

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: Christiana, Edith, Oliver C, Oscar B, Jay, Archie, Eli, Zak, Harry, Charlie, Willow, Felix, Dakshana, Sara, Harley, Sydney, Harvey, Oliver M, Oliver M, Sebastian, Quincy, Ella, Megan, Chloe, Lucas, Lena, Teddy, Sienna, Liliana, Rosalie, Albert, Jennifer, Marcelo, Anna, Lyla, Bellamy, Zabidhy.

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

Nursery

This summer Nursery has been busy, exciting and full of exploration.

The children have enjoyed focusing on the topic of 'On the Beach', and can now name many sea creatures as well as

distinguish between different environments. They have enjoyed many stories including, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and A Snail and a Whale. Their learning came to life with a visit from 'Radish', a giant African snail and our class caterpillars.

They explored texture, colour and layering techniques while creating their beach pictures, and enjoyed our salon and beach café role play areas.

They have grown and matured tremendously, adapting brilliantly to changes in routines during the heatwaves. There has been so much kindness in the class too.

We ended this week with our amazing Sports Day. Thank you for supporting your children with this.

In the words of our Nursery Graduation song, 'We're on our way, to bigger dreams and fun each day'.





Reception

Reception have had such an amazing end to their first year of school. We watched our own caterpillars grow into butterflies and released them in the playground to go and explore the world. We went on a trip to Hogshaw Farm where we showed off our knowledge of farm animals and represented the school excellently, being polite, listening carefully and respecting the rules of the farm. We were able to feed goats, stroke Colin the Cockroach and learn all about barn owls at the bird show. We obviously had to visit the sand and water play area too, to cool off from the hot sun!

This half term, we have learnt about beaches, animals you find in rockpools and how to stay safe in the sun. We have created an impressive piece of artwork, adding different elements each week including textured sand, fingerprint fish and handprint starfish. We have read

lots of non-fiction books and practised asking different types of questions to find out information. We are very excited for the summer holidays and starting our next exciting chapter of joining Year 1. Have a lovely summer Brown Bears.



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. 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 loved designing and creating their own puppets, 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 everything they've achieved. We also enjoyed celebrating their hard work with a fantastic movie morning.

We have loved our geography learning this year, and the children represented our school brilliantly on two walks around the local community in Newport Pagnell. One of the highlights of the year was our fantastic school trip to First Class Athletics. It was a day filled with tumbling, cheerleading, gymnastics and teamwork games - and, most importantly, endless smiles! The children had an incredible time, and it was a wonderful opportunity to bring together all the physical skills and teamwork they have developed throughout our PE lessons this year.

It has been a real pleasure to teach Year 1 and to share so many special moments with the children. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing our brilliant learners continue to flourish in Year 2.



Year 2

Year 2 had a brilliant time visiting the home town of much loved author, Roald Dahl, where they dressed up, created characters and explored the museum and town. The children were fascinated to discover the real life inspirations behind his famous characters and plotlines.

In History, Year 2 have been learning about famous monarchs, why they exist and how they have changed over time. The children learnt the importance of castles and made junk model castles of their own. Some had traditional features such as turrets and moats, while others took a more modern approach and featured sports cars and swimming pools.

The children took part in a gymnastics workshop this term, led by a specialist coach and learnt some core gymnastics skills using different apparatus.

Our 'mini sports day' was another great success. Years 2 and 3 competed together taking part in races and games, which showed off their speed and agility. It also gave our Year 6 children the opportunity to lead the activities as well as supporting and encouraging the younger ones.

Year 3

We have enjoyed our art topic linked to the Ancient Egyptians. We looked closely at some artwork to inspire us, particularly the colours, patterns and stories that could be told from each picture. We then used this to create our own pieces using watercolours, pastels and coloured pencils. In PE, we have enjoyed taking part in a range of athletics events especially the hurdles and javelin.



Year 4

This half term we have been enjoying our sculpture unit in art, thinking about making 2D pictures into 3D using a range of tones and colours - we even used these to sculpt soap into fish. In History, we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain and how this is linked to a range of other armies: such as the Romans and Normans. We have loved putting ourselves in the Anglo-Saxons' shoes to discuss how they would have felt!

Year 5 Caldecotte Xperience Trip

The Year 5s had a super day at Caldecotte. Thankfully it wasn't one of the most scorching days we have had, meaning that we enjoyed a whole day of adventurous activities and a lovely lunchtime picnic. The children were challenged to abseil from the top of a tower, use their newly acquired Bushcraft skills to make a spark to light a fire, run the gauntlet of the largest bouncy castle ever seen and work together in pairs and threes to kayak around the lake. Other highlights included jumping into the lake after kayaking (and sometimes during) and creating a spontaneous welcoming committee as everyone arrived in the car park at the start of the day. We were all so proud of the children's attitude,

perseverance and resilience for the challenges that an activity day can present.



Year 6



A huge congratulations to our Year 6 leavers on their incredible production of *Gross Busters*! The children were

absolutely fantastic, showing outstanding teamwork as they learned their lines, sang, acted and danced, while also helping to prepare costumes, props and the stage. To make their achievement even more impressive, they delivered two superb performances right in the middle of a blazing heatwave! Despite the soaring temperatures, their energy, focus and dedication never wavered. We are immensely proud of their resilience, commitment and outstanding talent. You absolutely smashed it Year 6 - well done!

Ofsted

As you are aware Ofsted completed an inspection in June. We are incredibly proud of our school, our children and our staff. The inspectors recognised many of the strengths we see every day at Cedars Primary School and Nursery. They found that:

"Pupils develop a clear sense of belonging and are proud of their school."

"Relationships are at the heart of the school's work."

They also noted that "Pupil's behaviour is excellent" and that pupils "help each other, feel safe and are kind to each other consistently".

These comments reflect the caring and inclusive community we have built together.

A copy of the report can be found on the link below:

[Cedars Ofsted Report](#)

School Council

We had great fun tasting all the cakes for the bake off and had some amazing entries. Thank you for all your donations!

The winners were:

Jessica S. - Nursery

Molly E. - Year 1

Freya and Lilah C. - Years 2 and 4

James A. - Year 5

Rosalie S. - Year 6

With the bake sale and the selling of ice pops afterschool, we have been able to raise around £300 towards new playground equipment.

Eco Council

The Eco Council have been extremely busy exploring the environment, investigating ideas, implementing these across the school and evaluating our next steps. We have been able to achieve the Eco Schools Green Flag Award with distinction, which we are incredibly proud of!

Mini Sports Day

Despite another heatwave, we finally managed to hold a Sports Day last Thursday, albeit without any spectators. The children from Reception to Year 5 took part in the obstacle course, football dribble, egg and spoon, hurdles and seated throw events on the playground. There was lots of enthusiasm and cheering as well as some modifications in the obstacle course when a whole team decided to cartwheel instead of rolling on the mats! The Year 6s were outstanding in leading each event, explaining the details, as well as supporting and encouraging everyone as they took part. As it is their last experience of Sports Day at Cedars, the

children in Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in their own Sports Day this week.



Book Fair

This year we hosted the most successful Scholastic Book Fair we have ever had at Cedars! We made a grand total of £1068, which is amazing! As a thank you for hosting, Scholastic Books have given us a rewards voucher which we will be using to supplement our non-fiction section in the new refurbished library. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped to boost our love of books!

Helpful SEND Summer Resources

🌸 Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer -

Summer activities and family support

<https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/leisure-and-things-to-do>

💤 Sleep and mental health

<https://www.kids.org.uk/guides/sleep-and-mental-health/>

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 2026-2027

Term dates for the Academic Year 2026-2027 are as follows:

	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon session on:
Autumn Term 1 2026	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Autumn Term 2 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term 1 2027	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring Term 2 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term 1 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer Term 2 2027	Tuesday 8 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

We will share our Annual Calendar of Events for 2026-2027 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 **Thursday 3rd September 2026**. Nursery children will return on **Monday 7th September 2026**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Goldsmith