



Cedars Park Primary School

School Bulletin

Friday 17th October 2025

Notable Dates

Thurs 23rd Oct - Flu vaccination catch up

27th - 31st Oct - Half Term

3rd - 6th Nov - Year 5 Bikeability

5th & 6th Nov - Skipping Workshops

Mon 10th Nov - Odd Sock Day

10th - 13th Nov - Year 5 Bikeability

Thurs 13th Nov - Dove class Library Visit

Fri 14th Nov - Chaffinch class Library Visit

Fri 14th Nov - Non Uniform Day for PTA Tombola

Wed 19th Nov - Individual and Sibling School Photos

Fri 21st Nov - Children In Need, Non Uniform Day

Fri 21st Nov - Choir at Snape Maltings 'Friday Big Sing'

Wed 26th Nov - Year 1 trip to Bury St Edmunds

Lunch Menu w/c 20th October 2025

Monday
3 Cheese Pizza

Tuesday
Spaghetti Carbonara Cheesy Pasta

Wednesday
Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet

Thursday -
Hot Dog or Veggie Hot Dog

Friday
Chicken Nuggets or Vegan Chicken Nuggets

Jacket Potatoes available daily

Staffing Update

We are really excited to announce that Mrs Senis has been appointed to our HLTA team. As a qualified teacher, with a PE specialism and a breadth of experience working at primary level, she is very well placed to take on the role. Mrs Senis will run three after school clubs per week and the UKS2 boys and girls lunchtime football clubs.

We will communicate with you soon about arrangements for the 3 after school clubs which will begin in the first week after half term.



Walk To School Week



Week beginning **Monday 17th of November** is Walk to School week. Our newly elected Junior Road Safety Officer team will be involved in the organisation of the week. Congratulations to Emma D (Year 6), Naomi M-C (Year 5), Charlie L (Year 4) and Freddie G (Year 4). For their first initiative, they have decided that, on the **Monday (17th)** we will have a Be Bright, Stand Out and Stay Safe day where the children will be invited to

wear non-uniform and wear their brightest clothes—the message to the children across the week will be about them making sure they are visible when walking, cycling and scooting to and from school as the darker mornings and evenings draw in.



Children in Need—Friday 21st November



On **Friday 21st November**, children can come into school in **non-school uniform** (twice in one week!) and bring a donation in for Children in Need. This is an annual event and a cause that is obviously very close to our hearts as those

working in primary education. We look forward to seeing those Pudsey ears!

We are aware that the school choir are involved in the Big Sing at Snape Maltings on this day and will therefore need to wear school uniform for this event.



Anti-bullying Week—Odd Socks Day

On **Monday 10th of November**, to mark the beginning of anti-bullying week, the children are invited to **wear odd socks for the day**. The brighter the better!! This is to highlight that it's ok to stand out and be different and that our differences should be celebrated not something that we should hide away or be worried about. Our assembly that week will focus on diversity and acceptance and this will be carried on throughout the week in school.

PTA Event Dates

You will have seen that the PTA have released some important dates for events coming up in their calendar this year. The first one will be the Tombola on Sunday 23rd November. On **Friday 14th November** the children will be encouraged to bring in an item for the Tombola and in return they can wear **non-school uniform that day**. Keep an eye out for future events organised by our amazing PTA.



Individual and Sibling School Photos



Wednesday the 19th of November is individual and sibling photo day. Please ensure that your child(ren) are wearing full school uniform so they can look their best. If Wednesday is a PE day for your child(ren) please send them into school in their uniform with their PE kits in their bag and they will change in school for PE that day.

Class Cookies

Well done to **Curlew class in Year 6** for having the highest attendance this week.



Attendance

This week's attendance was as follows:

- Reception: 96.59%
- Year 1: 98.25%
- Year 2: 99.32%
- Year 3: 94.04%
- Year 4: 98%
- Year 5: 97.65%
- Year 6: 99.68%

Cedars Stars

Well done to this week's Cedars Stars!

★	Reception Millie G Lilian L	Year 1 Raia B Karina F	Year 2 Alessia I Mila W	★
	Year 3 Elisha C Jaxon P	Year 4 Brendan Q Scarlett D	Year 5 Marko H Takudzwa M	
★		Year 6 Amelia W Fred R		★

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm – children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.

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CENSORED

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by 'preschool' (4 and under), 'younger' (ages 5 to 8) and 'older' (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you're like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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