



Cedars Park Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025

Notable Dates

Mon 5th Jan—PD Day

Tues 6th Jan—Pupils Return to School

Tues 6th Jan—Year 6 Harry Potter Day

Mon 12th Jan—Disco
Reception 2.30—3.30pm
Year 1 3.45—4.45pm
Year 2 & 3 5—6pm

Mon 19th Jan—Disco
Year 4 3.15—4.30pm
Year 5 & 6 4.45—6pm

Wed 11th Feb—Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop

Wed 11th Feb—Year 4 West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

Mon 16th—Fri 20th Feb—Half Term

Lunch Menu w /c 5th January 2026

Monday—
PD Day

Tuesday
Spaghetti Bolognese or
Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese

Wednesday
Roast Chicken or Quorn
Fillet

Thursday
Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza

Friday
Fish & Chips

Jacket Potatoes available daily

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to return to school this term following my maternity leave, and I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome back. It has been lovely to reconnect with the children, staff and families, and to see the school buzzing with learning and excitement once again.

This term has been full of wonderful experiences across the school. Our Reception children delighted us by posting their letters to Father Christmas and confidently performing Christmas songs to their parents — a very special moment for all involved. Year 1 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Bury St Edmunds, where they explored the historical sights linked to the story of St Edmundsbury and brought their learning to life.



Key Stage 1 put on a fantastic nativity performance of 'Behind the Stable Door'. The children performed with confidence and enthusiasm, and we were incredibly proud of their efforts.

Year 3 enjoyed a walk to our local church, where they learned more about the Christmas story, delivered by the church treasurer, helping to deepen their understanding of this important celebration.



Years 4 and 5 took part in enjoyable Design and Technology days. Year 4 demonstrated excellent baking skills while making biscuits; they learned how to mix together flour, sugar and butter to make buttery shortbread! They then designed packaging for their biscuits and decided who their target audience would be if they were to sell their biscuits.

Year 5 showed great creativity and problem-solving when designing and making wobble cups. They investigated electrical systems in Design and Technology, following instructions to explore how to make an effective wobble cup using drawing implements attached to a cup. By securing a motor, battery and off-centre counterweight they were able to use this to draw a picture. Utilising these skills they went on to create their own 'Wobble Bot' which was suitable for a specific audience and purpose - for example, to clean floors or to entertain a pet cat!



Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Duxford, where they explored the Battle of Britain Operations Room and discovered how vital decision-making helped shape the war. They loved looking at the different aircrafts on display and the important roles they played during World War II.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Year 6 Christmas Market; thanks to your support, the children were able to raise £178.96 for the Salvation Army—a wonderful example of generosity and teamwork. The children loved singing in new languages and learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world, making it a truly festive and memorable event.

Our choir have also been extremely busy this term and have made us all very proud. They took part in the Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival alongside Combs Ford Primary School's choir, spreading Christmas joy through their beautiful singing.

In addition, members of the choir participated in the Big Sing at Snape Maltings — an unforgettable experience. Their behaviour was consistently excellent; they were attentive to the conductors, Aga and Emily, watched carefully for cues, and rose to the challenge of performing in such a wonderful acoustic space.

With only minimal rehearsal time, some pupils even went the extra mile by learning the words at home and listening to the music online. The highlight for Mrs Rolfe, who accompanied them, was hearing the children continue to sing enthusiastically on the journey back to school — a real sign of their enjoyment and confidence.



Similarly, the Year 5 British Sign Language Choir also performed Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Silent Night and White Christmas at our most recent singing assembly. They taught the rest of the school how to sing the first verse of each song.

This term, we have introduced an interim report to keep parents even more informed about their child's progress. These have been received very positively, and we are pleased to confirm that another interim report will be shared next term, with the Summer term reports then sent at the end of the school year as normal.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support this term — it truly makes a difference. On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new term on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

With best wishes,

Miss Suhail
Principal



Staff News

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Page today. Mrs Page has worked in the school office as our Finance Assistant for over 11 years—we will miss her dearly. We thank Mrs Page for her hard work at the school, and for the support she has provided to so many of our families over the years. We wish her well for the future as she turns her full attention to commitments outside of the school.



Office Update

Please note the following changes in place from the start of Spring term:

- * The school office will be staffed from 8:30am in the mornings.
- * If you need to make contact regarding childcare vouchers, payments, trips, Night Owls after school club, please use the following email:

admin@cedarspark.suffolk.sch.uk



Class Cookies

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



Attendance

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

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 94.12%

Year 1: 90.52%

Year 2: 92.83%

Year 3: 93.73%

Year 4: 94.69%

Year 5: 96.15%

Year 6: 96.72%

Well done to **Year 6** for having the highest attendance this week!



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

Spring Term PE Days

Reception: Tuesday

Year 3: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5: Tuesday & Friday

Year 1: Thursday & Friday

Year 4: Monday (swimming) &

Year 6: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 2: Monday & Wednesday

Friday



PTA Bake Sale

THANK YOU

We raised £201 at this
years Christmas Bake Sale

Scan Here



To help us have another great event
next year and for ideas on other
activities, share your feedback here

The PTA are proud to have raised £201 at yesterday's PTA Bake Sale and would like to thank all the Parent helpers and donators who helped make it special!