



The Cedar School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Cedar Updates

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break! We hope that you were all able to find time for relaxation during the festive period.

As always, the children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn! They have quickly settled back into school routines over the last couple of days. Well done, everybody!

Attendance Matters!

It is very important that we are given as much advanced notice as possible if your child has an appointment or if you are making any request for absence during term time.

Any request for absence, including to attend a medical appointment, needs to be made on our 'Request For Exceptional Absence' form and we need time to process the forms.

We will, of course, always authorise a medical appointment with a child's doctor/consultant/health professional but it is very important that the necessary paperwork is completed.

If the request for absence is due to a medical appointment, please can we also ask for a copy of the appointment letter to be attached to the 'Request For Exceptional Absence' form. Thank you.

Each term an Education Welfare Officer reviews every child's attendance in school and, quite rightly, scrutinises our absence rates and the strategies which we have to promote school attendance.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

The 'Request For Exceptional Absence' form is available on our school website at [Attendance and Absence in Term Time - The Cedar School](#). In addition, paper copies can be collected from the school office.

*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people.
It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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Dates For The Rest Of The School Year

Key dates for the rest of the school year are shown in the table below. The addition of the Bank Holiday for the King's coronation since we originally set our dates makes May a particular month to keep an eye on with two Bank Holidays and an INSET Day. My apologies for the impact which I appreciate that this will make on your arrangements and many thanks for your understanding.

Friday 10 th February 2023	Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 20 th February 2023	School Returns
Friday 31 st March 2023	Break Up for Easter Holiday
Monday 17 th April 2023	School Returns
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday for King Charles III's coronation (school closed)
Wednesday 17 th May 2023	Cedar School is 50 years old today!
Friday 26 th May 2023	Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June 2023	School Returns
Monday 26 th June 2023	INSET Day (school closed to children)
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Break Up for Summer Holiday

Cedar School At 50



One of the dates in the table above is that The Cedar School will be 50 years old on Wednesday 17th May! The school first opened for pupils on 17th May 1973. We have the original school log books which detail some of the things which happened in school in its early days. Across the school we will celebrate the school's 50th birthday and we will write nearer the time with our full plans to mark this significant milestone.

With very best wishes for the weekend from the whole team at Cedar,

Neil Revell
Headteacher