



Cedars Park Primary School

School Bulletin

Friday 27th February 2026

Notable Dates

Mon 2nd March—Year 5
Chocolate Workshop

Thurs 5th March—World
Book Day

Fri 13th & Sat 14th March—
Year 5 Space Sleepover

Fri 20th March—PTA Non
Uniform for PTA Choc Bingo

Fri 27th March—Last Day of
Term

Sat 28th March—PTA
Chocolate Bingo

Mon 30th March—Fri 10th
April—Easter Holidays

Mon 13th April—PD Day

Tues 14th April—Pupils Re-
turn to School

Mon 25th—Fri 29th May—
Half Term

Wed 17th June—Year 4 Music
Festival at Trinity Park

Lunch Menu w/c 2nd March 2026

Monday

Macaroni Cheese with Garlic
Bread

Tuesday

Brunch Lunch (Sausages,
Beans, Hash Browns & Sliced
Bread or Veggie Brunch Lunch

Wednesday

Roast Beef or Veggie Sausag-
es with Yorkshire Pudding &
Roast Potatoes

Thursday

3 Cheese Pizza with Wedges

Friday

Fish Fingers & Chips or
Veggie Fingers

*Jacket Potatoes available
daily*

World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

This year, World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March**. At Cedars Park, we love to celebrate World Book Day and champion reading for pleasure because it seriously improves children's lives.

It would be great to see all children dressing up as their favourite character or book. The book choice is what we will be celebrating - the costume can be from head-to-toe or a small prop. It could even be a written clue! Please see this link if you are in need of ideas. <https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/2026-1-e1-50-dressing-up-ideas-pack/>

During the day, teachers across the school will be reading their favourite books and every child will be able to choose which book they would like to listen to.

In addition, we would like to invite you into school on the day to join us in celebrating reading with your children. This would include spending time reading a range of books with your child in their classroom. This also gives you a chance to speak to the class teacher about reading in your child's year group and the types of books they read in class.

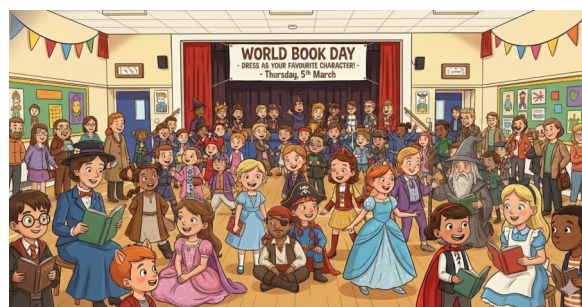
EYFS and KS1 - this session will take place from 9am to 9:45am.

KS2 - this session will take place from 2:15pm to 3pm.

On the day, please go to reception and you will be shown to your child's class. If you have more than one child within the key stage, please begin in your youngest child's class and we can ensure that you can then move classes during the session.

Finally, your child will receive their free £1 book token on World Book Day. Simply take your token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.

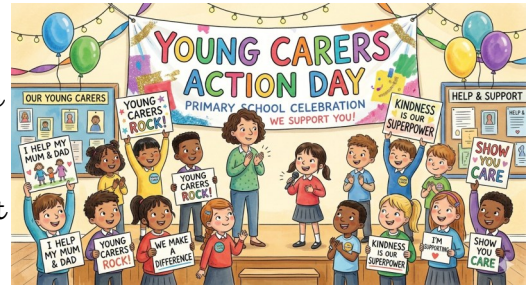
We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day which could not happen without the support of parents and carers so thank you!



Friday 13th March—Young Carers Action Day

We have many Young Carers within our school community and on Friday 13th March there will be an opportunity in school for them to come together and meet each other. During this time they will work on creating a display which will go up in our celebration area. This will be led by Mrs Boyd who is our Young Carers' Champion.

If you think your child may be a Young Carer, and you haven't already spoken to Mrs Boyd, please contact the school office for her to get in touch with you.



Staff Car Park

A polite reminder again that the staff car park should not be used by parents or children at the start or end of the school day.

This includes cutting across the car park before or after school; please use the footpath along the perimeter of the school when going to and from the playground.

Children's safety is paramount so we thank you for your support with this.



Steel Pan Caribbean Workshops

On Monday, children across the school thoroughly enjoyed their steel pan workshops throughout the day. This culminated in a whole school assembly which was great to be part of. Thank you to our visitors for providing our pupils with this wonderful experience.



Science Week—9th March 2026



Another exciting Science Week is just around the corner. It will be packed with some exciting activities as always.

STEM ambassadors John Jones and Helen Clements will be involved. Mr Jones will be working with Years 2,3 and 5; and Year 6 will have an online Zoom call with Helen Clements to have a 'career journey' talk.

Year 5 will also get the chance to discuss 'How to be an Ecologist' on an online Zoom session. EYFS will be exploring changes linked to Spring and Year 4 will be digging into the digestive system. Year 1 will get the chance to put their scientific investigation skills to the test looking at the properties of different materials and finally Year 6 will be diving deeper into natural selection linked to Darwin's studies of finches.

The week will culminate with the annual Year 5 Space Sleepover. There will be the usual exciting round of space themed activities with the highlight being the visiting Planetarium.

Year 5—Ministry of Chocolate Workshop

On Monday (2nd March), Year 5 will have the Ministry of Chocolate visiting them for some exciting, all things chocolatey, activities. This is linked to their topic of Fairtrade. We are sure that the children are looking forward to a 'sweet' day of learning.



Class Cookies

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



No Nuts

We are a nut free school!

Attendance

This week's attendance was as follows:

Reception: 97.64%

Year 1: 84.46%

Year 2: 95.37%

Year 3: 96.86%

Year 4: 98.61%





Year 5: 92.5%

Year 6: 98.91%

Well done to **Year 6** for having the highest attendance.

Cedars Stars

Well done to this week's Cedars Stars!

 Reception Henry P Finley T	Year 1 Marley D Mathius B	Year 2 Nellie FB Eve A	
Year 3 Daria I Amelia L	Year 4 Ivy WP Alys R	Year 5 Ollie B Imola C	
	Year 6 Gracie L Joshua D		



PTA Chocolate Bingo—Non Uniform Day Friday 20th March

On Friday, 20th March, we are inviting the children to wear non-uniform for the day. Children should bring in a donation of a chocolate item (no nuts please!) for the PTA Chocolate Bingo event which will take place on Saturday 28th March.

Details for the PTA Chocolate Bingo Event have already been sent out.

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have had a number of confirmed cases of chicken pox in school. Please find the [link](#) here to the NHS guidance for Chicken Pox. If your child has Chicken Pox please do not send them into school until all of the spots have scabbed over. It is important that we follow this guidance in order to protect the more vulnerable pupils and staff within our community.



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 to 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.



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'd 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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