# Newsletter

# CEDAR PARK SCHOOL

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## Harvest Festival and supporting One Can Trust

Our Harvest Festival was a wonderful success, thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our children, staff, and parents. The singing, readings, and thoughtful reflections truly captured the spirit of gratitude and community. We are proud to be supporting the One Can Trust, and all of the food donations collected will be delivered to them next week to help local families in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed and made this celebration so meaningful.

## Key dates

3 November - INSET day
4 November - School opens
4 November - Bring wellies in
5 November - Year 1 local walk
10 November - Year 5 school trip
12 November - Year 5 First Aid day
12 November - Football match vs. Highworth
14 November - Non uniform day (PTA Tombola day)
14 Novermber - Year 5 & 6 School gala

## Enjoy half term

It has been an incredibly long and busy half term, but the children and staff have been truly amazing throughout — showing great resilience, positivity, and teamwork. We are so proud of everything they have achieved. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest over the half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for more learning on Tuesday 4th November.

# Year 2 visit The Year 1666




Year 2 had an incredible immersive Fire of London day, dressing up in brilliant 17th-century costumes and diving into the sights and stories of 1666; they made traditional candles, explored the fascinating professions of the time like bakers and apothecaries, and discovered how the Great Fire began in a bakery on Pudding Lane and swept through the city, changing London forever—huge thanks to Mrs Arnold, Mrs Akram, Mrs D'Souza, Mrs Brown, and Mrs Stavrou for helping the children on the day.

# Parent workshops

We've recently hosted a series of engaging parent workshops, including sessions focused on reading and EYFS phonics, designed to support families in fostering a love of learning at home—huge thanks to Miss Barker, Miss Mason, Mrs Van, Mrs Cook, and Mrs Franek for making these workshops possible with their time and expertise; and don't forget to keep an eye on the calendar for our upcoming Maths workshop in the Spring term!



# Fun in the winter sun (and rain!)

Just a reminder that children will need wellies on Tuesday 4th November so they can enjoy the field and sandpit— adventures await! If anyone is having a clear out over half term, we'd be very grateful for any sandpit toy or wellie donations to help keep playtime creative and fun.

# Timestable Rockstars

Times Table Rockstars has become a key part of our maths learning, and it's been fantastic to see so many pupils engaging with it. It's not just about learning multiplication—it's about building speed, confidence, and a sense of achievement. We've seen a big increase in participation, with children accepting challenges, improving their scores, and encouraging each other to keep practising. The enthusiasm is spreading beyond the classroom, and teachers are noticing stronger fluency and faster recall in lessons. It's helping learners feel proud of their progress and motivated to keep going. Keep rocking those times tables!

# School core behaviours achievements!

We will continue to celebrate our school's core behaviours, recognising and rewarding pupils and staff who demonstrate Compassion, co-operation, courage, passion, perserveance or respect.



Jules receives our compassion award this week for very kindly looking out for a Reception child who needed help when clearing their plate.



Louie has been working so hard on his writing and received a sticker award from Miss Mason when he tried again and again to get his writing right! Well done Louie.



We would like to take a moment to recognise and thank parents who come to the office with kindness and respect. Our office team juggle many different tasks and challenges each day, and they really appreciate being treated with courtesy and understanding. Your thoughtful approach helps everything run more smoothly and makes our school a happier place for everyone.



Well done to all our Year 1 - Year 6 children who showed passion when performing to parents at the Harvest Festical. Good job, everyone!



We have had some new starters to the school and we are so proud of how well they have settled in and become part of the Cedar Park family.



Well done to the group of year 6 children who have been reading with our year 1 and year 2 groups this week.