



Cedars Park Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 22nd November 2024

Notable Dates

Wed 27th Nov at 2:30pm—Year 3 Sharing Assembly

Thurs 28th Nov—Year 1 Bury St Edmunds Visit

Thurs 28th Nov at 2:30pm—Year 4 Sharing Assembly

Mon 2nd Dec at 6pm—Choir performing at Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival

Wed 4th Dec—Reception Christmas Sing Along

Thurs 5th Dec at 10:45am—Choir performing to residents at Cedrus House

Tues 10th Dec at 2:10pm and 6pm—KS1 Christmas Performance

Wed 11th Dec—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 13th Dec—Year 3 Church Trip

Fri 13th Dec—EYFS local walk to postbox (posting letters to Santa)

Mon 16th Dec—Santa Fun Run

Tues 17th Dec—Year 6 Christmas Market

Fri 20th Dec—End of Term

Tue 7th Jan—Children return to school for Spring Term

Lunch Menu w/c 25th November

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 Potatoes available daily

PTA Tombola

Thank you for all of your generous donations recently towards the PTA Tombola, held as part of the Christmas Fair at Cedars Park Community Centre.

The PTA raised £460!
Thank you from the PTA for your amazing support with this event!



Cold Weather

Children must be sent to school wearing a coat and ideally a scarf, woolly hat and gloves as we start to experience the more wintry weather.

In addition, we kindly ask that children no longer wear shorts to school during this season as we go outside in all weathers and temperatures and wish to protect the children's knees! Black joggers should be worn for PE, where possible.

Thank you for your support with this.



Changes to Hometown Arrangements

Please can we request that parents/carers inform the office about any changes to end of day/pick up arrangements by 12pm on the day. Whilst we appreciate that there may be emergencies and therefore exceptions to this rule, we politely ask for all planned changes to be reported earlier in order to ensure key messages can be passed onto class in good time.

Class Cookies

Well done to Kestrel Class in Year 4 for having the highest attendance this week!



Cedars Stars



Well done to our recent Cedars Stars!



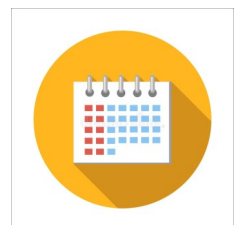
Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Riley W Lenny C	Roseanna T Logan R	Robson B Bella U
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Jace J Isaac S	Oliver L Ollie B	Abigail C Rafael M
Year 6		
Max B Advika S		



Term Dates—2025-2026

Term dates for next academic year are now available on the school website and can be found here:

[Term Dates](#)



Sharing Assemblies

Parents/carers are warmly invited to come into school for their child's sharing assembly. Dates have been added to the school calendar on our website. For quick reference, these take place at 2:30pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 27th November—Year 3
- Thursday 28th November—Year 4
- Thursday 27th March—Year 2
- Thursday 3rd April—Year 1
- Thursday 26th June—Year 5
- Thursday 17th July—Reception
- Friday 18th July—Year 6

Attendance

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

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 91.6%

Year 1: 95.6%

Year 2: 92.4%

Year 3: 94.8%

Year 4: 96.6%

Year 5: 95.9%

Year 6: 97.1%

Well done to Year 6 for having the highest attendance!

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and 'nice to haves' is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial crimes. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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