

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Tuesday 7th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival assembly next week. Any donations would be appreciated and can be left at the office. Thank you for your support.

Trips

Robins are looking forward to taking their first trip in the local area. They will be walking to Holy Trinity Church tomorrow as part of their Religious Education topic. It is also a really good opportunity for our children to visit our local church.

TT Rockstars and Numbots

Hopefully children are continuing to enjoy these online maths games at home. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions regarding TT Rockstars or Numbots.

Reading

We have already had some pupils who have completed their first 10 books reviews. Well done. Remember these can be done on books from school or books that the children have had read to them or that they have read from home or the library.

Weather conditions

During the Autumn term the weather can be changeable. Please ensure your child is well equipped with raincoats and jumpers or cardigans on the cooler days.

Swimming

Year 4 and year 5 pupils are continuing to swim on Friday mornings. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and is not optional. The pool do insist on all children wearing a swimming hat. If you don't have one, please let us know and we can help with this. The year 6 pupils from both schools will be at Shepeau Stow for the morning and do Maths and PE with Mr Collin and Mr Barron.

Staffing

You may have noticed that this year Mr Barron is in Swallows all day on Fridays. Since the beginning of October Mrs Waterston has reduced her working week to four days and is in from Monday to Thursday.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who handed in their Christmas project templates. They all look fantastic and we can't wait to see the finished products.

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We've added some important upcoming event dates to our facebook page. Please ensure you are following our page for all the latest information and updates. Search for Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow Schools PTFA to join.

Important PTFA Links

PTFA Email	Email us for enquiries as well as preloved uniform requests	info@ghssptfa.co.uk
Facebook Page	Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow Schools PTFA	www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572138895115
Easyfundraising	Search for Gedney Hill & Shepeau Stow Primary Schools Federation PTFA	www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Your School Lottery	Search for Gedney Hill CofE & Shepeau Stow Primary Schools PTFA	www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
Stampastic	Money off a Stampastic Name Stamp Deluxe Bundle with code 'PE120TX'	https://stampastic.co.uk/

Term dates next year and beyond.

These are all on our website and the local authority website. Term time holidays will not be authorised. 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 \(shepeaustow.school.co.uk\)](http://shepeaustow.school.co.uk) **If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you, we will do safe and well checks. These checks take up lots of time and take staff away from what they should be doing in school with the pupils.**

Diary Dates and Reminders

8 th October	Robins & Puffins Visit to Gedney Hill Church	
14 th October	Harvest Festival	2pm
20 th October	PTFA AGM Meeting	Shepeau Stow School 6pm-6.30pm
22 nd October	Parent Consultations	
6 th November	Flu immunisations	
17 th November	PTFA Meeting	
2 nd December	Kingfishers & Woodpeckers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 th December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
10 th December	Pantomime Day	
16 th December	Christmas Party Day	
13 th January	PTFA Meeting	
2 nd March	World Book Week (Dress up on 5 th March)	

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9 th March	Science Week	
16 th March	PTFA Meeting	
19 th May	PTFA Meeting	
18 th June	Sports Day	
6 th July	PTFA Meeting	
22 nd July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely
Alison Buddle
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