

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another school year has whizzed by, and I am sure that all the children and staff are excited for their summer holidays. This half term, as ever, has been very busy with the Year 6 Residential, Sports Day, Celebration of Learning events, musical performances, the production, discos, parties and lots of learning!

Please find below our final update for the year.

Year 6 English and Maths Attainment



We are so proud of our Year 6 children and their SATs results. They have worked incredibly hard this year and should be really pleased with their achievements.

End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

	Working at or above age-related expectation	National Figures 2023
Reading	84%	73%
Writing	69%	71%
Maths	78%	73%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	82%	72%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	64%	59%



This week has been an emotional one for all of us at Cedars Primary as we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 children. Best wishes to: Siyar, Nellie, Chase, Zachary, Bastian, Liam, Macie, Evie, Amelie, Cayden, Joseph, Krystal, Clark, Sam, Ellie, Noah, Klaudia, Eliza, Pixie, Joseph, Isla, Chloe, Phoebe, Zachary, Warith, Sekinah, Lila, Ruby, Jack, Jemima, Freyja, Sonny, Alfie, Andre, Poppy, Evie, Ellie-Mai, Jessica, Willow, Lyla, Archie, Isaac, Sophie and Calum.

Good luck Year 6 and all the very best for the future from everyone at Cedars!

Staffing Update

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Pritchard who will be leaving our Nursery. She will be starting an exciting role at The Village Schools Federation. Mrs Pritchard has been a wonderful Nursery Teacher. As the Art and Design subject leader she has been the inspiration behind the fantastic artwork the children have produced. We wish her all the best in her new job.

Mrs Briggs will also be leaving us at the end of the school year. Mrs Briggs has worked at Cedars for 8 years and has been a kind and caring Teaching

Assistant. She will be missed by the children and we wish her all the best.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Tucker to the teaching staff and Mrs Waters and Mrs Cowling will be new Teaching Assistants.

Nursery

Wow! This half term has whizzed by and the children moving on to their new Reception classes are ready to fly the nest. In the last few weeks, we have raised butterflies and looked closely as they changed from tiny caterpillars into 'big fat caterpillars' then into chrysalids and excitedly watched them emerge into butterflies. Letting them go into the Nursery garden was a moment of awe and wonder, especially as some chose to settle on the children before flying off into the big wide world.

It was wonderful to have so many of you join us for Sports Day and stay on for the picnic. The children did so well, taking part in each of the games in front of such a big audience. This was a particular challenge for our younger children, but they rose to the occasion and did so well.

This week, much to the children's excitement, we rescued a hedgehog who was caught up in a cargo net in the Nursery garden. Once we had cut him free, the children were able to sit quietly and watch him before we took him to the vets to be checked over.

Sadly, I shall be leaving Nursery at the end of the week as I have taken up a new position in a small village school. I would like to wish you all well, thank you for your support and hope that you have a

super summer with your children. Many thanks, Mrs Pritchard.

Reception

Well done Reception on completing your first year of school. We've had a fantastic half term exploring the beach. We have learnt about all the different animals that live in the sea and on the seashore and we have created fantastic artwork using all the skills we have developed throughout the year. Our highlight of this half term was watching caterpillars grow. We watched them grow bigger by the day, turn into chrysalids and then eventually emerge as beautiful butterflies. We learnt about what butterflies eat and watched them explore their new habitat until they were released. We were very excited for them to fly away and find a new home. We took part in a very impressive class assembly and showed off our amazing singing skills. Well done Bears, have a fun and safe summer!



Years 1 and 2

Thank you for helping us get started with our final piece of Art and Design work! We invited you to help the children form a clay tile during our Celebration of Learning sessions and experiment with mark making and texture. Later that day the children developed their sculpture skills further by creating a starfish. We challenged them to add detail to show texture using natural objects and the clay itself. When the sculptures were dry, the children used their knowledge of colour mixing to paint the starfish. I am sure you will agree, the results are superb!



Years 3 and 4

A highlight in Year 3 and 4 this half term was the Anglo Saxon and Viking Day. The children used their prior learning from our History topic to develop their knowledge further and ask excellent questions. They enjoyed being able to see artefacts, hold different weapons and take part in practical activities. The costumes were also an excellent part of the day.



Years 5 and 6

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another successful year! There has been so much to celebrate this half term. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Year 5 Celebration of Learning, the children enjoyed sharing their work with so many grown-ups.

Where do we start with the Year 6 Production? It was fantastic! Thank you to everyone who supported with costumes and props, as well as helping your children learn all of their lines, it was greatly appreciated. The performances from the children were outstanding and we were so proud of them, they worked so hard to pull it all together and I am sure you will all agree, it was a fabulous success.

As the year draws to a close, we want to say goodbye and good luck to all of our

Year 6 superstars who are leaving us this week. Continue to be amazing as you start this next chapter.

UK Astronomy

This half term, Cedars were visited by UK Astronomy. They put on a fantastic assembly filled with wonderful facts about the planets. The children used their existing understanding to create a miniature model of our solar system. They were encouraged to look up to the stars on a clear night to see what they can find. Unfortunately, no alien life forms have been discovered yet, but the children were pleased to hear that new matters found in space are named after the person who found it.



Newport Pagnell Carnival

Cedars Primary School were excited to enter our School Duck into the Duck Race this year; unfortunately, we didn't win again but it is about the taking part. Thank you to everyone who cheered on our multi-coloured duck, hopefully we will win next year!



School Council

The School Council would like to remind you about our clothes donation box on the playground. If you are having a clear out of clothes this summer, please think about putting it in a bag and placing it in the donation bin; we can receive half of the money raised through the donations. Unfortunately, the donation bin will not take school uniform, this can be donated to Woodgreen Charity Shop in Newport Pagnell High Street.

PTFA

It's been a busy year! We have raised £1260.83 by organising the Christmas Card Project, three fantastic discos, Pizza and Cookie making kits, a town hunt activity, the Great Coronation Bake Off and running a stall at the Strawberry Fayre. This has allowed the school to purchase Christmas gifts for the children, as well as iPads and something special for the playground! We have also taken part in the Carnival Duck Race and had the Year 6 Leavers hoodies made.

The PTFA is run by volunteers who aim to organise fun experiences and memories for the children, whilst also raising some much needed funds for the school. We have some new and exciting events planned for next year and we'd love for you to get involved. It doesn't have to take up much of your time but any contribution will make a huge difference. Please drop us an email to: cedarsptfa@gmail.com if you would like to help.

School Uniform

There is a school and physical education uniform which all children are expected to wear. We very much value your support in maintaining high standards of school dress.

Boys

- Grey trousers or shorts
- Yellow polo shirt with school logo or white polo shirt without logo
- Royal Blue sweatshirt with school logo
- Black shoes

Girls

- Grey dress, skirt, full-length trousers or shorts
- Yellow polo shirt with school logo or white polo shirt without logo
- Royal Blue cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- Sensible low heeled black shoes
- Summer dress blue/white small pattern (i.e. checked or narrow striped)

PE

- Plain black shorts
- Royal Blue polo shirt with school logo
- Royal Blue hoodie with or without school logo
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers (not plimsolls)

All items of standard school wear can be purchased from any shop of your own choice. Cedars' uniform is supplied by My Clothing (formerly Tesco online) and Maisies (in store or online), and all items ordered attract a 5% donation for the school. Please see the My Clothing website: www.myclothing.com or the Maisies website: [\[superstore.co.uk\]\(http://superstore.co.uk\) or visit their store at: 60-64 Church Street, Wolverton, MK12 5JW. Pre-loved school uniform can also be purchased from Woodgreen Charity Shop in Newport Pagnell High Street.](http://www.maisies-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Milton Keynes Summer of Fun 2023

Milton Keynes has a wide range of free or low-cost activities for all children, young people and their families to access during Summer 2023. Here is a link to find out more about the activities that are on offer:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2023>

Achievers of the Week

Many congratulations to the following children this half term for their special awards.

Achiever of the Week

James, Matilda, Gracie, Elijah, Owls Class, Willow, Oliver, Anna, Maryam, Quincy, Jennifer, Lucas, Megan, Tomas, Sid, Chase, Sam, Rafael, Jacob, Andre, Laycie, Willow, Bastian, Joseph, Macie, Jemima, Phoebe, Warith, Joseph, Freyja, Liam, Jack, Victory, Noah, Chester, Finley, Harley, Holly and Jake.

The Cedars' Way

Gracie, Emery, Oscar, Lula-Belle, Casey, Charlie, Harry, Eli, Lena, Francesca, Alfie, Sophie, Sam, Ely, Sophie, Macie, Ellie-Mai, Jessica, Cayden, Evie, Amelie, Klaudia, Lyla, Poppy, Jemima, Aria, Anastasia, Elisha and Quinn.

Annual Calendar 2023-2024

Term dates for the Academic Year 2023-2024 are as follows:

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
Autumn Term 1 2023	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Autumn Term 2 2023	Monday 30 th October 2023	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Spring Term 1 2024	Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring Term 2 2024	Monday 26 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer Term 1 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Summer Term 2 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024

We will share our Annual Calendar of Events for 2023-2024 at the beginning of next term and it will be available on the School's Website.

And finally ...

We look forward to welcoming children in Reception to Year 6 back to Cedars Primary on **Tuesday 5th September**

2023. Nursery children will return on Monday 11th September 2023.

Don't forget the timings for the school day will be changing in September. **The doors will open at 8:35am for a prompt 8:45am registration. The school day will end at 3:15pm.**

Have a good summer holiday and best wishes

Mrs Goldsmith