

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of another term. It has been a very busy one with lots of exciting activities. At the beginning of this term the children in Y5 and Y6 had an amazing residential trip to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk. We walked through rivers & woods, ate lots of delicious food and took part in a wide range of team building activities, including den building and map reading.

On World Book Day we saw a huge range of favourite characters chosen with clues brought in. Well done to everyone for taking part.

Trips this term have focussed on Science and Geography. Visiting the Botanic Gardens and Wakerley Woods has been extremely beneficial to the children. We do rely on voluntary contributions to continue these. Even if you can't make the full contribution, we do appreciate anything you can afford towards the trip. They are already heavily subsidised by school and the PTFA.

Thank you to those of you who attended our parent consultation evening. Hopefully you were able to look at your child's books during this time.

Year 6 SATs

Please see the timetable below. As always, we will be giving the Y6 children breakfast during that week. They do not need to come in early.

Date	Test
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Maths papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Maths paper 3

Phonics Screening Check

This will take place during the week beginning **9th June**. This is for pupils in Year 1 and any Y2 pupils who did not achieve a score of 32 or above in Year 1.

Multiplication Check Year 4

Year 4 pupils will take the multiplication check within the following window, Monday 2nd June to Friday 13th June.

SATs are externally marked and you will receive the results with your child's report in the summer term. Phonics & Multiplication results will also be sent with your child's end of year report.

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Early Birds & Night Owls

Both schools have wrap around care available. Please ensure that you book in by lunch time on Friday for the following Monday as this saves staff having to check over the weekend.

School Meals

Our new meal provider starts after Easter. The Parent user guide has been sent out via Parentmail and in book bags which gives details on how to set up an account and order meals. Menus for term 5 are now live so please ensure you have set up an account and ordered meals. The deadline for ordering for our return is 9am on the 15th April. If you have any problems, please contact the school through the enquiries email address. This will be manned over the holidays, but only urgent replies will be sent out.

Home Reading Books

Unfortunately, from next term we will be making a standard charge of £5 for a damaged book. We often have to replace a whole set when a RWI book is damaged as we can't buy them individually. Please remind your child not to put food and drink in their book bags. If you don't have a book bag, please ask your child's teacher and we will provide one for you.

Year 6 Assembly

This year we will say goodbye to our Y6 pupils at Gedney Hill on Friday 18th July.

Term dates next year

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. We have sent out information on the changes to fines for absences in line with 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](#)

Clubs

Clubs will resume after Easter from week beginning **28th April**.

Early Learners

Pupils joining the school in September will be able to come in for taster sessions on the following dates.

- 5th June
- 12th June
- 19th June
- 26th June
- 3rd July

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PTFA

This year's **Summer Fete** will be on the 29th June at Shepeau Stow School. If you are interested in a stall at the fete, please email info@ghssptfa.co.uk to get in touch.

Diary Dates and Reminders

23 rd April	Term 5 Starts	
29 th April	Robins Trip to Flag Fen	
12 th May	SATS - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 & 2	Year 6 only
13 th May	SATs – English reading	Year 6 only
14 th May	SATs – Maths papers 1 & 2	Year 6 only
15 th May	SATs – Maths paper 3	Year 6 only
18 th May	PTFA Colour run	
20 th May	Church Schools Festival – Year 6	
2 nd June – 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication check	
5 th June	Early Learners taster session	
9 th June	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 pupils and any Year 2 pupils who did not achieve a score of 32 or above in Year 1
12 th June	Early Learners taster session	
17 th June	Robins Trip to Hamerton Zoo	
19 th June	Early Learners taster session	
19 th June	Sports Day	
26 th June	Early Learners taster session	
29 th June	PTFA Summer Fete	
3 rd July	Early Learners taster session	
18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely
Alison Buddle
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