



# Cedars Manor School Newsletter

Issue 12 — November 28th 2025

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

OVERALL ATTENDANCE – **94.16%**

Week ending 28/11/2025

	Class	%	No of Pupils late	No of lates
1	Pine	98.52	0	0
2	Elm	96.54	5	5
3	Hawthorn	96.25	1	1
4	Cherry	95.74	4	5
5	Rowan	94.78	5	5
6	Spruce	94.21	5	6
7	Maple	94.12	4	4
8	Lime	93.04	2	3
9	Fir	93.04	1	1
10	Yew	92.59	0	0
11	Sycamore	92.59	3	5
12	Beech	91.33	2	2
13	Hazel	91.11	0	0

The whole school attendance is **94.16%** this week, which is **BELOW** the school average of **96%** and **BELOW** the National average of **95%**



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**3rd December** — Winter Fair!

**3rd December** — R visit All Saints Church

**5th December** — Pine Class Assembly

**9th December** — Year 6 Field Trip

**10th December** — Reception + YR1 Nativity 2pm

**11th December** — Nursery Showcase 9am

**16th December** — Winter Wonderland

**17th December** — Class Parties

## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 — NOW OPEN!



### Key Dates

- **Applications Open:** 1 September 2025
- **Closing Date:** 15 January 2026

### How to Apply

- Visit the eAdmissions portal: [eAdmissions](#)
- Register for an account (or log in if you already have one).
- Add your child's information.
- Select your preferred schools in order of preference.
- Upload any required documents.
- Submit your application and **save/print your confirmation.**

## School Photographs are Ready!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call the school directly for the website photo code.





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## Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to host our Scholastic Book Fair next week! Students will have the chance to explore a fantastic selection of books during their library lessons, and families are warmly invited to join us after school from **Monday 1st to Friday 5th December**. With a wide variety of titles starting from just £2.99, there really is something for every reader – whether your child loves adventure, mystery, or stories full of imagination.

### How to Pay:

Our preferred payment method is online, using the card machine or QR codes displayed at the Fair. Friendly staff will be on hand to guide you and answer any questions. Cash payments can also be accepted if needed.

Every purchase helps us add new and exciting books to our school library, giving our students even more opportunities to discover the joy of reading.

Thank you for your support – we can't wait to see you at the Fair!



## Year 5 Duke of Cedars

This week, Year 5 took part in their Duke of Cedars activity for Autumn 2, supporting younger pupils in reading. It was a fantastic session, Year 5 buddied the children from Reception and Year 1 and supported them in sharing their reading book. We are very proud of our Year 5 pupils who helped the younger children with blending, fluency and comprehension. There will be two additional sessions where the children will share their books with one another, Monday 1st December and Monday 8th December.



## EMAILS OF THE WEEK:

- 24/11/2025** - Sports Club Attire
- 25/11/2025** - PGL Payment Live!
- 26/11/2025** - Photograph is Ready!
- 26/11/2025** - Choir Winter Concert!
- 26/11/2025** - Winter Wonderland Sign up!
- 27/11/2025** - Tombola Donations Needed!
- 27/11/2025** - Gymnastics Club!



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## LEARNING AT CEDARS MANOR SCHOOL

### Nursery

**We have been learning:** the story of stickman and his journey back to the family tree

**You can help at home by:** *talking about the different members of your family*

### Reception

**We have been learning:** the days of the week linked to our story Meerkat Mail.

**You can help at home:** encouraging your child to tell you the days of the week order

### Year 1

**We have been learning:** Place value within 20

**You can help at home by:** Give your child a number between 1 and 20 and ask them to count **forwards** or **backwards** from that number. For example Start at 8 and count forward to 15

### Year 2

**We have been learning:** about balanced diet

**You can help at home by:** *modelling healthy eating habits and involving them in meal planning and preparation. Explain the importance of different food groups in simple ways and encourage kids to try a variety of nutritious foods.*

### Year 3

**We have been learning:** sharing and grouping

**You can help at home by:** *show your children equal groups of various items or how they can be shared between people.*

### Year 4

**We have been learning:** How to write a problem in a story.

**You can help at home by:** *Encourage your child to explain what problems Lila experienced when climbing Mount Merapi.*

### Year 5

**We have been learning:** about **FRACTIONS** in our maths lessons.

**You can help at home by:** practicing your Times Tables and how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers.

### Year 6

**We have been learning:** about equivalent fractions

**You can help at home by:** *getting your child to write down equivalent fractions and explain how they know they are equivalent*

**Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home. Your involvement helps to reinforce what they've been doing in school and makes a big difference in their progress!**

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

#### BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

#### MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

#### ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

#### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

#### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

#### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

#### Meet Our Expert

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See full reference list on our website

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