Newsletter

CEDAR PARK SCHOOL

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NSPCC Kindness day

Today, the children celebrated NSPCC Kindness Day with enthusiasm and heart. As part of the celebration, each child contributed to a kindness loop chain by writing down a kind act they had done or experienced during the day. These individual loops were then joined together to form one long, colourful chain that stretched right across the hall—a powerful visual reminder of how even small acts of kindness can create something truly special when we come together. While every day should be a kindness day, we were proud to take time today to shine an extra spotlight on the importance of being kind to ourselves and others.

Key dates

6-10 October - Year 6 at River Dart (no Doodle this week)
7 October - Year 5 football game vs. Danesfield
14 and 16 October - Open Days/Evening session for prospective parents
17 October - Individual and sibling photographs at school

Weather

As the weather begins to cool down, please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat each day. For our EYFS children, we kindly ask that they have snoods and mittens rather than scarves and gloves, as these are both easier to manage and safer for little hands.

Parking

Please remember to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children. It is important that driveways and pavements are kept clear so our neighbours can access their homes safely. Parking properly also helps to keep our children safe as they arrive and leave school.

Grow Together session for year 3

Year 3 enjoyed their very first Grow Together session in our new garden space. The children had the opportunity to get hands-on with nature, exploring the plants, soil and wildlife around them. They worked brilliantly as a team, showing curiosity, care, and resilience as they began their journey of learning through the outdoors. Grow Together sessions are a fantastic way to bring the curriculum to life while helping children develop teamwork, problem-solving and a deeper connection to the environment. We can't wait to see how Year 3 continue to flourish in the garden over the coming weeks! The next session is the 16th October.



The Listening Spot

We are delighted to share that a new Listening Spot has been set up at Cedar Park. This is a dedicated space where children know they can go to if they need someone to listen to them. Whether it's to share a worry, talk through a problem, or simply have a quiet chat, the Listening Spot is there to remind children that their voices matter and that there is always someone ready to listen. This happend on This forms part of our ongoing commitment to supporting children's wellbeing and creating a kind, caring school community.



School census

This Thursday we had our School Census Day, which is a very important event for schools as the information collected helps to determine future funding. To make the day special, our catering team planned a fun menu for everyone to enjoy. We appreciate all the meals that were booked in Reception, year 1 and year 2 as every meal taken helps to support the school and the future funding it will receive.Thank you for your support in making Census Day a success!

Thank you school governors

Our school governors held their first meeting of the year earlier this month. We are privileged to have such a strong and dedicated team supporting our school. Governors play a vital role as a "critical friend" to the Headteacher, offering guidance, asking thoughtful questions, and helping to ensure that the school continues to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children. A special thank you goes to our Chairs Becky, Neil, and the entire Governor team for all their hard work, commitment, and the valuable time they give to support our school community.



Head pupils

We're delighted to announce our new Head Pupils – Jenson and Heidi. Their first official role will be to speak at our upcoming open sessions for prospective parents, where they'll share what makes Cedar Park such a special place to learn and grow. We know they'll do a fantastic job representing the school and speaking from the heart about their experiences here.

Swimmathon and Friends Updates

We're excited to announce the upcoming Swimathon, a fun and active event for the whole school community! It's a great opportunity for the children to challenge themselves, stay active, and raise funds to support our school.

More information will be shared with you shortly by your class rep, including how your child can get involved and how sponsorship will work. You can also find key dates and further details in the PTA calendar. A copy has been sent around on whatsapp groups too.

We're looking forward to a fantastic event and thank you in advance for your support!

Friends of Cedar Park Event Dates 2025/26

Date	Event	More Information
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER	SWIMATHON YRS 4-6	Children are sponsored to swim as many widths/lengths of the pool as possible
W/C 4TH NOVEMBER	SWEET COLLECTION	Drop off any unwanted sweets after Halloween
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER	DISCO	John Johnny will be running 2 discos Yrs N-2 & Yrs 3-6
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	NON-UNIFORM DAY	Children can wear their own clothes in return for donations towards the Xmas event and elf shop
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL PANTOMIME TRIP	Friends will pay for transportation for the school panto trip
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS ROLLERSKATING & FAYRE	Xmas family roller disco and Fayre- fun for all ages!
10TH, 16TH & 18TH DECEMBER	XMAS REFRESHMENTS	Friends serving refreshments at EYFS nativity 9.30 10/12 KS1 performance 6pm 16/12 KS2 performance 6pm 18/12
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER	ELF WRAPPING DAY	Children will be able to purchase gifts during school time for family for Xmas
W/C 5TH JANUARY	HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION	Clear out your cupboards and donate unwanted clothes to raise funds
FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026	AMIGOS FAMILY MAGIC SHOW	Bring the whole family to be entertained! 2 age appropriate shows- Yrs N-2 & Yrs 3-6
MONDAY 2ND MARCH	ZAKTIV WORKSHOP	Steel from Gladiators will deliver a morning of health and mindset workshops
FRIDAY 8TH MAY	DISCO	John Johnny will be running 2 discos Yrs N-2 & Yrs 3-6
THURSDAY 4TH JUNE	SWIMATHON YRS 1-3	Children are sponsored to swim as many widths/lengths of the pool as possible
W/C 8TH JUNE	HAPPY BAGS COLLECTION	Clear out your cupboards and donate unwanted clothes to raise funds
TUESDAY 23RD JUNE	SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS	Friends will provide hot and cold refreshments to keep spectators fuelled!
27TH/28TH JUNE	SUMMER EVENT	Theme and details to be confirmed
JULY DATE TBC	COLOUR RUN	You bring the energy, we'll bring the colour!! Date and details to be confirmed

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.



Mrs Collins was very proud of both Ada and Adalyn who showed compassion to a friend who was struggling to come into school one morning. Without any prompting both girls asked the other child if they'd want a friend to walk into class with. Well done girls!



This week we'd like to recognise Ben who has shown a lot of perserverance. When he couldn't find the right words for his story and felt overwhelmed about where to begin, he went away, did some research on the topic and tried again. The end result was the start of a fascinating story about the Moon Landing!



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 11 year 6 children who put themselves forward to become Head Pupil of the school. You all worked very hard to create presentations and share your passion with children and staff in the school. We are very proud of you all.



Well done to the group of year 5 children who were brave to go and speak with younger years to teach them about school behaviours and British Values.



Our mixed-year groups have been showing Co-operation and team spirit whilst enjoying the football field together.It's been fantastic to see older and younger children playing side by side, learning from each other, and showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. We're thrilled to see the children having so much fun while developing their skills and confidence on the field.