



Cedars Manor School Newsletter

Issue 8 — October 24th 2025

OVERALL ATTENDANCE – 92.61% Week ending 24/10/2025

	Class	%	No of Pupils late	No of <u>lates</u>
1	Elm	96.92	1	1
2	Cherry	96.47	1	1
3	Pine	95.36	3	3
4	Yew	94.93	0	0
5	Maple	94.12	3	7
6	Beech	93.33	1	1
7	Spruce	93.16	0	0
8	Fir	93.04	1	1
9	Sycamore	92.59	2	2
10	Hazel	91.95	1	1
11	Rowan	89.17	1	1
12	Hawthorn	88.89	0	0
13	Lime	88.33	0	0

The whole school attendance is **92.61%** this week, which is **BELOW** the school average of **96%** and **BELOW** the National average of **95%**



Weather Reminder

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat and suitable outdoor clothing.

With the evenings getting darker earlier, we also encourage children to wear something reflective on their clothing or school bags to help them stay visible and safe on their way to and from school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4th November—Parent Consultation Day 1
- 4th November—Verulamium Trip
- 5th November—Fir Parent Consultation (Fir)
- 6th November—Parent Consultation Day 2
- 11th November—Yew Parents Consultation
- 13th November—Yew Parents Consultation
- 15th November—YR2 Tower of London
- 15th November—YAP Project
- 19th November—YR1 Headstone Manor
- 20th November—YR3 Headstone Manor
- 21st November—Beech Class Assembly
- 24th November—Individual School Photos
- 28th November—Fir Class Assembly
- 3rd December — Winter Fair!
- 5th December — Pine Class Assembly



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB



**Monday – Friday | 3:20 PM – 5:45 PM |
Term Time Only**

Looking for quality after-school care in a safe, engaging environment? Our Afterschool Club offers fun activities, social time, and a welcoming space for your child to relax and unwind after the school day.

Cost per session:

- **£10 per child**
- **£8.50 per child for siblings**

(A minimum of one session per week is required.)

Important Information:

Fees must be paid termly in advance.

If you are interested, please collect a form from the school office.



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Duke of Cedars Awards

This half term all of our children have taken part in their first Duke of Cedars Award activity with their classes. The children have challenged themselves to learn something new, refine a skill or develop their roles and responsibilities in school.

Reception children developed their climbing skills, Year 1 have been library monitors, Year 2 identified different bugs found on their bug hunt. Year 3 designed and created their own fabric prints, Year 4 made their own Roman bread, Year 5 learned how to debate and practised public speaking and Year 6 took part in Bikeability training and how to stay safe independently on public transport.



Learn an instrument



Does your child love music? We have trained teachers waiting to teach your child an instrument.

There are opportunities to attend instrument festivals run by Harrow Music Service with other local schools such as string festival and guitar festival.

We have **drums**, **violin**, **guitar** and **keyboard** lessons available.

Please ask at the office for more information.





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Black History Month

The children at Cedars Manor School celebrated Black History Month through a showcase to other classes about their learning. Over the month, each class had a significant black role model to complete a project on. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this month and learnt a lot about the figure chosen.

Year 1 - Rosa Parks

Year 2 - Mary Seacole

Year 3 - Martin Luther King Jr

Year 4 - Malorie Blackman

Year 5 - Benjamin Zephaniah

Year 6 - Joseph Bologne



End of Term Message

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting half term, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff and parents for their hard work, dedication, and support in helping our children learn, grow, and thrive.

This term has been filled with wonderful experiences, trips, and learning opportunities, and we're already looking forward to even more next term!

Today, we also said goodbye to Mrs. Wilce, one of our long-serving SMSAs, who has been part of the Cedars Manor community for over 20 years. We thank her sincerely for her commitment and care over the years and wish her all the very best for the future.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the half term break. Take care, have a lovely week off, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 3rd November.

Please note: There will be no clubs during the first week back due to parent consultations. Clubs will resume as normal the following week.

Science Museum

On Wednesday 22nd October, the Year 5 children had a wonderful time at the Science Museum in London. The trip supported their learning on Earth and Space. Whilst at the Museum, the children attended an IMAX 3d screening on space discovery, explored the space gallery and attended a hands-on exhibition where they got to complete a number of science experiments.

It was a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Dinosaur Making Workshop

Reception's Dinosaur Making Workshop was a huge success!

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us to support their children in creating fantastic junk model dinosaurs. The results were wonderfully imaginative and creative.

The children also enjoyed taking part in a range of dinosaur-themed activities, including the highlight of the day, having tea with a dinosaur!





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WINTER FAIR

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
3:30PM - 5PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR:
HOT CHOCOLATE STATION
BAKE SALE
PRELOVED UNIFORM
GAMES
AND MORE!

For further information about this event please contact friendsofcms@cedarsmanor.harrow.sch.uk

We're inviting parents and carers who would like to promote their own businesses or hire a stall at our upcoming school fair to get in touch with us.

If you're interested, please email us at friendsofcms@cedarsmanor.harrow.sch.uk or leave your contact details with the school office, and a member of our team will get back to you.

We'd love to showcase and support our wonderful school community — so don't miss out on this opportunity!



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ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, it is important that you inform the school office **before 9am.**

You can do this by either speaking directly to a member of staff or leaving a voicemail on the absence line (Option 1).

If you are unsure if you should send your child to school please refer to the information in this link to determine: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We kindly ask that all appointments for your child, including medical and dental visits, be scheduled **during the school holidays or after school hours** whenever possible.

Appointments during the school day can disrupt your child's learning and impact their progress.



PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure they are parking responsibly when dropping off and picking up their children.

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increasing number of vehicles creating hazards for pedestrians and other road users. This not only poses a safety risk for the parents and children but also disrupts traffic flow around the school.



In addition, please remember that the children's safety in the car is just as important as their safety around it.

Drivers are **legally** responsible for making sure that any child **under 14** is correctly and securely restrained in a car seat or seat belt appropriate for their age, height, and weight. Even for short journeys, please double-check that car seats are properly fitted and that all seat belts are fastened securely.

Value of the Month: COURAGE

Courage: facing challenges and fears with confidence, determination, and integrity. It means standing up for what is right, trying new things even when they feel difficult, and persevering through obstacles.



We encourage our students to demonstrate courage by speaking up respectfully, taking positive risks, and showing resilience when faced with setbacks. Courage helps us grow stronger, pursue our goals with confidence, and inspire others to do the same.



EMAILS OF THE WEEK:



16/10/2025 - Football Clubs

20/10/2025 - Update Required: GP Details for Your Child

21/10/2025 - Dance Taster Session

21/10/2025 - Year 4 Maths Parent Workshop

22/10/2025 - Online Safety Workshop Cancelled



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LEARNING AT CEDARS MANOR SCHOOL

Nursery

We have been learning: about the celebration of Diwali and why it is called the festival of light. We discussed that we all celebrate different festivals.

You can help at home by: talking about festivals your child might celebrate and why you celebrate them.

Reception

We have been learning: about Diwali. The children made rocking Diya candles and learnt the story of Rama and Sita and how the diya candles helped them find their way back to the village.

You can help at home: encourage your child to retell you the story of Rama and Sita.

Year 1

We have been learning: about how to use onomatopoeia in our writing — words that imitate sounds, such as bang, splash, and buzz.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to make and identify different sounds together — for example, while reading stories or describing everyday noises.

Year 2

We have been learning: Mary Seacole and her legacy (Black History Month)

You can help at home by: visit the local library with the children and read books, watch short videos, and discuss Black heroes and culture to make learning about Black History Month engaging and meaningful.

Year 3

We have been learning: about Martin Luther Kings Jr and his impact on the world.

You can help at home by: discussing other famous people who have had a positive impact on the world and why they are remembered.

Year 4

We have been learning: about writing a recount

You can help at home by: asking your child to tell you about the features of a recount

Year 5

We have been learning: How to write a narratives, using a range of features and literary techniques we have learned in class.

You can help at home by: Reading fiction stories together, such as fairy tales, or short stories.

Year 6

We have been learning: multiplication

You can help at home by: learning the times tables, practicing the formal method of multiplication (column method) and practicing the alternative methods of multiplication (bar model, factor pairs, etc).

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!

All The National College, our WakeUp/Wednesday 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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGH, Techradar, and plenty more.





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Half term FLU community catch up clinics

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for their vaccine at one of our local community clinics during half term.

Stay Well:

Avoid the misery of flu this winter.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks in your community.



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28th October, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Hillview Children's Centre, HA2 0LW

29th October, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Park Royal Medical Centre, NW10 7NS

1st November, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Church Lane Family Wellbeing Centre, NW9 8JD

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please scan the QR code or follow the links below to book in:

[Book directly here](#)



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