



Cedars Park Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 9th May 2025

Notable Dates

Mon 12th - Thurs 15th May - Year 6 SATs

Wed 14th May - Chaffinch parent library session 2.30pm

Thurs 15th May—Dove parent library session 2.30pm

Fri 16th May - Year 6 Pipers Vale

Fri 23rd May - Reception Jimmy's Fam

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May - Half Term

Wed 4th June - Y1 Felixstowe Beach Visit

Fri 20th June - Sports Day

Tues 24th June - Year 6 Crucial Crew at The Mix

Wed 25th June - Year 4 WCET Music Festival at The Apex

Thurs 26th June - Year 5 Sharing Assembly

Fri 27th June - Y2 Colchester Zoo

Fri 4th July - Reserve Sports Day

Wed 9th July 6pm - Year 6 School Production

Thurs 10th July - 9.30am Year 6 School Production

Wed 16th July 4 - 7pm - Year 6 Leavers Party

Thurs 17th July - Reception Graduation Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 18th July 2.30pm - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Fri 18th July - End of Term

Walk to School Week—19th May

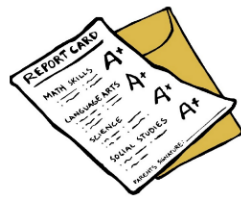
Week beginning the 19th May brings round Walk to School Week. Throughout the week, each class will tally, each day, which children have walked cycled or scooted to school. At the end of the week, the children in the class with the highest tally will earn extra house points!



End of Year School Reports

We are excited to announce that end of year school reports, in July, will be sent out electronically. This will bring us in line with the other primary schools in the Trust but will also be much better for the environment too.

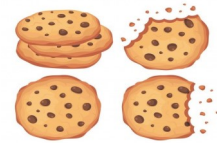
The reports will be sent to you securely via email. To ensure that you receive them successfully, please check that your email address is accurate and up to date on Arbor. More details about the electronic reports will be sent out next half term.



Reports

Class Cookies

Well done to **Woodpeck Class in Reception** and **Kingfisher Class in Year 4** for having the highest attendance this week.



No Nuts

We are a nut free school.



Lunch Menu w/c 12th May

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 and Chickpea Curry

Jacket Potatoes available daily

Cedars Stars

Well done to this week's Cedars Stars!

Reception Benjamin C Ronan W	Year 1 Roseanna T Toby L	Year 2 Aurora A Aiden R
Year 3 Logan S Israel K	Year 4 Christabel E Adelina S	Year 5 Harry M Ava G
Year 6 Benjamin R Finnley F		

Attendance

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 98.94%

Year 1: 97.38%

Year 2: 97.36%

Year 3: 98.33%

Year 4: 98.21%

Year 5: 95.7%

Year 6: 97.13%

Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance!



Pine Non-School Uniform Day - Thursday 22nd of May

Last term, Pine won the inter-house sports competition. During their PE lessons with Mr Nurse, children, across all year groups, competed in a variety of sports including badminton and table tennis to earn points for their house team.

At the end of the week, all of the scores were combined and Pine emerged victorious! As a reward, children in Pine House can wear non-school uniform on Thursday 22nd May.

Thank you to the children for their patience whilst we found a date in the diary for this reward.



Cedars LOVE reading!

Before Easter you should have received a letter regarding our shared library sessions. As a reminder, parents/carers are welcome to come into school at 2:30pm:

Y2 - Chaffinch on Wednesday 14th May
Y2 - Dove class on Thursday 15th May
Y3 - Puffin on Wednesday 21st May
Y3 - Swallow on Thursday 22nd May
Y4 - Kingfisher class on Wednesday 4th June
Y4 - Kestrel class on Wednesday 11th June
Y5 - Nuthatch class on Wednesday 18th June
Y5 - Cormorant class Thursday 19th June
Y6 - Jackdaw class on Thursday 5th June
Y6 - Curlew class on Thursday 12th June



Safety in the Sun!

Now that we are in the Summer term and will hopefully be blessed with more glorious sunshine, to help us keep the children safe in the sun, please ensure that the children come to school with a hat, sun cream and a water bottle.



Suffolk Young Speaker of the Year Awards 2025

The Suffolk Young Speaker of the Year event is a platform for children and young people to share their view of the world through the art and power of spoken word.

To enter, children need to be a young person between 7 and 19 studying or working in Suffolk. They will need to prepare two 3-minute speeches to be chosen from a variety of categories.

More information about the event can be found here:

[Suffolk Young Speaker of the Year 2025](#)

If your child wishes to take part, please contact the school so that we can register them for the competition.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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