



Cedars Park Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 11th July 2025

Notable Dates

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

Mon 1st & Tues 2nd Sept -
PD Days

Wed 3rd Sept - Pupils return to
school

Mon 8th Sept - EYFS Meet the
teacher 3.15 - 3.45

Tues 9th Sept - Year 1 Meet the
teacher 3.15 - 3.45

Wed 10th Sept - Year 2 Meet the
teacher 3.15 - 3.45pm

Thurs 11th Sept - Year 3 Meet the
teacher 3.15 - 3.45pm

Thurs 11th Sept - PTA AGM
6pm - 7pm

Mon 15th Sept - Year 4 Meet the
teacher 3.15 - 3.45pm

Tues 16th Sept - Year 6 Meet the
teacher 3.15 - 3.45pm

Wed 17th - Fri 19th Sept - Year 6
Bawdsey Residential

Thurs 18th Sept - Year 5 Meet
the teacher 3.15 - 3.45pm

Lunch Menu w/c 14th July 2025

Monday
Margherita Pizza or Vegetable
Enchilada

Tuesday
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce &
Pasta or Cheesy Vegetable
Bake

Wednesday
Roast Beef or Vegan Sausages

Thursday
Pulled Pork Wrap or Cheese &
Onion Quiche

Friday
Fish Fingers or Vegan Fish
Fingers

*Jacket Potatoes available
daily*

Year 6 Leavers Party and Leavers Assembly!

All too quickly, we get to the point in the year where we are saying good-bye to our wonderful Year 6's.

On Wednesday 16th July from 4pm—7pm the children will have their Leavers Party. As is tradition, amongst all the other excitement, there will be a water fight—please make sure the children bring a towel and a change of clothes!

Finally, further to the letter sent out on 12th June, we would like to invite Year 6 parents and carers into school for the leavers assembly which begins at 2:30pm— we hope you can join us!



End of Year Reports

School reports will be sent out electronically at the beginning of next week. You will receive an email to let you know that the report is ready to download.

You simply need to click on the link within the email. You will then be prompted to confirm your child's date of birth, for security, and then you will be able to download the report.

Your child will also bring home their reflections on their school year, in paper form, as we have done in previous years.



Reports

Bawdsey Manor Information Evening

Just a reminder of the rescheduled meeting next 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



Class Cookies

Well done to **Comorant Class in Year 5** and **Robin Class in Year 1** for having the highest attendance this week.



Attendance

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 98.93%	Year 1: 94.58%
Year 2: 98.68%	Year 3: 98.33%
Year 4: 96%	Year 5: 98.1%
Year 6: 97.38%	

Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance!



After School Clubs Next Week

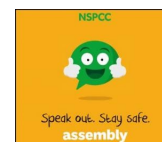
Please note that after school clubs finished for the term this week, so there will be **no clubs next week with one exception.**



If your child takes part in the **Everyone Active clubs** on a Thursday or Friday, **these clubs are still running** next week and your child should still attend. In addition, parents and carers of pupils attending the Thursday club are invited to arrive at school at 3.45pm, where you will be invited to go in and watch a short performance of something that the children have been working on.

NSPCC—Speak Out, Stay Safe

Staff from the NSPCC will be in school next week delivering the follow up workshops to children in Years 2, 5 and 6. This follows on from the assemblies that took part in school this week.



Trading Cards

A polite reminder that children should not bring trading cards into school. We have found that these are causing some friendship issues at break and lunch times. In addition, we would not want the children to lose their football or Pokemon cards as the school can not replace them or be held accountable for damage. Thank you for your support.



Non-School Uniform Day for House Cup, Reading Challenge and Best Attendance Winners—Thursday 17th July



Congratulations to pupils in Pine House who have won the House Cup this term. In addition, well done to children in Warblers, Chaffinches, Swallows, Kingfishers, Cormorants and Jackdaws classes who have won the Summer Reading Challenge. Finally, great job to Nuthatch class who have the best attendance for this academic year. As a reward, pupils in these classes and/or Pine House will have a non-uniform day next Thursday.



Cedars Stars

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

Reception Penny K Mya U	Year 1 Skylar W Charles H	Year 2 Arthur P Harry P
Year 3 Ethan M Axel S	Year 4 Darcy H Evana S	Year 5 Emily L Noah-James W
★	Year 6 Brandon G Anthony G	★

Bags for School Books

Please can children bring in a **sturdy bag** on **Monday** so that they can take home their work books from this year.

If your child doesn't bring home all of their books, please do not worry. As a school, we have to keep a sample of books back for evidence each year. These will be returned to children at the end of the next academic year.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions, purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover Wi-Fi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 15 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

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