



# Cedars Park Primary School

## School Bulletin

Friday 5th September 2025

### Notable Dates

**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

**Wed 10th Sept** - Stowupland HS in to see Y6 pupils in school & parents at 3.10pm

**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 Bawdsy Residential

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

**Wed 24th Sept** - Flu Immunisations

**Fri 26th Sept** - Year 5 Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Tues 14th Oct** - Parent Consultations 3.30—6pm

**Thurs 16th Oct** - Parent Consultations 3.30—6pm

**Fri 24th Oct** - Last day of Half Term

### Lunch Menu w/c 8th September 2025

**Monday**  
Pepperoni or Margherita Pizza

**Tuesday**  
Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese

**Wednesday**  
Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet

**Thursday**  
Hot Dog or Veggie Hot Dog

**Friday**  
Fillet 'O' Fish or Vegan Sausage Roll with Waffle Fries

*Jacket Potatoes available daily*

### Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a good summer holiday. It has been lovely to have all the children back in school. It has already been a busy start to the term with Year 5 and Year 6 having the opportunity to see Stage 2 of the Tour of Britain on the first day back—more details on this will be in the first newsletter later this half term.

As always, there is a lot going on in school which is very exciting. Please take the time to read these bulletins, as important upcoming dates and information about events are included to ensure that you have all the most up to date information on what is going on in school.

### Meet The Teachers

Over the next couple of weeks, there is the opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and meet with the children's class teachers. This year we have scheduled the sessions for straight after school so you can pick your child up and come straight into school for the session to begin at 3:15pm.



We ask that if you are coming to Meet the Teachers that you collect your child as normal from the playground, then go round to the front of the school and enter the school via reception. This will allow us to complete the safe dismissal of all pupils from their classrooms and manage the movement of adults and children at this very busy time.

Please refer to the 'Notable Dates' section of the bulletin to find out when your child's Meet the Teacher session has been scheduled.

### PTA AGM

Next Thursday (11th September), is the PTA AGM which will take place at 6pm in the school studio. Our PTA need your support! Please come along if you have an interest in getting involved with supporting the PTA. More importantly, we need you at the AGM as important changes and proposals are voted on at this meeting. If there are not enough people in attendance, proposals cannot be passed, a committee cannot be voted in and this may mean that the PTA no longer exists. This would massively affect the pupils at the school as the funds raised by the PTA each year are vital in supporting the wider opportunities that children have. Please come along and show your support.



### Behaviour Before and After School

Children should not play on the gym trail equipment before or after school. Similarly, activities and equipment in the Reception Learning garden has been carefully set up, ready for the children to engage with during their learning time: please ensure children do not play with these activities or equipment before school.

### No Nuts!

We are a nut-free school.

### Parking

Please can we remind parents that the bay parking spaces outside Cedrus House are only for use by the care home's visitors and staff.

Please also be mindful of parking on the road—be safe, be considerate.

The car park in the community centre can be used in the mornings so that we can continue a harmonious relationship with our local community and neighbours.

Thank you.



### Reception Intake: September 2026

We are inviting parents with children looking to start school in September 2026 to come and visit.

The sessions will take place as follows:

Open Afternoon: 22nd September 2025 - 1:30pm

Open Afternoon: 24th September 2025 - 3:30pm

Open Evening: 29th September 2025 - 5:00pm

Open Morning: 1st October 2025 - 9:00am

During the sessions on the 22nd of September and the 1st of October, parents will have the opportunity to take tours of the school—led by members of our School Council.

### Illness



As we head towards more autumnal weather and colder temperatures, we know that our little ones are more susceptible to illness. Please help us keep the school community safe and healthy by following the guidance that can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

### Earrings and PE

It has always been the case that for Health and Safety reasons all jewellery needs to be removed for PE lessons. The exception to this had been earrings. Previous guidance had stated that children wearing piercings could participate in the PE lessons providing that the earrings were covered with micro-pore tape or a plaster and that the child was able to apply the plaster themselves.

However, new guidance on this has changed based on national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) and The Association of Physical Education (APE). It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended'.

The most recent guidelines from The Association for Physical Education (APE) strongly recommends "the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."

Therefore, our school PE Policy for this year states:

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including pierced earrings, during PE and swimming lessons. Staff are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore children must be able to take them out themselves or have them removed before they come to school on PE days.

All pupils are required to take part in PE lessons. This is outlined in government guidance which states: 'Physical education (PE) is a compulsory part of the curriculum for all pupils from Key Stage 1' (Department for Education, GOV.UK, 2015).



This is a polite reminder as this new policy is now in place.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE



## 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

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

