

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after a half-term that seems to have whizzed by. We have lots happening in the next few weeks so please keep an eye on your parentmail.

### Clubs

This term we will be running the following clubs on Wednesdays from week beginning 11th November for 4 weeks. There will be no clubs for the last two weeks of term. They will restart with the same children week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Ward will be running a Games Club for Year 1 and 2 pupils, Mrs Redmile a Mindfulness Club for Years 3,4 & 5 and Mrs Waterston will be running a Reasoning and Problem Solving Club for Year 6 children to support their preparation for maths SATs.

Gardening Club will run at lunchtimes this term as it is quite dark after school now. We will also be restarting Lego Club at lunchtimes. These two clubs will be organised within school.

### Library

The Library will be open 3 days per week and run by our school librarians for the younger children to listen to a story or for the free readers to have a quiet place to sit and read.

Family Library dates are as follows:

18<sup>th</sup> November  
9<sup>th</sup> December  
13<sup>th</sup> January  
10<sup>th</sup> February

This year family library will be open solely to select a book to take home. As we now have wrap around care in school we will not be providing the tea, coffee and craft activities.

### TT Rockstars

This year an additional bolt on is needed to access the resources we had access to last academic year. This will be up and running within the next two weeks. In the meantime, the children can still access TT Rockstars and Numbots.

### Visit to Holbeach Hospital

Children from Swallows will be visiting Holbeach Hospital on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to provide some entertainment for the residents. They will be performing songs they have been learning during music sessions on Fridays.

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### Trips

Robins will be visiting Peterborough Museum on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Kingfishers will be visiting the Mandir in Peterborough on 19<sup>th</sup> November to support their learning in RE this term and Swallows will be visiting Duxford

### Panto

We have once again booked a Pantomime in school. The date for this can be found below. The children really enjoyed the experience last year.

### Early Birds and Night Owls

These are up and running at both schools. We are now able to accept Child Tax Care vouchers. The information for this has been sent out. If you need any further information please speak to Mrs Belton

### Term dates next year

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. We will be sending out further information on the changes to fines for absences in line with new government guidance. It should be noted that these are now on an increasing scale. Requests for authorised absences must be made in advance. Please see the link to the school attendance policy for both schools on the federation tab. [Attendance Policy \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk)

### PTFA

PTFA KS2 TONIGHT, please bring small change for the tuck shop.

Bag2School: We have secured a Bag2School collection date for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Check out our Facebook page for more details. Bags can come into school from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

This week's AGM was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please accept our apologies for the late notice. A new date will be shared with parents ASAP.

### Diary Dates and Reminders

1 November	KS2 Disco	6pm – 7.30pm
4 November	NFER Assessments taking place Monday - Friday	
5 November	Puffins & Robins trip to Peterborough Museum	
12 November	Individual School Photographs	
18 November	Year 6 visit to Spalding Baptist Church – Christmas Unwrapped	
18 November	Family Library	
19 November	Kingfisher & Woodpeckers trip to Mandir, Peterborough	
21 November	Reading and Phonics evening (Date moved from 14 November)	5pm at Shepeau stow School

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22 November	Swallows Visit to Holbeach Hospital	
26 November	Bag2School Collection Day	9am collection
3 December	Eagles & Swallows Trip to Duxford	
4 December	PTFA Christmas Bingo	Doors open 6pm Eyes down 7pm
9 December	Family Library	
11 December	School Nativity	
12 December	School Pantomime	
17 December	Christmas Party Day	
13 January	Family Library	
16 January	Maths information evening	5 pm at Gedney Hill School
10 February	Family Library	
18 March	Parent Consultations and opportunity to look at your child's books	
19 June	Sports Day	

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle,  
Executive Headteacher