

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: Mac, Alfie-Rae, Alfie, William, Bensil, Evelyn, Rose, Cleo, Taliyah, Eddie, Kendall, Suri, Finley, Eliana, Annabelle, Evie, Addison, Letchan, James, Phoebe, Pasha, Anna, Sara, Taylor, Meadow, Jonathan, Julianna, Jacob, Georgia, Christopher, Eddie, Hattie, Vento, Harrison, Harry, Jun, Gabrielle, Freddie, Gregor, Lucy and Erin.

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

Nursery

As we come to the end of our Nursery year, we would like to share some highlights of this half term. The children have been amazing in all areas of their

learning. They showed off both their vocal skills and physical development during our successful Nursery Rhyme Sports Day. Thank you for such brilliant attendance and for joining us for the picnic afterwards.

The children have had the opportunity to observe, handle and ask questions about plants and animals. We watched our caterpillars change into butterflies and had a visit from some African snails.



They have created some lovely pieces of artwork to capture the colours and textures of the sea. Their independence with being able to choose their own resources and talk about their ideas has been a delight to observe.

They enjoyed listening to longer stories and poems. Our core text, 'Billy's Bucket' gave opportunities for the children to use their imagination to suggest what might be in their 'bucket'. They have also enjoyed role play experiences such as an ice cream kiosk and recycling centre.

Another highlight for the children during the hot weather has been water play and paddling pool fun. This has also been a

great learning opportunity for them to learn about the things that contribute to being safe and healthy in the summer.

What a busy and successful half term it has been! In the words of our Nursery Graduation song; "Look at all the friends I've made, these memories will never fade".



Reception

Brown Bears have had a really busy and exciting half term. We enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hogshaw Farm, where we saw some deer being fed, learned all about a ferret—and even got to stroke it. The children also fed some goats and had lots of fun playing on both the indoor and outdoor equipment. One of the highlights was learning about some beautiful barn owls and watching them fly. It was a lovely day for both children and adults, and everyone returned very tired.

As part of our seaside topic, we've been learning how holidays have changed over time, and about sun safety through the "Slip, Slap, Slop" message. We've also explored how to care for our oceans by learning about recycling and sorting materials to reduce waste. The children were fantastic at sorting our rubbish and understanding how to keep our oceans clean.

We discovered which creatures live in rock pools and had great fun making our own in the water and construction areas. The children's "oceans in a bottle" were incredibly creative.

The children have also been curious scientists—exploring magnetic materials, investigating rocks and fossils and creating their own shadow puppets. As part of our Big Band music topic, the children designed and made their own musical instruments. They then performed together as an orchestra, which they really enjoyed. We also introduced some early computing, and the children learned how to programme a Beebot with their own codes to help it find hidden pirate treasure.



It's been a fantastic year in Brown Bears, full of fun, learning and creativity. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Year 1

As we come to the end of the academic year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a truly fantastic journey it has been in Year 1. We've been incredibly fortunate to have taught this wonderful cohort for the second year running, and it has been a privilege to watch each and every child continue to grow - both academically and emotionally. This year has been filled with creativity, curiosity and plenty of hands-on learning. The children have thrown themselves into every challenge and opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience. This half

term, in Design and Technology, they have loved designing and creating their own puppets and vehicles, showing real imagination and problem-solving skills. In English, we were blown away by their work on non-chronological reports, particularly their brilliant pieces all about Toy Man! The progress they've made in their writing has been phenomenal, and we are so proud of all they've achieved.

One of the highlights of our year was our fantastic school trip to First Class Athletics. It was a day filled with tumbling, cheerleading, gymnastics, teamwork games - and most importantly, endless smiles! The children had an incredible time, and it was a perfect way to bring together all the physical skills and teamwork they've developed throughout our PE lessons this year.

It has been a joy to teach in Year 1 this year and share so many special moments with all the children. We wish all our families a restful summer and look forward to seeing how our brilliant learners continue to grow in Year 2.



Year 2

A highlight this year was a trip to the Zoo. Even though the rain didn't stop, the children had the best time. We listened to some keeper talks about the penguins and giraffes and were very excited to see the lion cubs. The children represented the school brilliantly all day. They have also enjoyed using clay as part of their art learning. The children explored modelling strategies when making a clay pot and finished the unit by making a clay tile of a house. The children learnt how to use score and slip to join clay pieces together.



Years 3 and 4

The children have been busy this term in DT taste testing, designing and making biscuits. The children were given a budget to keep to which they found very challenging when there were so many delicious toppings and fillings to choose from. They developed baking skills to

make their biscuit dough, roll it out, cut it into shapes and then await the tasting. They shared their biscuits with their target audience, Year 6, who were most willing and delighted to try them.

The children also had a fantastic afternoon of French with Mrs Stankowski learning some new vocabulary when talking about musical instruments and the type of music they prefer. They then discussed and listened to some songs from the Eurovision song contest and discussed their likes and dislikes.

Year 5 Caldecotte Xperience Trip

Year 5 had a fabulous time at Caldecotte at the beginning of June. The children (and grown-ups) were challenged to take part in high ropes, caving, raft building and canoeing. It was a great opportunity to spend time and work with children they don't perhaps usually choose to spend time with and the results - particularly in raft building - were amazing! The weather was lovely and warm - which was fortunate as most of us ended up in the lake at some point during the day! Well done to everyone who pushed themselves a little bit out of their comfort zone.





Year 6

Our incredible Year 6 pupils truly outdid themselves in their recent production of *The Wrong Way Round*. With weeks of hard work and dedication, they brought the stage to life with unforgettable performances that left the audience cheering for more.

The children not only learnt their lines with confidence but also mastered a range of songs, dances and even helped with stage setup. Their teamwork, enthusiasm and commitment were clear to see in every moment of the show.

Each performance was a resounding success, full of energy, humour and heart. We couldn't be prouder of them all — they were simply amazing!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the production — from staff and parents to our brilliant backstage helpers. This was a show to remember!

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who have organised a number of events throughout the year.

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 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 2025-2026

Term dates for the Academic Year 2025-2026 are as follows:

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
Autumn Term 1 2025	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn Term 2 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring Term 1 2026	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring Term 2 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer Term 1 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer Term 2 2026	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

We will share our Annual Calendar of Events for 2025-2026 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 3rd September 2025**. Nursery children will return on **Monday 8th September 2025**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Goldsmith