

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your incredible support and involvement. It's been a year full of growth, achievements, and memorable moments for our children, and none of it would have been possible without your contributions.



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: Lewis, Laycie, Lexi, Rafael, Anfisa, Lois, Amaya, Ryan, Bonnie, Francesca, Madelyn, Summer, Amber, Chase, Jacob, Joshua, Sophie-Leigh, Amelie, Iris, Alex, Sonny, Ely, Georgia, Ollie, Zac, Thomas, Chloe, Lucy, Isabella, Thea, Summer, Cooper, Riley, Emily, Meadow, Scarlett, Sidney, Jason, Ewan, Phoebe and Poppy.

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

Nursery

Nursery have had another busy half term having fun learning all about 'Under the Sea' and the beach! We started off learning about creatures that live under the sea and enjoyed making collage fish

and sea creatures to put in our role play aquarium! We then moved on to thinking about holidays and the beach. We loved having some sensory play in the sand and water and thought about how this made us feel. We made some paper ice cream cones to help us with our counting too!

Over the half term, we have spent time learning some songs and have taken lots of time to listen to and appreciate stories about the seaside too. Finally, we have also been thinking and talking about how we can stay safe at the beach and in the sun. We hope you have a fantastic summer holiday!

Reception

Reception have had a great final term to their first year of school. We have enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow, change into chrysalides and then finally emerge as beautiful butterflies. We waved goodbye as they flew off into the sky! Our most exciting day so far was going on our school trip to Hogshaw Farm. We saw lots of animals, fed the goats, stroked a baby goat and had lots of fun playing in the park. We hope everyone has a fun summer break and we can't wait to see you in September for Year 1.

Years 1 and 2

This half term we have been busy finishing off our foundation subjects and making sure all our writing and maths looks fabulous. In English, we have investigated how dung beetles live, had a go at moving and travelling as they do and written diary entries as though we were

dung beetles ourselves rolling dung to our lairs to enjoy at a later date!

In Year 1 we have been investigating what materials would make a good umbrella for a teddy and had a great discussion about a metal tray which, although waterproof, could be quite tricky to manage on a rainy and windy day!

Year 2 had a lovely investigation into making rockets that actually take off and after a couple of false starts in the playground managed to launch them using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar - whoosh!

Years 3 and 4

Zebra class have enjoyed marching after learning about the Roman Army and the formations they used. We first made a shield and then used it to form the wedge and testudo (tortoise) formations.



Years 5 and 6

Wow, what a busy half term it has been for the Upper Key Stage 2 children! Firstly, we were fortunate to have the opportunity to visit a real archaeological excavation at Bury Field. The children handled fascinating artefacts from the Civil War and observed archaeologists excavating Civil War defences and an Iron Age settlement. The children were also excited to see it featured on Newsround.



Additionally, the children visited the Newport Pagnell Library, where they got to explore the books, share stories, and learn more about libraries. Don't forget to join in with the summer reading challenge: sign up, set your own goals and earn prizes for reading books!

A huge well done to all the Year 6 children for their fabulous production of The Wizard of Oz. Thank you to everyone who supported with costumes and props, as well as helping the children learn their lines — it was greatly appreciated. The performances were outstanding and we are incredibly proud of them. They worked so hard to pull the production together and I'm sure you will all agree it was a fabulous success.

The Wizard of Oz



Poetry by Heart

Over the Summer Term children from across the school took part in a national poetry competition called 'Poetry by Heart'. We had many entries from Reception through to Year 6, with individual winners earning themselves a book voucher to spend.

We were lucky enough to receive some feedback from the poetry judges based on one entry to the competition. Anabelle in Year 5 received a letter from the judges to celebrate her entry and offer her some feedback. She also achieved a Certificate of Recognition. Well done Anabelle! We look forward to launching

the competition again next year and increasing the number of entries!



Chair of Governors - Thank You

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you. As some of you will be aware, I will be stepping down as the Chair of Governors at Cedars Primary School from the end of this academic year. I joined the Governing Body shortly after my eldest child started at the school in 2015. At that time, I didn't fully appreciate the privilege it was to be a member of the Governing Body, and the wealth of opportunities it was going to provide me in working alongside some fabulously talented staff, inspiring leaders and dedicated governors. The pupils in the school have never stopped amazing me with their ability to work hard and achieve their very best. Cedars has been a significant part of my life over the last 9 years, and I am incredibly grateful for the support of all the

parents and carers who have been associated with the school during this time.

Over the last year, fellow Governors have supported me to ensure a smooth handover to the wonderful colleagues who will continue to oversee the strategic management of the school. It is an exciting time for Cedars as it considers the next phase of its very long history in the heart of the community of Newport Pagnell, and I wish it all the very best in its future.

I will treasure my time at Cedars and I still have one more year of being a parent on the playground as my youngest joins Year 6 in September, so I look forward to having the opportunity to maintain my links with the school.

Once again, my sincere thanks for your support.

Kate Warren

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 or without 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 or without 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: www.maisies-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.

Annual Calendar 2024-2025

Term dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025 are as follows:

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
Autumn Term 1 2024	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Autumn Term 2 2024	Tuesday 5 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring Term 1 2025	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring Term 2 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer Term 1 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer Term 2 2025	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

We will share our Annual Calendar of Events for 2024-2025 at the beginning of next term and it will be available on the School's Website.

And finally ...

As we break for the summer holidays, I encourage you to continue supporting your child's learning through reading,

exploring nature and engaging in creative activities. The summer break is also a wonderful opportunity for children to relax and recharge, ready for the new challenges and adventures that lie ahead.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts and commitment to providing the best possible education for our children. Their passion and professionalism are truly inspiring.

I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming children in Reception to Year 6 back to Cedars Primary on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**. Nursery children will return on **Monday 9th September 2024**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Goldsmith