



Cedars Manor School Newsletter

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OVERALL ATTENDANCE – 93.97% Week ending 03/10/2025

	Class	%	No of Pupils late	No of lates
1	Yew	99.29	0	0
2	Elm	98.46	2	3
3	Spruce	97.89	4	6
4	Hazel	97.7	0	0
5	Lime	96.15	1	2
6	Sycamore	96.04	4	6
7	Beech	95.67	0	0
8	Rowan	94.17	0	0
9	Fir	92.86	0	0
10	Maple	92.86	2	3
11	Pine	90	1	1
12	Cherry	88.57	3	4
13	Hawthorn	87.92	2	3
14	Willow	87.37	0	0

The whole school attendance is **93.97%** this week, which is **BELOW** the school average of **96%** and **BELOW** the National average of **95%**

NEW CLUBS LAUNCHING NEXT WEEK!

We're excited to announce new after-school clubs starting next week:

- **Multisport Club** – Years 1 & 2
- **Math Club** – Years 5 & 6
- **Choir Club** – Years 3–6
- **Coding / Scratch Club** – Years 3-6

If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact the school office and collect a form.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 22nd October**—YR5 Science Museum Trip
24th October—Reception Dinosaur Making Workshop
4th November—Parents Evening Day 1
6th November—Parents Evening Day 2
10th November—Hawthorn Class Assembly
17th November—Lime Class Assembly
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
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.

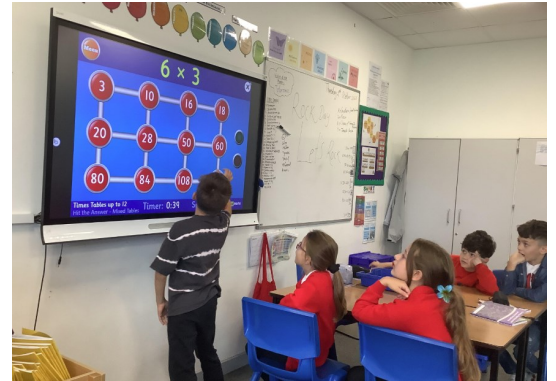


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In Year 4 the children enjoyed a Rockstar Day! This day was filled with Maths, Times Table Rockstars Battles, Maths inspired Art and the children even had the chance to create their own songs about Maths! It was really great to see all the children dressed up as rockstars and they thoroughly enjoyed their day. Please remember that your child should be accessing their TTRS at home and practising their multiplication/division through fun games.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week we have launched Black History Month with a whole school assembly. The theme for 2025 is '**Standing Firm in Power and Pride**'. The children are working on a project over the next few weeks and each year group will be focusing on an influential black figure.

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

The children will be showcasing all that they have learnt to another class in the school on **Thursday 23rd October**.



TOOTH BRUSHING

We are pleased to share that our link **Oral Health Practitioner** visited us this week to observe the Reception children taking part in the tooth brushing programme. It was a very successful visit. The practitioner was very impressed with how well the children could explain why it is important to brush your teeth and how to keep our mouths healthy.

Our **Nursery** children will be starting the programme after half term.



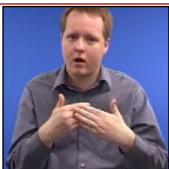
HEALTHY LUNCH REMINDER

Please ensure packed lunches are healthy and **do not include crisps, chocolate, or nuts**. This helps us encourage good eating habits and keep children with allergies safe.

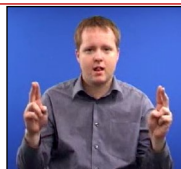
For morning snacks, children in **Years 3–6** should bring fruit or a nut-free cereal bar. Children in **EYFS–Year 2** are provided with fruit each day, so no snack is needed from home.

Thank you for supporting our healthy, nut-free school.

Signs of the Week



More



Less





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YEAR 1 LOCAL ENVIROMENT WALK



On **Thursday 2nd October**, Year 1 went on a local environment walk. This walk supported the children's Geography learning on 'Our Local Environment.' It was a fantastic learning experience, the children saw lots of different features such as a post office, a community centre, a church and a school. Ask your child about some of the interesting things they saw on their walk. A big thank you to our parent volunteers who gave their time to assist this experience.



PTA BAKE SALE

On **Friday 10th October**, the PTA will be holding a '**yellow themed bake sale**' on the playground after school.

This is to support **Mental Health Awareness Day**. If you are able to contribute any yellow cakes for the sale, please bring these to the school **office by 9am** on the morning of the 10th. If you bring home made cakes, please ensure that the ingredients used are provided to the office.

LEARNING WITH PARENTS

We have had a **positive response** to our new reading log portal, Learning with Parents for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

It has been fantastic to see the children's engagement with reading and them meeting their reading target at home to support them in developing this important life skill.



WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

October is Walk to School Month. Over the month, why not try to walk, scoot or cycle to school and experience more car free journeys.

Walking, scooting or cycling to school will support us in all being healthy. Please try and use the park and ride incentive, where you park slightly further away and walk to school to avoid congestion at the school gates.

As a reminder, please do not park in the disabled bays without a badge, even if this is for a few minutes to drop off or pick up. These bays should only be used by badge holders.



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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:



- 26/09/2025** - Newsletter Issue 4
- 28/09/2025** - PE Kit
- 29/09/2025** - Cooking Activity
- 30/09/2025** - Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop
- 30/09/2025** - Special Thursday Menu!
- 02/10/2025** - Multisport Club Error
- 02/10/2025** - Sycamore Class Assembly
- 03/10/2025** - Important Information: Year 6 Residential Trip 2026



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LEARNING AT CEDARS MANOR SCHOOL

Nursery

We have been learning: about Elmer and all the different colours his skin is.

You can help at home by: go on a colour hunt, this can be at home, at the shops or on the way to school. Is there a colour that you see a lot of?

Reception

We have been learning: all about repeated patterns using actions

You can help at home: encourage your child to show you a repeated pattern using two or three actions. E.G. clap, stamp, jump, stand up and sit down.

Year 1

We have been learning: about different features such as houses, shops, roads, and green spaces while on a walk around the local area.

You can help at home by: asking them to draw a simple map of their journey to practice noticing places and directions.

Year 2

We have been learning: counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s

You can help at home by: encourage children to practice their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3

We have been learning: about life during the Bronze age.

You can help at home by: comparing farm life and the use of simple tools to how we grow food and use machinery today.

Year 4

We have been learning: about how to flexibly partition numbers to 10, 000

You can help at home by: asking your child about the different ways they can partition numbers to 10,000

Year 5

We have been learning: about how Anglo-Saxon England was ruled.

You can help at home by: discussing differences and similarities between how England was ruled then and now.

Year 6

We have been learning: about place value.

You can help at home by: asking your child to multiply or divide numbers by ten, hundred, thousand, ten thousand, hundred thousand. They need to explain that the digits

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 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 EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mimicking of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/wa-sports-fc-26>



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HELLO YELLOW

On **Tuesday 10th October**, we'll be taking part in Hello Yellow to support YoungMinds, a mental health charity for children and young people.

We'd love for all children to join in by wearing something yellow to school on the day. This could be as simple as a yellow T-shirt, socks, hairband, or even just a splash of yellow!

We will also be welcoming any voluntary contributions, which will be donated to YoungMinds to help them continue their important work.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise awareness and brighten up the day with yellow!



Wear it loud. Wear it proud.

This World Mental Health Day, 10th October, wear yellow and donate to YoungMinds.

Less than 1 in 3 young people are getting the support they need for their mental health. This needs to change. With your support – it can.

#HelloYellow

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CEDARS MANOR'S MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS

We are proud to announce that Cedars Manor now has **nine Mental Health Ambassadors** from Years 3–6. These dedicated pupils have taken on a very important role within our school community.

As ambassadors, they will be working closely with staff and classmates to support positive mental health and wellbeing across the school. Their role will include listening to their peers, raising awareness of healthy habits, and helping to create a safe and supportive environment where everyone feels valued.

We are excited to see the impact they will have and thank them for their commitment to making Cedars Manor an even kinder, healthier, and happier place to learn and grow.