Diary Dates

Sun 22nd Nov – PTA Tombola

Fri 27th Nov - PD Day

Tues 1st Dec – Year 6 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum

Tues 1st Dec – PTA Quiz Night 4-6pm

Mon 7th Dec – Choir Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's & St Mary's Church 6pm

Wed 9th Dec – Welcome Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm

Thurs 10th Dec – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Thurs 10th Dec – EYFS Christmas Sing-a-Long

Thurs 10th Dec – Choir to Cedrus House

Mon 14th Dec – Santa Fun Run

Tues 15th Dec – Year 6 Christmas Market 9.30 – 10.30am

Wed 16th Dec – KS1 Christmas Performance

Fri 18th Dec – Last day of Term

Mon 21st Dec – Fri 1st Jan – Christmas Holidays

Mon 4th Jan – PD Day

Tues 5th Jan – Pupils Return to School

Cedars Park Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need this year. The children enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform! We raised a fantastic total of £310.15 as a result of your kind donations.



Friday 27th November 2026 – PD Day

A reminder that next Friday the school will not be open to children due to the Professional Development day for staff.



Welcome Wednesday – 9th December 2026

At the end of each term, we invite parents into school to visit their child's classroom to view some highlights about what their children have been learning over the term.

If you are able to join us, please arrive at the school's Reception at 2:30pm. From here, you will be directed to your child's class. If you have more than one child at the school, please start in your youngest child's class first; staff will be on hand to direct you to visit your other children's classes as the afternoon progresses.

At around 3pm, you will be directed to the school playground, in order for staff to help the children get organised with their belongings for the end of the school day so they can be released to their parents/carers at 3:10pm.



Young Carers Breakfasts



Is your child a Young Carer? Look out for a special invitation to a Young Carers Breakfast heading their way. Mrs Boyd, who champions our Young Carers in school, is organising these half termly Breakfasts as an opportunity for our Young Carers to come together to network, check in and catch up.

Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Fun Run

With Christmas season nearly upon us, we wanted to provide some clarification around two upcoming whole school events requiring uniform changes:

- **Christmas Jumper Day** (10.12.26): children come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper with the rest of their school uniform as usual.
- **Santa Fun Run** (14.12.26): a non-uniform day where children are invited to dress up as Santa for our annual Christmas tradition of the Santa Fun Run! If they don't have a Santa outfit, any Christmas-themed clothing (e.g. non-uniform in Christmas colours!) is welcome. Please also remember a change of shoes for children – the field can get muddy so wellies are highly recommended!

Library Books Recall

In light of the recent news headlines and media coverage, we have decided to remove books by the author David Walliams from the school library and classrooms.

You may have received a note from our library team if your child is currently borrowing a David Walliams title. We request that you return these to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Parking

Please remember that the bay parking spaces outside Cedrus House are only for use by the care home's visitors and staff.

Please also be aware that the residential car park on Pintail Road must not be used at drop off or pick up times—unless you are a resident.

The car park in the community centre can be used in the mornings so that we can continue a harmonious relationship with our local community and neighbours.

Please also be reminded that the staff car park is for staff use only – this includes drop off and pick up times for our wrap-around care clubs (Early Birds and Night Owls).



Cedars Stars

Each week, teachers choose a child in their class who has really stood out that week for following our school rules (The Cedars ABC) or showing our school values (Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication).

Well done to this week's Cedars Stars!

Reception Maisie E Millie W	**Year 1** Arthur ET Tommy S	**Year 2** Eden C Ava-Mai B
Year 3 Corey S Ivy S	**Year 4** Roman G Mave W	**Year 5** Ava-Mai E Harry M
Year 6 Junior S & Charlie H		

Class Cookies

Attendance at Cedars Park is a real strength.

Each week, we celebrate the class that has the highest attendance—the children each get a cookie as a treat!

Well done to **Woodpecker class in Reception** for having the highest attendance this week.



Attendance

Good attendance to school supports pupils' attainment, progress and well-being.

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 96.67%
Year 1: 94.67%
Year 2: 95.52%
Year 3: 96.17%
Year 4: 96.33%
Year 5: 95.5%
Year 6: 96.42%

Well done to **Reception** for having the highest attendance this week!

Menu Week Commencing 23rd November

Monday: Quorn Buttermilk Burger

Tuesday: Chicken Curry or Chickpea & Vegetable Masala

Wednesday: Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet

Thursday: Fish & Chips or Veggie Fingers

Friday: PD Day No pupils in school

Jacket Potatoes available daily.





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EYFS open days

We would love to welcome you to our school!

Our open days are on:

5th October – 6pm
7th October – 9:30am
9th November – 9:30am
12th November – 6pm
2nd December – 9:30am
9th December – 9:30am
6th January – 9:30am

Book via the school office on:
01449 778230
admin@cedarspark.net





Feel free to contact us if you are unable to make these dates as we would love to show you around!



CEDARS PARK PTA PRESENTS

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER

CEDARS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	4PM - 6PM

Join us for an evening brimming with fun, laughs and entertainment!

QUIZ | GAMES | REFRESHMENTS

ptacedarspark@gmail.com

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GRAND THEFT AUTO VI

Grand Theft Auto 6 (also stylised as GTA VI) has been one of the most highly anticipated games of this generation, following GTA V, one of the best-selling video games of all time. Set in the fictional state of Leonida, including Vice City, it follows criminal partners Jason and Lucia as they become embroiled in a wider conspiracy. Although GTA VI is intended for adult audiences, its enormous popularity means that younger people may still encounter gameplay footage online or express an interest in playing it.

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXTREMELY VIOLENT CONTENT

GTA VI is rated PEGI 18 for a reason. Players may encounter weapons like guns, knives and explosives, with violence portrayed in highly realistic ways. As in previous GTA games, players may also encounter violence involving vehicles and other characters. The game is categorically not for younger audiences, with blood, gore, and intense violence clearly identified in its official content

SENSITIVE SOCIETAL TOPICS

Like other games in the Grand Theft Auto franchise, GTA VI uses satire to explore aspects of society and contemporary culture. Its exaggerated characters and situations are fictional and may be intended to challenge or mock particular attitudes rather than endorse them. Younger viewers, however, may struggle to recognise this context and could misunderstand jokes, stereotypes, or social commentary without guidance from a trusted adult.

TALKING TO STRANGERS ONLINE

GTA Online, the multiplayer experience associated with GTA V, allows players to communicate with others online. GTA VI has been announced as a single-player experience at launch, so the same in-game chat risks should not yet be assumed. Children may still discuss the game through other online platforms potentially encountering strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Throughout GTA VI's storyline, drugs and alcohol form part of the game's criminal world. The official content rating identifies the use of both, while Rockstar's character descriptions reference drug runners and dealers. Earlier titles also showed substance use affecting how characters see and move around the world. Younger viewers may struggle to understand these portrayals in the context of a fictional crime story, particularly without guidance from a trusted adult.

NUDITY AND SEX

Relationships and sexual themes feature in GTA VI, while previous GTA titles have allowed players to visit strip clubs and solicit sex workers. It should also be recognised that GTA VI's graphics aim to be realistic, meaning depictions of nudity and sexual content may be explicit. Official ratings confirm nudity and strong sexual content, although details of specific scenes should not be assumed from earlier games.

OPTIONAL IN-GAME PURCHASES

As with its predecessor, GTA VI includes optional in-game purchases that use real-world money. While these purchases are not necessary to play the game, the appeal of additional content may encourage some players to spend more. Younger players may not fully appreciate the cost or how quickly small payments add up.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls can block age-restricted games, but they won't remove GTA VI's adult themes from elsewhere online. On PS5, go to Settings > Family and Parental Controls > Family Management, select the child and choose your restrictions. On Xbox Series X|S, use Settings > Account > Family settings, or the Xbox Family Settings app, to manage age restrictions and screen time.

LIMIT ACCESS TO BANK DETAILS

Limiting access to banking details helps prevent accidental or unauthorised purchases. Avoid storing payment details on a child's account and require approval before spending. On PS5, parents and carers can set a monthly spending limit through Family Management. On Xbox Series X|S, the Ask to Buy feature can request adult approval for purchases, helping children and young people understand their real-world cost.

COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS

On PS5 and Xbox Series X|S, parental controls can restrict voice chat, messages, friend requests, and communication with other players. Parents and carers can limit interactions to approved friends or prevent communication altogether, depending on the available settings. These restrictions are especially helpful for reducing children's exposure to strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes through console chats or other multiplayer games.

MAKE THIS A CONVERSATION

Even if a child is not playing GTA VI, they may still watch gameplay clips, livestreams or trailers shared by friends and content creators. It's important to talk openly with children about why GTA VI has an adult age rating and discuss its violence, crime, strong language, sexual themes, satirical lens, and other mature content. Ask what interests them about the game and what they already know. Talk about the difference between fictional behaviour and real-world consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 12+ years as a journalist, editor and social media expert. He's travelled the world playing video games and working with publishers and developers to fine tune their audience messaging. When he's not gaming, he can be found watching horror and sci-fi movies, TV series, listening to music or deciding which world marathon to plod around.



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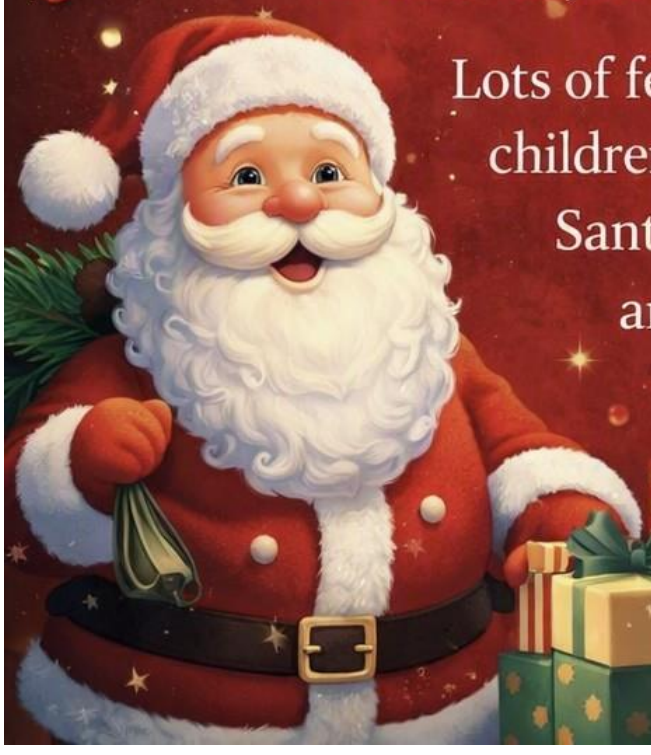
Sunday 22nd November

11:30–3:30pm

Cedars Park Community Centre,

Pintail Rd, Stowmarket, IP14 5FP

Lots of festive stalls, food & drinks,
children's crafts, carol singing,
Santa's grotto, tombolas,
and so much more...





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