

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the highlights from the first half of our summer term.

Nursery

We have had another exciting half term in Nursery. We welcomed 5 new children and enjoyed many activities linked to our topic of 'Once Upon a Time'.

The children have worked hard with their re-telling of familiar stories such as The Little Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The story of 'The Three Little Pigs' has really captured their imagination!

We have printed with bricks and made pictures of houses with different textures. The children have also been creating large constructions in the garden with wooden blocks, crates and planks. They have enjoyed relocating the log pile and have worked collaboratively on their buildings.



Exploring how buildings and bridges stay up has also been part of our learning this half term. The children have persevered with making bridges that are strong enough to support small world animals and figures. They especially liked pretending to be a troll under the bridge.

Another highlight has been caring for our tadpoles, helping with the feeding and changing the water. They have observed them growing, changing shape and hopefully beginning to grow legs.



N2 children have begun phonic sessions and are becoming speedier at deciphering 'Fred Talk'.

Reception

Reception and Nursery were very excited to see the development of the outdoor area. The children have thoroughly enjoyed jumping and climbing on the new equipment, as well as riding bikes and scooters along the amazing road surface. The mud kitchen and sandpit have also been incredibly popular, providing endless opportunities for imaginative play.



In class, Reception have loved listening to traditional fairy tales. They explored different types of materials to find the most suitable ones for making a bed fit for a princess — with a hidden pea underneath! They also designed and built furniture for the Three Bears, investigated the weight of the elves' shoes, and created their own magical wands. To round off their royal adventures, the children decorated portraits of themselves as royalty — crowns and all!

The children took a keen interest in VE Day. They created beautiful commemorative plates featuring Winston Churchill, street parties, aeroplanes and poppies, all helped them to understand and appreciate this important moment in history.

Little City Visit

Nursery and Reception children really enjoyed the visit from Little City this half term. This wonderful experience gave the children the opportunity to be shopkeepers, doctors, construction

workers, hairdressers, chefs and even visit space!



Year 1

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this half term. They have enjoyed participating in a wide range of subjects including Maths, English, Science, DT, PSHE, Music, Religious Education, Geography and PE. In every lesson, the children have been engaged, enthusiastic and eager to learn.

One of the particular highlights this half term was our DT project, where the children made puppets. They showed

perseverance and resilience, especially as parts of the process were quite challenging. They loved seeing their finished puppets, and the grown-ups really enjoyed seeing the children's creativity on display.



Another special moment was our Class Assembly. The children worked so hard, and I'm sure all the parents and carers will agree that they were all amazing! They supported and encouraged each other while learning their lines, and it was a joy to see their confidence shine through.

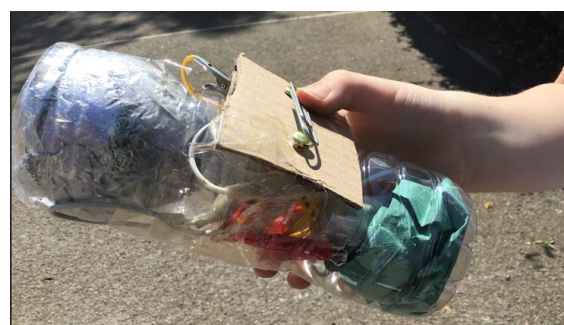
With just one half term to go, we're looking forward to all the exciting learning opportunities still to come. It's a special time as we begin the final chapter of Year 1, and we can't wait to make even more wonderful memories together.

Year 2

In Year 2, the children have enjoyed designing and making chairs for baby bear in design technology. They have looked closely at attachment techniques and how to strengthen their models. In science, the children have enjoyed learning about the life cycles of plants and what they need to grow and survive. They have planted sunflower seeds and placed them in a variety of conditions to see how their growth is impacted. Year 2 are very much looking forward to their trip to Whipsnade Zoo next half term!

Years 3 and 4

In Years 3 and 4 this half term we have been busy linking our electricity learning to design technology. We evaluated a range of torches and identified their features. From this we were given a design brief to follow to make a torch. We really enjoyed testing them to see what worked well and how we could improve our designs.



Lions class enjoyed working on their Class Assembly and sharing their learning from this half term - one of the highlights being the fantastic French signing and Greatest Showman dancing.

We are looking forward to cooking in DT next half term, and Year 3 will be attending a trip to explore art and sculpture in Milton Keynes.

Years 5 and 6

We are so proud of our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs tests this month. All of the children had a positive attitude and tried their very best. We can now look forward to a busy Summer 2 Term, where we will be rehearsing our production 'The Wrong Way Round' and completing transition visits to secondary schools.

Year 5 really enjoyed their DT day last week making soft toys. They worked hard on a design that would be a suitable size for a small child to hold whilst not being too fiddly to actually sew! Their mastery of the blanket stitch and patience with needle threading was impressive. We will be sending them home after half term.



Year 6 Crazy Golf Trip

Year 6 had a brilliant morning at Mr Mulligan's Indoor Crazy Golf, where they let off some steam and had lots of fun exploring two themed courses.

The first course took them on an underwater adventure, filled with colourful sea creatures and ocean obstacles. The second led them through an enchanted forest, complete with magical twists and turns. Both courses were packed with excitement and gave the children a chance to enjoy some well-earned fun.

It was a fantastic way to celebrate after all their recent hard work!



Attendance

Good attendance leads to academic success. At Cedars, we would like every child to have an attendance of 97%. The school day starts at 8:45 am and it is important that the children arrive on time so that they can settle quickly and be ready to learn.

A quick reminder that all holidays during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.



It is that time of the year and it's Sports Day on Wednesday 11th June! We would like to invite family and friends to join us on the school playground at 9:30am so that we can walk (process) down to the field together. As in previous years, when we get there, we would ask that supporters stand around the outside of the track area only. The event should be finished by approximately 11:30am. Fingers crossed for good weather, and we look forward to an exciting morning.

School Photos

Imago Photography will be in school on Tuesday 10th June to take class photos.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 4th June - Year 5 Caldecotte Xperience trip
- Thursday 5th June - Year 2 Whipsnade Zoo trip
- Tuesday 10th June - Class Photos
- Wednesday 11th June, 9.30am - Sports Day

- Tuesday 24th June - Year 3 Campbell Park visit
- Wednesday 25th June, 10.45am - Nursery Sports Day
- Wednesday 25th June, 4.00pm - Reception Parent Induction
- Tuesday 1st July - Year 1 First Class Athletics trip
- Wednesday 2nd July - Reception Hogshaw Farm trip
- Friday 4th July, 2.40pm - Brown Bears Class Assembly
- Monday 7th July, 5.00pm - Year 6 Production
- Tuesday 8th July, 2.00pm - Year 6 Production
- Wednesday 9th July - Morning, children meet new class teacher
3.30pm, parents meet new class teacher
- Friday 11th July - Annual Reports sent to parents
- Monday 21st July, 2.00pm - Year 6 Awards

And finally...

As we look forward to the second half of the Summer Term, we are excited about the activities planned. We aim to continue providing a stimulating and nurturing environment for all our students.

We hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the final half term of the academic year on Tuesday 3rd June 2025.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Goldsmith
Headteacher