



Cedars Park Primary School School Newsletter

Friday, 24th May, 2024

Notable Dates

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - Half Term

Fri 7th June - Year 2 Colchester Zoo

Wed 19th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew

Fri 21st June - Sports Day

Mon 24th June - Year 4 WCET Musical Festival

Wed 26th June - Year 1 Felixstowe Beach

Fri 28th June - Reserve Sports Day

Thurs 18th July - End of term

Fri 19th July - PD Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

School life has certainly been busy over the last half term! Our pupils continue to amaze us daily; their enthusiasm for learning; the care and respect they show to others; and the resilience they demonstrate in the face of challenge—our children really are the best!

As always, our teachers have done a tremendous job in planning a variety of enriching experiences for the term.

Now that our pond is full and flourishing, our Woodland area has become a place of wonder. All the Reception children have become explorers and Scientists. With the arrival of Spring, new plants are growing, insects are thriving and nature is in bloom.



Lunch Menu w/c 3rd June

Monday

Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza

Tuesday

Mac & Cheese or Mexican Quesadilla

Wednesday

Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet

Thursday

BBQ Chicken Melt or Southern Fried Veggie Burger

Friday

Fish Fingers or Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry

Jacket Potato or School Packed Lunch available every day.

The past few weeks Reception children have focussed on spotting signs of Spring and planting wildflowers. Their topic this half term was 'Under the Magnifying Glass' and the children thoroughly enjoyed searching for minibeasts and learning what all living things need to survive.

This week, Reception also went on their first school trip ever to Jimmy's Farm. The children were incredible! Beautifully behaved and taking part in activities throughout the day!



In Year 1, the children had a great time making smoothies. They tasted some shop bought smoothies, decided on flavours they liked to design their own, then chopped and blended the fruit with juice, before finally being able to drink their creations.



Year 2 have been creating felt pouches using running stitches. They then attached decorations to customize their pouches as they wished!

Elsewhere, Year 3 have been designing and making castles, and in Year 4 the children have been learning to become animators during their computing lessons!

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Year 5, meanwhile, have learned about life cycles in their science lessons. Several tiny caterpillars arrived towards the end of April - since then, pupils have been making observations to support their understanding of complete metamorphosis in insects. On the first day the larvae each measured approximately 5mm in length...and the children were delighted to see them transform into these beautiful butterflies at the end of last week.

If anyone in our school community is aware of anyone willing to help Year 5 hatch ducklings next spring, we would be most appreciative. The school owns 2 brooder boxes, and would be willing to purchase or hire an incubator if we could obtain some duck eggs and a suitable home for any successful hatchlings!

Well done to Year 6 for their efforts during the recent SATs week. The children coped remarkably well during the week; enjoying breakfast together before trying their very best in each of the tests. As a reward, the children were taken to Piper's Vale gymnastics centre in Ipswich where they were able to make use of the Olympic-grade gymnastics equipment on offer!

Year 6 pupils now turn their attention to this year's End of Year production: Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies! We can't wait to see how this one turns out!

A HUGE thank you to our parents: whether volunteering for school trips or supporting the PTA with fundraising events and more...we are lucky to have you! The PTA's 'Fun in the Sun Sponsored Run' is taking place as I write; the children are so excited and look great in their summery clothing, dressed for the occasion!

With only one half term left of this academic year, there is still so much to look forward to. Until then, on behalf of the staff here at Cedars Park, I wish you a fantastic and restful half term break!

With kindest regards,

Miss Suhail
Headteacher



Buddy Bench

Thank you to the 'Over The Rainbow Children's Charity' who recently donated this incredible 'Buddy Bench' to the school.

No doubt you will have spotted it in the playground—the children are already making use of it during their social times, either for a rest stop or to help them make new friends!

Road Safety

We have recently had a near miss in the staff car park, therefore we remind you of the following:

- Children should not be allowed to run and play in the staff car park.
- Please park sensibly (and legally) so as not to become a road hazard—children are still learning to cross the road!
- Please remind children riding bikes to exercise care, particularly around parked cars.



School Uniform

- Please be reminded that children should wear black school shoes unless they have PE.
- Any exceptions to this rule must be agreed with the Headteacher.

Hot Weather

As we head into the summer, please ensure children bring in a water bottle, a sunhat and are wearing sun cream.

Thank you.



School Menu Change

Please be aware that the menus for school lunches have been updated for after half term and will run until October half term 2024.

Arbor

- A reminder to check your details on the Arbor app and ensure you are up to date!
- Please don't forget to tell us any changes in contact details!



Cedars Stars

Well done to most recent Cedars Stars!

Reception Ella G Anya H Thea B Freya C Bryony S Elijah-Lee B Isaiah S	Year 1 Elijah B Ella Y Harmony H-C Raije T Georgina G Charlotte J Lexie C Chloe Z	Year 2 Jude C Marshall T Max W Freddie G Lawrence H Isaac S Ivy W-P
Year 3 Jacob M Phoebe P Nylah K Henry A Amy K Kirin K Martha W Emily G	Year 4 Theo M Esther M-J Darcy B Phoebe Y Logan W Jessica W Kayden F Holly R	Year 5 Taylor S Brandon G Joshua W Anthony G Alfie M Lilli-Rose M Leo A Finnley F
Year 6 Davidas B Freddie P Abbie H Toby A Year 6! Ella B Reece H		

No Nuts!

Please remember we are a nut free school.



No Smoking

A reminder to parents that smoking is not permitted on school grounds.

This includes vaping.

Thank you.



Local Improvement Board Recruitment

We are seeking to recruit members to our Local Boards who can bring experience and contribute to the support and challenge operating in our schools.

Local Board members will attend at least one meeting per term and take part in agreed school visits focusing on specific areas such as Pupil Premium, SEND and safeguarding. Feedback from members will contribute to an evidence-base for self-evaluation and school improvement and the Trust will offer training and support to help Local Board members fulfil their roles successfully.

If you are interested in becoming a Local Board member, you can find further information on the Trust's [website](#) along with an application form.

Attendance

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

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception:	99.35%
Year 1:	93.33%
Year 2:	89.27%
Year 3:	95.11%
Year 4:	96.07%
Year 5:	93.68%
Year 6:	95.17%

Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance!

Class Cookies



Well done to Woodpecker & Kittiwake Class in Reception for having the highest attendance this week!