



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support and patience as we raised standards within the school this term. Early signs are that our new behaviour strategy will really make a difference to the quality of education that we are able to provide here at King Edward VI School.

The Student Magazine - Christmas Edition

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Christmas edition of our student magazine, published on our website.

Cats!



Opening Night...the *Jellicle moon was shining bright* and although there were some nerves, the band, cast and crew delivered a performance full of energy, vibrancy and an atmosphere the audience, young and old were captivated by. Huge amounts of applause and tears shed for our poor **Grizabella the Glamour cat**, who wowed with her desperation and dramatic performances. The ensemble were beautiful to watch, as cats and kittens, commanded by **Old Deuteronomy**. We can't wait for the final performance tonight, and hope to see you there!

Spring Term begins on **Tuesday 7 January 2025** for all year groups. Please ensure your child is at school before 8.50am at the latest to start the new term. You should restock their pencil cases and check their uniform early in the holiday to allow time to get them ready for the start of term.



We received lots of positive feedback from the local primary schools who watched the show on Monday, including: "thank you from Sexton's Manor for the wonderful show today. It was really eye-opening for the children to see the brilliance of the musicians, actors and singers. Another triumph for sure!"



Netball

The Year 10 Netball team played an outstanding game against Stowmarket High School. They won 28-9. They are a superb team and amazingly undefeated since Year 7. I am so proud of all of you.



Tchoukball

Several students from King Edward VI school represented their country playing Tchoukball in Geneva on 14 and 15 December 2024. Some amazing results, including wins and draws against Hong Kong teams. Over 40 players from across the UK took part in 6 teams – brilliant to see Tchoukball UK doing so well at an international level. Congratulations to all who attended! You did yourself, your teams, and Tchoukball UK proud.



Back row – Henry Y10, Edward Y11, Toby Y9, Jack Y11.
Front row – Harrison Y7 and Sam Y9

Mathematician of the Term

Each half term, teachers within the Maths department are nominating a student from each of their classes to be placed in a prize draw. These students have been nominated for showing amazing effort and/or achievement within their Maths lessons since the beginning of the half term.

All students have received a certificate, the runner up from each year has received a chocolate bar and the winners from each year have received a chocolate bar along with a queue jump pass which allows them to skip the lunchtime queue on a day of their choice. Congratulations to all students who have been nominated.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Eleanor M	Gracie T	Maisie H	Greg T	Angus G
Millie A	Bella T	Poppy S	Bailey G	Brecken W
Ryan L	Tyler G	Bea J	Zoe C	Issy G
Carly A-J	Billy G	Bowen F	Mica-Lilly M	Abdul P
William M	Alarna S	Connor C	Gracie-Mai C	Lexie F
Ziv C	Prince W	Isaac K	Georgina L	Hannah G
Cordelia E	Amy K	Cleo R	Isabela G	Liam M
Hazel E	Seth C-W	Oliver S	Martina G	Aleisha B-C
Sophie C	Logan J	Samuel N	Maisie P	Summer S

A new round of mathematician of the term will take place before February half-term.

Year 7 termly update

Year 7 students have continued their positive start to King Edward VI School this half-term. They have collected an impressive 16,421 merits this term and have an average attendance of 96.5% - nearly 5% above the national average! Whilst the data is incredibly impressive, we are equally proud of the way they conduct themselves around school showing care, creativity and curiosity in their lessons and around school. All Year 7 students have shown excellent courage in the way they have started secondary school and have thrown themselves into many opportunities. It has been a joy to see how many Year 7s have represented the school in Sports, Music and this week in the Cats performance. The charity committee have helped to organise many events this term including the Halloween Disco, Christmas bauble painting and Festive Fun Run which have collectively raised nearly £600 for Cancer Research UK as well as raising money for their end of year Reward Day. This week we celebrated many individual and tutor group successes in our termly Celebration

Assembly. We handed out over 100 certificates as well as Amazon vouchers and sweets for merits, classwork, positive attitude to learning and for participation in the weekly tutor challenge. As we come to the end of the first term we would like to congratulate all Year 7 students on their hard work, effort and determination and wish you and your families a fun, restful and safe festive break.



Storehouse

A huge thank you for all the donations made for Storehouse Food Bank. We have been amazed by the kindness shown by you all and the number of donations we have received this year. The mini bus is full and ready to be delivered on Friday 20 December.

Message from the Eco Club

In an attempt to reduce waste from take-away boxes, we are encouraging students to bring in their own tupperware style food container. As an incentive, from January, any student who does this will be allowed to go to the front of the queue. We are trialling this in Le Bistro only for the time being. Please encourage your child to help us do our bit for the environment! Thank you from the Eco Committee!

Study Club Change

From January, there will be two options when booking a student into Study Club. There will be a booking option for a 4.30pm finish time and a different one for a 5pm finish time. This is for safeguarding purposes as well as to minimise disruption to the club. Please note that students will not be released at any other time. If there are occasional circumstances where a student will need to be released early, please notify the school.

Keeping children safe over the school holiday



Over the holiday period, if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, trust your gut instinct and report your concern.

Phone Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.

[Reporting a child at risk of harm, abuse or neglect \(safeguarding\) - Suffolk County Council](#)



Local Holiday Activities

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**Bury St Eds
Christmas
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUB**

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AGED 9-16 YEARS

MONDAYS - 23RD & 30TH DECEMBER
FRIDAYS - 27TH DECEMBER & 3RD JANUARY

10am - 3pm

MORETON HALL YOUTH CENTRE,
6 TALLOU COURT, BURY ST EDS IP32 7BF

FREE FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS, OTHERWISE £35 PER DAY
Healthy Lunch included

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a very merry Christmas!!

Deri O'Regan

HOLIDAYS AT ABBEYCROFT

Get ready to jingle all the way into a magical Christmas season!
From festive family fun to sparkling pool parties, we've got something for every little elf and merry mischief-maker!

- Soft Play
- XHeight Climbing
- Swimming^
- Petting Zoo
- Climbing Wall
- Explore Outdoor
- Racquet Sports
- Junior Gym
- Meet Santa*
- Christmas Pool Parties*

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^Kingfisher Pool is currently closed
*Not all activities are available at every site

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Dates for your Diary

Term Dates [2024-2025](#) & [2025-2026](#)

Additional information can be found on the [calendar page](#) of the website

Mon 16 – Thurs 19 Dec 24	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
Thurs 9 Jan 25	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Fri 10 Jan 25	Year 11 Mock Exam Results Published
Mon 13 Jan 25	EHCP Target Meetings Y7 & Y8
Mon 13 Jan 25	Pupil Passport Review
Tue 14 Jan 25	EHCP Target Meetings Y9, 10 and 11
Wed 15 Jan 25	Y11 Parents' Evening - IN PERSON
Thurs 16 Jan 25	Year 11 Parents' Evening - ONLINE
Wed 22 Jan 25	An Inspector Calls Trip
Wed 22 Jan 25	Poetry Live Trip
Fri 24 Jan 25	Year 11 Drop Down Day

Thought for the Week

**Gold is money, everything else is credit.
JP Morgan**

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