

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Tuesday 21st October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all looking forward to half-term. We break up on **Thursday** this week and return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

We will be putting a box in the entrance for any food bank donations you wish to make. If you are in need of support from the food bank please email me directly and I can do a referral. This is confidential.

Please can I remind parents that I do want to remain accessible to parents before and after school for general queries. However, some conversations are more confidential and take longer and therefore need an appointment. As strategic lead of the federation my diary is very full so please do email the [enquiries@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk) address and Mrs Belton will arrange an appointment for those conversations that need longer.

Dates and information about term dates etc can all be found on the school website. Bookings for Early Birds and Night Owls should be made at least two days in advance. We cannot always guarantee refunds if your child does not attend unless it is because of illness.



### Stars of the Week



Every week children from each class are chosen to be our stars of the week. These children are often selected because they have demonstrated one or more of our five core school values - Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect, Service and Wisdom. Our stars of week are celebrated during our weekly celebration assembly.

Our current stars of the week are...



Swallows – Vakaris and Riley for showing perseverance with their learning  
Kingfishers – Peter and Archie for Wisdom during learning time  
Robins – Tyler and Darja for perseverance with their learning



### Swallows

The children in Swallows really enjoyed a day of sport on Friday. I think there were a few muddy children when they went home but lots of smiles.

### Staffing changes

Mrs McKenny will be leaving us this week. We wish her every success for whatever the future brings, and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work since joining us.

Miss Taylor will also be giving up the position of after school club leader as she is expecting a baby very soon. Mrs Baker will be taking on this position and has lots of fun activities planned.

### Parent Consultations

These will take place at Gedney Hill tomorrow after school. If you haven't already booked there are some slots still available. I will be around as SENCo if you wish to speak to me. We will also have questionnaires available linked to our core values and would appreciate you taking the time to complete them.

### Trips

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Information will be coming out soon about the next trip for Robins. I think they will be very excited!

### 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

Y4 and 5 are continuing to swim on Friday mornings. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and is not optional. 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.

### Message from the PTFA

Our Class Fundraising shop is now open. All orders must be placed before Thursday 30th October 12noon. You can scan the QR code on your child's how to order card or follow this link [shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock](http://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock)

Disco permission slips for the Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 disco have now gone out in book bags. If you would like your child/children to attend, please ensure permission slips along with any cash payments are handed into school by Thursday 23rd October. Payments by bank transfer will also need to be made by this date please. Permission slips for the Year 4, 5 and 6 disco will follow shortly.

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are already beginning to organise our Christmas Raffle. If anyone knows of any local businesses that would be willing to make a donation towards prizes, we would be very grateful. We will also be having a Dress Down Day on Friday 28th November in exchange for raffle prize donations.

### Important PTFA Links

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

### 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 \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](#) **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.**

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## Diary Dates and Reminders

22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations	
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations	
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn Disco – Reception – Year 3	6 – 7.30pm Gedney Hill School
17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Autumn Disco Year 4 – Year 6	6 – 7.30pm Gedney Hill School
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Unwrapped – Year 6	Spalding Baptist Church
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress Down Day	In exchange for PTFA Christmas raffle prize donations
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Kingfishers & Woodpeckers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins & Puffins visit to Santa	Skylark Garden Centre, March
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day & PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
13 <sup>th</sup> January	PTFA Meeting	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Week (Dress up on 5 <sup>th</sup> March)	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Meeting	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Meeting	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely  
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