



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

We were delighted to host Bury St Edmunds new Member of Parliament, Peter Prinsley this week. He was keen to see lessons and meet lots of students. He was particularly interested (as a doctor) in the healthy food being offered and what we are doing to support mental health for students in school. The highlight for his visit was meeting our senior prefect team who put him through his paces with questions such as, 'What qualities do you need to be an MP?', 'How will you fix the NHS?' and 'How will you improve Bury St Edmunds?' He explained his ideas carefully and was keen to inspire our students to become the next generation of leaders and doctors.



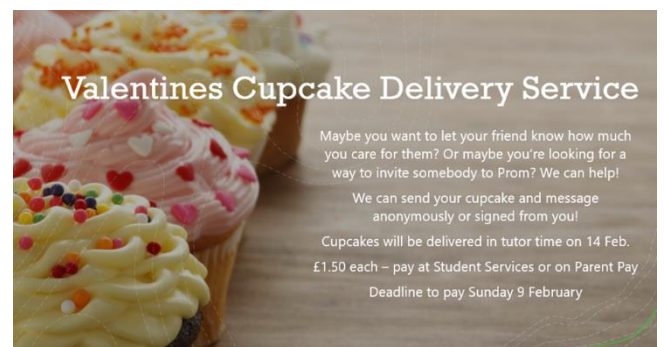
Senior leaders also met with him to lobby the government on behalf of funding for Suffolk Schools and ensuring we build a more inclusive education system which supports SEND students far better.

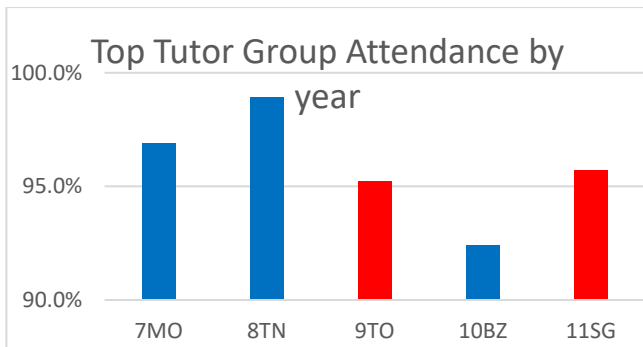
We look forward to seeing all Year 9 parents next Wednesday for the Year 9 Options Evening. This is essential for ensuring your child picks the right GCSE courses.

GCSE Resources and Interventions

Click the link for the Year 11 intervention timetable: [intervention-timetable-FV-5.pdf](#)

Click the link for GCSE revision guidance: [Key Stage 4 Success - King Edward VI School](#)





Join Our Maths Department Volunteers!

We currently have two wonderful volunteers in the Maths Department, their support has been incredibly beneficial. Their presence in lessons not only provides extra help but also brings a valuable parental perspective.

If you're interested in volunteering with us, please email wd@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk. You don't need to be a Maths expert—just bring a positive attitude! Even volunteering once a month would be fantastic, though once a week would be ideal.

Lost Property

We continue to make every effort to return lost property to their respective owners via their Year Teams and have a centralised location for lost property in school which is accessible before and after school, and during break and lunchtime.

Please could you make every effort to write your child/ren's name on their belongings, as many lost items have no name on them. If your child misplaces an item, please remind them to retrace their steps through the school and check in lost property to see whether it has been turned in. Please note, we are unable to retain items for longer than a term at a time, due to storage constraints. Therefore, please remind your child to regularly check lost property and pick up their lost items.

There is a Lost Property page on the school's website, where we upload photos as we receive items and remove photos when items are collected to assist students and parents in locating lost items: <https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/essentials/lost-property/>

Year 10 Design Museum Trip

On Monday, the Year 10 Design and Technology students visited the Design Museum in London.

The students explored the world of design through the Design User, Maker Exhibition and participated in a furniture-focused workshop. Students got to test some designer chairs, analysing their form and function and viewed some design classics from the twentieth century.



To top the day off, students had the opportunity to visit the current Tim Burton exhibition which was full of weird and wonderful designs; from props, costumes and model characters from many of his TV and Film creations including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Nightmare Before Christmas and Wednesday. A really enjoyable experience.



A14 delays - Monday 3 February

Suffolk Farmers Action will commence on Monday 3 February from 10am – 3pm. From Walk Farm Levington, IP10, to Bury St Edmunds, on the A14.

Boys Handball Team Success!

Our Under 14 Boys Handball Team battled it out with St Benedict's School winning convincingly 27-14. They're now through to the next round!



Girls Football Team Success!

Our Under 15 Girls Football Team are through to the next round of the County Cup after beating Samuel Ward 3-0. Rosie scored 3 goals and Lexie got 3 assists.



Boys Football Team – through to the Semi-Final!

The Under 14 Boys Football Team played a tough Breckland side battling until the end, eventually winning 2-1. They are now through to the Semi-Final of the West Suffolk Cup!



What is Doomscrolling

Doomscrolling is where someone gets caught in a continuous cycle of negativity whilst reading negative news online. Whilst doomscrolling is often intentional, it can also be a result of the decisions the algorithm makes and being led down a rabbit hole of doom. This can have ongoing effects such as anxiety and other negative effects on wellbeing. Internet Matters has a great article about doomscrolling, including things to look out for and advice for parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).



Important information regarding Household Support Fund discretionary grant

Suffolk County Council (SCC) are pleased to confirm that the Government announced a further six-month extension to the Household Support Fund from September 2024 to March 2025 [CLICK HERE](#) for the parent letter from Suffolk County Council.

Year 8s Immunisations

Following the recent immunisation session at KEVI, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust wants everyone to have the best possible experience of care and we would like the young person/parent to complete our Patient Experience Survey. The NHS Friends and Family Test is a way of gathering feedback so that we can continually improve our services. Could you please use the link below and leave feedback:

https://nhs1.radarhealthcare.net/incident/27/external-form/HCNT/HCT_FFT/545



Family Action West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service

Parent and Carer Drop-In

Do you have a neurodivergent child?

Special guests from the School Nursing Team
6th February
10.30am-12pm
No need to book.

Drop-In Sessions

- Meet other parents and carers
- Chat to our friendly Family Support Workers
- For parents and carers of children who have possible or diagnosed neurodevelopmental differences

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THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

17th – 23rd February

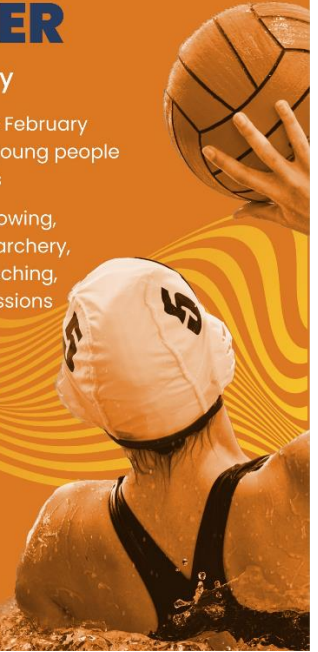
FREE activities during the February half term for children & young people living in Bury St Edmunds

Activities include axe throwing, fire-lighting, swimming, archery, catapult building, Geocaching, water polo, free swim sessions and more!



Scan the QR code to find out more

To be eligible you need to live within the Bury St Edmunds Town Council Catchment area IP33/IP32 postcode



Local Activities over the Half-Term



FAMILY PARK COOKING



17th – 23rd February
Across Suffolk
10:00-15:00
*subject dates apply

Parents and children take part in an amazing family day out with a wide range of activities including an outdoor cooking master class where you will cook a delicious lunch together.

Every family that attend will take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards for a weeks' worth of meals.

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

abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF



FREE BOOK NOW



We're partnering with Bury St Edmunds Town Council to offer children and young people who live in Bury St Edmunds FREE activities at these February events

EXPLORE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAYS
Our Adventure Days are action-packed, safe, structured activities with abundant fresh air, all under the careful eye of experienced outdoor instructors. Activities include axe throwing, fire-lighting, swimming, archery, catapult building, Geocaching and more!

Bury Leisure Centre: 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th February
Moreton Hall Community Centre: 21st February

WATER POLO AT BURY LEISURE CENTRE
Come and try out a new sport with our free introductory sessions to water polo this half term. Water polo is a fun, fast-paced ball sport – even if you're already a confident swimmer, this will undoubtedly teach you new skills!

Monday 17th – 10.00 – 11.00 & 11.00 – 12.00
Wednesday 19th – 10.00 – 11.00 & 11.00 – 12.00
Friday 21st – 11.30 – 12.30 & 12.30 – 13.30

Ages: 6 – 10 years – earlier time slots & 11-15 years – later time slots.

FREE SWIMMING AT BURY LEISURE CENTRE
FREE swimming for children and their parents/guardians to enjoy at Bury St. Edmunds Leisure Centre. These are available in our Floats & Fun, Family Swim or Wet-n-Wild sessions from **17th – 23rd February.**



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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a superb 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 3 Feb 25	Science Live Trip
Wed 5 Feb 25	Careers Fair
Thurs 6 Feb 25	Year 9 Options Evening
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Feb 25	Careers Week
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Feb 25	Year 11 NEA Food Practical GCSE Exams
Fri 14 Feb 25	Report 2 Published on Go4Schools
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Feb 25	Half-Term
Monday 24 Feb 25	Return to School
Mon 24 - Fri 28 Feb	Learning Conversation Week
Tues 25 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Wed 26 Feb	Year 10 Parents Evening – Online
Thurs 27 Feb	Year 10 Parents Evening – In person
Fri 28 Feb	Year 10 Mock Interviews

Thought for the Week

**It is not the joy that makes us grateful,
it is the gratitude that makes us joyful.**

David Steindl-Rost

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