

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 have enjoyed many activities linked to our topic of 'Once Upon a Time'.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Little City. This wonderful experience gave the children the opportunity to be shopkeepers, doctors, construction workers, opticians, hairdressers, chefs and even visit space!



The children have worked hard with their re-telling familiar stories such as The Little Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood and Three Billy Goats Gruff. Our castle role play area has really captured their imagination. They have been

dressing up as knights, princes and princesses and enjoy a pretend banquet.

Exploring how buildings and bridges stay up has 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 also liked pretending to be a troll under the bridge.



This week we have been celebrating World Bee Day. The children have learnt about the important job that bees do and

learnt a new song 1,2,3,4,5 Bees went buzzing from the hive.

N2 children have begun phonic sessions learning the first six Set 1 sounds M, A, S, D, T, I. They are becoming speedier at deciphering 'Fred Talk'.

Reception

What a term Reception have had! We have read so many different fairytales and explored alternative fairy tales too. We then became authors and wrote our own fairy tales. We have become scientists, exploring different materials and testing out our senses.

One of the highlights of this half term was a visit from Little City. We were able to try out lots of different occupations and had the best time playing together and increasing our role play opportunities.



We have been very busy artists, creating castle pictures, painting pigs with different shades of red and refining our drawing techniques too. We have ended the topic by learning about Kings and Queens and becoming a 'Ruler for the Day' - ask us what our rules would be. We had a Royal Tea Party wearing the crowns and sceptres we had made; it was lots of fun. We can't wait to move on to our final half term of Reception where we will learn all about the beach.

Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have enjoyed a variety of additional experiences as part of our learning. We went on a walk around the school grounds for Science, where we explored nature and spotted a variety of garden and wild flowers. We also enjoyed two walks around the local area of Newport Pagnell, identifying human and physical features and even spending some time in the local park.

A huge highlight for Year 1 was our school trip to First Class Athletics, where the children had the opportunity to further develop the gymnastics skills

they had been learning in PE, as well as gain new experiences in tumbling and cheerleading. We had such a wonderful time, and the children represented our school brilliantly throughout the day.



It has been an amazing half term, and we are so proud of all the children and everything they have achieved. We are already looking forward to our final half term together in Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed writing narratives based on 'Supertato' and have created some wonderful superhero stories. At the end of the unit, the children created their very own super-fruit puppets and put on puppet shows to share their stories.

In Geography, the children have been learning about coastal environments. Using directional language, they created a treasure hunt on the playground. They then made their own beaches and talked about the physical and human features of a seaside town.

In DT, the children have been designing and making a chair for a bear. We began by looking at different materials and discovered which shapes are most structurally secure before creating miniature 3D chairs.

In Science, we have been busy learning about the life cycle of a plant. In our experiment, we have observed and measured the growth of a sweet pea plant in different places around school, and noticed how it flourishes when given lots of sunlight and water.



Year 3 and 4

This half term Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit to St Peter and St Paul's Church to explore their RE learning further. Year 3 had a talk about Christenings and the use of the font and water within a ceremony, while Year 4 looked at the relevance of the bible to Christianity. After the sessions the children had the chance to walk around the church and ask questions. The children also enjoyed a walk around the local area in Geography. After learning about the features of OS maps, they planned a route to follow and identified human and physical features. The highlight of our walk was a stop off at the park and a competitive game of Poohsticks.



Finally, to end the half term the children put on a fantastic performance of 'Once Upon a Story' to entertain both the school community and their families. The singing and acting was fantastic and the children made us all very proud.

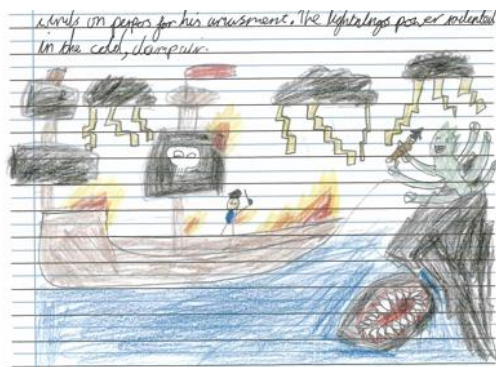
Years 5 and 6

Huge congratulations to all of Year 6 for their attitude and effort during SATs week. The children did themselves proud with their stamina and resilience in the tests and their dedication to polishing off croissants and pain au chocolate at breakfast! We are all so proud of you.

Climb Quest was a big hit last week as the children let off some post-SATs steam. Everybody got stuck into the challenges of the Checkerplate, the Vertical Drop Slide and the (very high) Stairway to Heaven.



Year 5 have worked really hard on their writing this half term and have particularly enjoyed our nautical themed adventure dilemma. Fabulous ideas, beautifully presented and a lot of fun along the way.



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 10th 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.

Nursery

We currently have places available in our Nursery for September. Our warm, welcoming environment provides children with the perfect start to their learning journey through fun, play-based activities that encourage confidence, curiosity and independence. With experienced and caring staff, engaging indoor and outdoor learning spaces and a

strong focus on developing early communication, social and creative skills, our Nursery helps every child thrive. We would love to welcome new families to our school community — please share with family and friends.

During this term we have also introduced our Nursery Stay and Play sessions for children aged 2-4 years old. Please see the information below and feel free to share with anyone you think may be interested in coming along.



School Photos

Imago Photography will be in school on Tuesday 16th June to take class photos.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 3rd June - Year 5 Campbell Park trip
- Monday 8th June - Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum trip
- Wednesday 10th June, 9.30am - Sports Day
- Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June - Book Fair
- Tuesday 16th June - Class Photos
- Wednesday 24th June, 10.45am - Nursery Sports Day
- Wednesday 24th June, 3.30pm - Reception Parent Induction
- Wednesday 1st July - Year 5 Caldecotte Xperience trip
- Tuesday 7th July - Reception Hogshaw Farm trip
- Tuesday 7th July, 9.15am - Year 6 Production
- Wednesday 8th July - Morning, children meet new class teacher 3.15pm, parents meet new class teacher
- Wednesday 8th July, 3.30pm - Nursery Parent Induction
- Thursday 9th July, 2.00pm - Year 6 Production
- Friday 10th July - Annual Reports sent to parents
- Monday 13th July - PTFA School Discos
- Tuesday 14th July, 2.15pm - 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 2nd June 2026.

Best wishes,

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