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Cecil Road Primary & Nursery School

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Newsletter 57 - 28th February 2025

Welcome back! We hope you had a refreshing break and are ready for an inspiring new term. As always, our core values—**Compassion, Courage, Creativity, Cooperation, and Commitment**—guide everything we do.

This term, we are shining a spotlight on **Compassion**. Compassion means showing kindness, understanding, and support for those around us. Whether it's lending a helping hand, offering a listening ear, or simply sharing a smile, small acts of compassion can create a big impact.

Let's make this term one of empathy, inclusion, and care for one another. We look forward to growing and learning together!

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🚗 Important Reminder: Parking Safety Outside School 🚗

For the safety of all our children, please **do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school**. These markings are there to keep the area clear, ensuring safe crossing for children and families.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your support.



World Book Day Celebration! 📖 ✨

We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** on 6th March 2025 🎉 📖 This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage a love of reading and creativity among our students.

Here's how we'll be celebrating:

📖 **Dress-Up** – Children are welcome to come dressed as their favorite book character.

📖 **Reading Activities** – Fun storytelling sessions and book-themed activities will take place throughout the day.

Book Sale will be after school on Thursday and Friday. Every book you buy will help the school receive more books!

Thank you for your support—we look forward to a wonderful day of reading adventures!

Mrs C Old



School Meals

Our school meals are provided by Caterlink and are prepared off site. Meals must be ordered in advance.

Please note that all meal payments must be made via ParentPay at the time that meals are ordered.

No cash payments can be accepted.

Please check ParentPay for school meal prices.

Year R, 1, 2 & Free School Meals

All meals must be ordered using the ParentPay, even if you are entitled to Free School Meals



School Website

Please have a look and find out about your children's learning—

[Cecil Road Primary & Nursery - Our Year Groups](#)

Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd March - Fire Safety visit

Wednesday 5th March - Y4 Hockey match @ Bronte

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character / World Book Day fair / Y2 Attenborough Forest School / Y1 Potter Swimming

Friday 7th March - World Book Day fair / Y2 Johnson Forest School

Monday 10th March - Y3 Tag Rugby match @Bronte

Tuesday 11th March - Winning House Cinema trip

Wednesday 12th March - YR NHS Vision & Hearing screening

Thursday 13th March - YR Rosen Forest School / Y1 Potter Swimming / Y6 Horton Kirby Trip

Friday 14th March - YR Donaldson Forest School / TSS Football @ Painters Ash / Riverview 7's Football @ Riverview

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 1st April - Parents Evening

Wednesday 2nd April - Parents Evening

Friday 4th April - End of term finish at 2pm

Mental Health & Wellbeing



At Cecil Road we believe that it is important to talk. We are here to listen but there are also others you can talk to.

shout
85258
here for you 24/7

Shout: For free and immediate 24/7 mental health support via text message in the UK, anyone can text SHOUT to 85258.

THE MIX

The Mix: The Mix offers support and advice to anyone under 25.

There's a helpline – call 0808 808 4995 – discussion board, webchat, and short-term counselling by phone and online.

Wishlist

Cecil Road staff have added some exciting items to an Amazon Wish List for our children.

Please check these out on the link below.

[Check out my list on Amazon](#)

We would be most grateful for any support you can offer for these items.



World Book Day

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair in celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 6th & Friday 7th March.



Every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school.

Books can be purchased on the day of the book fair and paid for by either cash or card. Books can also be ordered on the day and you will receive your order within 2 weeks of the receipt of order. World Book Day tokens will be accepted, there will also be a selection of sale stock for purchase.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book on Thursday (Attenborough class on Friday).


Please see below for details of a costume swap at Gravesend Library

[Gravesend Library - World Book Day Costume Swap | Local Kent Directory](#)

Other Information



Northfleet Trust [Northfleet Schools Trust Website – Official Website of Northfleet Schools Trust](#)



Our school hall is available to hire on Saturdays and after school. Please contact us for further details.

Come & Join our Parent & Toddler Group

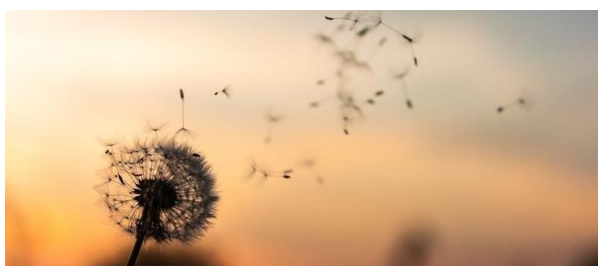
Every Wednesday in the school hall

8.45-10.00am £2 per family

Lots of fun, playing, activities, tea, coffee and biscuits on offer—come along and join our group. Please invite friends and family.



Emotional Wellbeing at Cecil Road



Please check the noticeboard outside the office for information about Emotional Wellbeing at Cecil Road.

Coming up - Wednesday 5th March 3-3.30pm - Understanding ADHD and Autism Workshop



**SEN
Workshop
Understanding ADHD and
Autism**

**Wednesday 5th March
3pm – 3.30pm
Cecil Road School Hall**

This workshop will be delivered by Miss Day, Miss Southgate and our
Emotional Wellbeing practitioner.

You will:

- Have strategies to use at home.
- Have an understanding of ADHD and Autism.
- Have resources to take home.
- Have time to talk to professionals with experience.
- Be able to ask questions.
- Have a drink and biscuit!



Healthy School

Healthy Eating

Eating a healthy well balanced diet is good for everyone, and it is something we encourage at Cecil Road.

Please see the recipe below for a quick and easy idea for a healthy packed lunch;

[Soft cheese and salad sandwich - Lunchbox recipes - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

Sports & Active Families

Active Families



10-1 Workout



Complete the exercises below:


- 10 x Burpees
- 9 x Tuck jumps
- 8 x Lunges
- 7 x Star jumps
- 6 x Press ups
- 5 x Touch your toes and jump up
- 4 x Sit ups
- 3 x Squats
- 2 minute run on the spot
- 1 minute plank

Now have a go at making up your own exercise for 10-!!



Oracy

Cecil Road's Oracy framework:



Physical

We use facial expressions to show emotions.
We are aware of our body language and hand movements.
We think about how loud we are.

Cognitive

We think about what our audience needs to know.
We structure our talk in a clear way.
We consider how to answer questions and clarify our points.

Linguistic





We select our words carefully.
We use the correct grammar.
We use high level vocabulary to help us explain effectively.

Social

We listen and respond to speakers.
We have confidence when we speak in small groups and to audiences.
We think about our audience, where and why we are talking.
We can work with others.
We learn through talk by applying what we know to solve problems in a team.

Can your child tell you about this? Ask them.

How to praise good oracy skills at Cecil Road Primary and Nursery

<p>Physical skills</p> 	<p>Amazing! You were speaking at just the right volume.</p> <p>Your body language shows me you are open to other people's ideas.</p> <p>Well done! You paused to let people reply, clarify or build on your point.</p>
<p>Cognitive skills</p> 	<p>You used words like firstly and finally to help me understand your ideas.</p> <p>You offered your friend a great challenge today and you listened to their answer!</p> <p>Your example was really clear.</p>
<p>Linguistic skills</p> 	<p>Great use of high level vocabulary today!</p> <p>I liked the image you created with your words! I can imagine your description.</p> <p>You sounded like an expert when you spoke about...</p>
<p>Social skills</p> 	<p>You invited someone to the discussion today, well done!</p> <p>You are using good eye contact when you are talking.</p> <p>You spoke confidently in a group today.</p> <p>You listened to your group's ideas really carefully - well done!</p>

Governors

Meet our Governing Body

Who are our Governors?



Lorna Nolan



Steve Gallears



Jake Fisher



Emma Ellerington



Grant Roe



Carrie Old



Victoria Northern



Shihaan Razack