basis. You must have a booking confirmation email to collect a box.

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ADVENTURE DAYS

AGES 8-12 YEARS

21st - 23rd December
*subject dates apply
08:30-16:30

Come to life in the great outdoors this Christmas and enjoy fire lighting and cooking in the wild, Archery, axe throwing and swimming, and much more.

With our Adventure Days happening across Babergh, Mid and west Suffolk, your child has the chance to unlock their inner explorer whilst fitting around your working hours.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria

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

Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2024-2025 & 2025-2026	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
Mon 2 Dec 24	Year 11 Big Question Day
Tue 3 Dec 24	Carol Service – Years 7 & 8
Tue 3 Dec 24	Parent Focus Group Tea & Talk
Thurs 5 Dec 24	Parent Connect (SEND)
Fri 6 Dec 24	Non-School Uniform Day
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 24	End of Term – 1.20pm
Mon 6 Jan 25	School Closed - Staff Training Day
Tue 7 Jan 25	Term Starts

Thought for the Week

**We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.
 Martin Luther King Jr**

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