



Cedars Park Primary School

School Bulletin

Friday 6th March 2026

Notable Dates

9th—13th March—
Science Week

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

Thurs 21st May—PTA Fun
Run (Details to follow)

Mon 25th—Fri 29th May—
Half Term

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

Lunch Menu w/c 9th March 2026

Monday
Quorn Sausages with Mash &
Gravy

Tuesday
Sausage Roll or Veggie Sau-
sage Roll with Wedges

Wednesday
Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn
Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding &
Roast Potatoes

Thursday
BBQ Chicken Pizza or Mar-
gherita Pizza with Herby Diced
Potato

Friday
Fish & Chips or Veggie Fingers

*Jacket Potatoes available
daily*

World Book Day—Thank You!

Wow! What a fantastic day we all had yesterday. It is always wonderful to be able to invite parents and carers into school to share what we do. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed coming in to share a book with your children.

As teachers, we often get asked what you can do at home to help support your child. The number one is to read with them every day. Here is why:

Key Benefits of Reading for Child Development

Boosts Language & Vocabulary: Regular reading increases a child's vocabulary, language proficiency, and understanding of how language is structured.

Improves Academic Success: Reading at home predicts later success in school, enhancing performance in subjects beyond just English, such as math and science.

Develops Empathy & Emotional Intelligence: Books allow children to explore different emotions and situations, helping them understand the world and develop empathy.

Enhances Cognitive Skills: It boosts concentration, critical thinking, and imagination.

Reduces Stress & Improves Sleep: A consistent, calm bedtime reading routine can act as a stress reliever, helping children relax and sleep better.

Thank you again to all of our visitors for coming into school—we look forward to welcoming you again soon





Dog Poop

We have had further concerns reported to us about dog poo on the footpaths in the vicinity of the school. Please take extra care to clean up after your dog. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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.

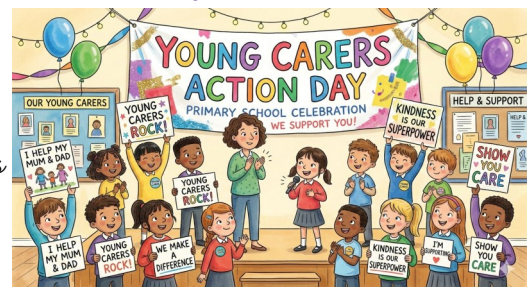
The week will culminate with the annual Year 5 Space Sleepover. There will be the usual exciting round of space themed activities with the highlight being the visiting Planetarium.



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.



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 shared.

Class Cookies

Well done to **Dove Class in Year 2** 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: 97.95%

Year 1: 96.33%

Year 2: 98.67%

Year 3: 98.63%

Year 4: 98.26%




Year 5: 93.85%

Year 6: 99.06%

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

Cedars Stars

Well done to this week's Cedars Stars!

 Reception Freyja G Evie G	Year 1 Jesse D Max C	Year 2 Seth L Finley J
Year 3 Bobby L Mave W	Year 4 Evelyn M Leonardo PS	Year 5 Phoebe P
	Year 6 Scarlett J Holly R	

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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🌿 (tall grass emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷👉👉 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojiexplains.com or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.



ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.



EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	😘 (Smiling face with hearts) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Smiling face with sunglasses) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Smiling face with heart eyes) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Neutral face) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🌿 (Tall grass, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

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