



Cedars Park Primary School School Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025

Notable Dates

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 1st Sept

Monday— PD Day

Tuesday PD Day

Wednesday Mac & Cheese

Thursday Bangers & Mash or Veggie Bangers

Friday Fish Fingers or Vegan Nuggets

Jacket Potatoes available daily

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that I am writing to you at the end of another school year—and what a year it has been! I continue to be unbelievably proud of all of our pupils and their achievements.

Year 5 have been very busy this half term; some of our green fingered pupils were excited to dig up their first potato crop—I know the children have been carefully tending the vegetable patch for a number of weeks.



In Science, as part of their learning about life cycles (particularly metamorphosis), the children were lucky enough to be able to see this process in butterflies. The children were very excited to release the butterflies out into the wild.

Finally in art, the children undertook Batik. Their artwork was inspired by nature, linked to their National Parks topic in Geography. The children used melted wax in a canting tool to draw the outlines then painted them with Brusho in natural colours.



The School Council have been learning about litter and the impact it has on wildlife and the environment. This learning inspired them to get out in the sunshine recently and do a litter pick around the school grounds. Thank you!

Earlier this term, Year 1 took their trip to Felixstowe as part of their geography unit of work. The children have been looking at the features of coastal towns as well as different human and physical geography. The children had lots of fun in the sea and even got an ice cream! Thank you to all of the adult volunteers who helped make the trip possible.



Back in June, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the PTA Summer Fun run again this year. With your generosity of sponsorship the children raised over £3000—a truly staggering amount. This is a great opportunity for me to thank the PTA for all their hard work. Three key members of the PTA will be leaving us this year as their children move onto High School.

Thank you to Michelle Ling, Graham Smith and Penny Foster for their hard work and dedication to the school over the years.





The Woodpeckers and the Kittiwakes had their first ever school trip to Jimmy's Farm and it was a great success. The children spent time visiting all the animal enclosures, feeding them, learning about them and of course had fun on the bouncy pillow! We were so proud to hear positive comments from the public about the children's enthusiasm and behaviour.

Sports day was a roaring success, as always, and it was wonderful to have so many families on site to enjoy the beautiful weather and some healthy competition. Well done to Elm who emerged victorious following the completion of the KS2 and KS1 events. Thank you to our House Captains who did an amazing job, in the afternoon, supporting with the organisation of the races. Another important mention for our super PTA team who provided refreshments across both sessions and organised the second hand uniform sale—thank you!



Year Four had a fantastic time at the Sports Festival at Stowupland High School. They competed in teams as Canada and USA against other local schools performing a variety of skills such as archery and hockey. The children worked really well as a team. Kestrels (Canada) were the runners up, each being awarded a Silver medal, but Kingfishers (USA) were the winning team and won the competition, each gaining a Gold medal. Well done Kingfishers!

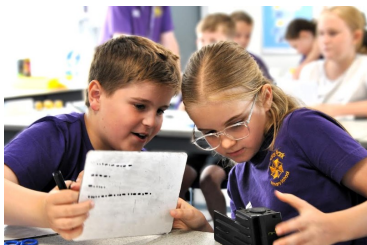


All students from EYFS to Year 6 produced some wonderful artwork for our whole-school project based on 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. The idea was to encourage our less confident artists with the line from the book, "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." The resulting work is making the exhibition area look fantastic and will remain in place into next term.



Last week, the Year 3 children got a taste of the musical instruments that they will be learning next year. Our WCIT teacher (Whole Class Instrumental Tuition) explained how vibrations made by their mouths or their reeds cause the sound that is produced. Year 3 also saw the musical notation that they will be learning in Year 4. They are already very excited about these lessons next year.

Part of this wonderful musical opportunity is the trip to the WCET festival. Back in June, year 4 had their first experience of playing in a large musical ensemble at the Apex Concert Hall in Bury St Edmunds. Over 250 children took part from schools across Suffolk. They played a selection of arrangements from a variety of genres and took part in a vocal workshop during the day. In the afternoon, the children performed a concert to their parents. They did an amazing job of remembering their parts in the music and the fingering on their instruments. It sounded fantastic!



Year 5 had the opportunity to go and experience a variety of lessons at Stowupland High School. They got to participate in a Science lesson where they learned all about Morse Code and its advantages. This was followed by a PE lesson where they were to work together to solve problems. Finally, they had an opportunity to watch and engage in a French rendition of The Hungry Caterpillar. The high school was extremely complimentary of all our children's engagement and behaviour throughout the day!

Year 6 recently enjoyed a visit to Crucial Crew, where they took part in a series of workshops designed to teach important life skills. The sessions covered topics such as online safety, healthy eating, making positive friendships, and staying safe in different situations. It was an informative and engaging day that gave pupils lots to think about as they prepare for secondary school.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their brilliant performance of Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back. The children impressed us all with their enthusiasm, humour and confidence on stage. It was a fun, lively production full of character and creativity - a real celebration of their time in primary school. Thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support the show. Your encouragement and applause meant a great deal to the children and helped make the occasion so special.



Year 2 had a fantastic end to their Africa topic when they visited Colchester Zoo. They saw elephants, giraffes and meerkats on their visit and were also lucky enough to have a talk at the zoo where they got to touch zebra fur and an elephant's tooth!

Last Friday, Year 2 also took part in Scootability where they were shown how to ride scooters safely. The children all listened well and made great progress in their balance and speed. They were even showing off some scooter tricks by the end of the session! Well done, Year 2!



Children in EYFS had their graduation assembly this week. It was lovely to have so many parents in school to celebrate the achievements of our youngest pupils ahead of them moving up into Year 1 in September. Well done to all of them on a very successful year!



Another year group taking on a big transition are our Year 6s who will be leaving us this week. They had a wonderful time at their leavers, party culminating in a very energetic water fight! Thank you to the PTA and all the parent helpers who ensured that the event was a success. Well done to Year 6 and we send you off to High School with our best wishes for the future.

As I come to a close, on this final newsletter of the year, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Green who is leaving us this year. She has been such an amazing teacher and leader, inspiring our youngest pupils and giving them a fantastic start to their school lives at Cedars as well as supporting pupils across the whole school—thank you Mrs Green, you will be very much missed.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for their support over the last academic year. Once again, I am amazingly proud of all our pupils and their achievements. I hope that you are able to enjoy a restful summer break. See you all in the new academic year on Wednesday 3rd September.

Best wishes,

Mr Main
Head of School

Provisional School KS2 SATs Data Headlines

We are really pleased to announce that our provisional Key Stage 2 data shows that 72% of our Year 6 cohort achieved the expected standard or better in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. The National figure is provisionally 62% so we are delighted with our combined result this year.

Across the individual subjects; in Reading 85% of our pupils achieved the expected standard or better—the National figure is 75%. In Writing 79% of pupils achieved the expected standard or better—National is 72% and finally, in Maths 79% of our pupils achieved the expected standard or better - National is 74%.

Of course, as previously stated, these are the initial figures that we have been issued. Fully ratified statistics will be published by the DfE next academic year.



No Nuts!

We are a nut-free school.



Cedars Stars

Well done to all of our Cedars Stars this year. You always do us proud!



Attendance

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

This year's attendance was as follows:

Reception:	96.87%
Year 1:	95.62%
Year 2:	95.55%
Year 3:	96.12%
Year 4:	97.08%
Year 5:	97.32%
Year 6:	96.13%

Well done to **Year 5** for having the highest attendance this year!

Medical Risk Assessments

Please be aware that if your child injures themselves and they come to school with a plaster cast or needing to use crutches for any reason, school will need to put a risk assessment in place. In addition, where parents have received medical advice for an injury, such as not being able to take part in P.E. for a certain period of time, the school should be informed and a risk assessment may be necessary.



Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Did you know that your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- And more...

To find out more, and to apply for free school meals (even if your child is in EYFS and KS1), please follow the link below:

[Apply for Free School Meals](#)

PE Days—Autumn 1

After the half-term break next week, children will return to the following PE days:

- Reception: Thursdays
- Year 1: Tuesdays and Fridays
- Year 2: Mondays and Fridays
- Year 3: Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Year 4: Mondays and Tuesdays
- Year 5: Tuesdays and Fridays
- Year 6: Wednesdays and Fridays

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

THINK
BEFORE
YOU
POST

SHARE FEEL-GOOD
CONTENT & LEAVE
POSITIVE COMMENTS

NEWS
DOUBLE CHECK
STORIES -
DON'T FALL FOR
FAKE NEWS!

MAKE THE
MOST OF THE
OUTDOORS

Stay off devices just before bed

USE CAUTION
ON PUBLIC
WIFI

Report bullies &
ignore trolls

BE KIND
& BE
TOLERANT

KEEP YOUR
PERSONAL
DETAILS
PRIVATE

ENABLE PRIVACY
SETTINGS

AVOID BINGE
STREAMING AND
ALL-DAY GAMING

TAKE
FREQUENT
BREAKS

ENJOY
SCREEN-FREE
ACTIVITIES

BE CAREFUL
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