



Cedars Park Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 4th July 2025

Notable Dates

Wed 9th July - Year 4 Sports Festival

Wed 9th July 6pm - Year 6 School Production 6—7.30pm

Thurs 10th July - Year 6 School Production 9.30—11am

Fri 11th July - Year 2 Scootability

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

Thurs 17th July - Reception Graduation Assembly 2.30pm

Thurs 17th July - Year 4 Bawdsey Parents Information Evening 6pm

Fri 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 18th July - End of Term

Lunch Menu w/c 7th July 2025

Monday
Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza

Tuesday
Bolognese & Pasta or Veggie Bolognese

Wednesday
Roast Gammon or Roast Quorn Fillet

Thursday
Sausages or Vegan Sausages

Friday
Fish Fingers or Southern Fried Veggie Burger

Jacket Potatoes available daily

Year 4 Bawdsey Information Evening Thursday 17th July @ 6pm

We would like to send our apologies again for the miscommunication regarding the Bawdsey Information Evening.

We have rescheduled the meeting for Thursday 17th July at 6pm. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Please note that this meeting is for parents of **current Year 4 pupils** who will be going to **Bawdsey Manor in September of 2026**.

The reason why this meeting is being held so early is that deposits, for those wishing to go on the residential, will be due in September, when we return after the summer holidays



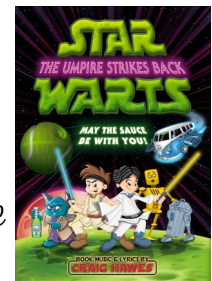
Year 6 Production

Next week, we will be excited to welcome parents and carers into school to watch the Year 6 children's production of *Star Wars: The Umpire Strikes Back*!

The evening performance is on Wednesday 9th July at 6pm and the morning performance is on Thursday 10th July at 9:30am.

We would love to be able to provide all families with as many tickets as they want for the shows, however this is just not possible.

We would like to remind parents that we offer families 2 tickets per child per performance. Having tried a number of ticketing strategies over the years, we have found this to be the fairest and most equitable way of organising the event. Please help us by adhering to this, as we wouldn't want additional people arriving and have to turn them away.



Reading Books Return

Please can all school reading scheme and library books be returned by Friday 11th July so that staff can run a full audit before the summer break.

Thank you!



Class Cookies

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



Attendance

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 99.33%	Year 1: 94.79%
Year 2: 91.35%	Year 3: 97.5%
Year 4: 97.55%	Year 5: 96.67%
	Year 6: 96.39%

Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance!



Year 4 Sports Festival—Wednesday 9th July at Stowupland High School

Further to our letter of the 13th June, just a reminder that Year 4 pupils will be heading off to Stowupland High School next Wednesday. Children are required to bring a packed lunch—if your child is entitled to Free school meals and you would like school to provide this, please contact the office.

As communicated in our letter, the children will be dressing to represent a country. Mrs Rolfe's class, please dress to represent Canada and Miss Cobbold's class the USA.

The children will be back in school before the end of the school day so they can be picked up at 3:10pm as normal.



New Baby!



We are very excited to announce that Mrs White had her baby in the early hours of yesterday morning. Mr and Mrs White have named their little boy Lucas. Congratulations to them both!

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 soon.



NSPCC—Speak Out, Stay Safe

Next week the children in years 2, 5 and 6 will be having an online assembly delivered to them about different types of abuse. This, of course, will be delivered in an age appropriate way. Then, in the final week of term, a team from the NSPCC will come into school and do a follow up workshop with the children in those year groups. Further information will be sent out to parents in due course.



Cedars Stars

★ Well done to this week's Cedars Stars! ★

Reception Summer M Reginald HA	Year 1 Oakley I Malachi D	Year 2 All Year 2
Year 3 Leo M Oscar P	Year 4 Autumn-Rose K Dylan B	Year 5 Daisy C Afrem D
★	Year 6 Freddie W Dexter M	★

Year 2 Scootability—Friday 11th July

Further to our letter of the 10th June, children in Year 2 will have the opportunity to complete their Level 1 Scootability.

A professional instructor will be in school and all equipment will be provided.

We are very grateful to the PTA who have covered the cost of this activity.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CONSIDERED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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