

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Tuesday 11th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

★ 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...

★ Robins – Dolcie Ann and Thomas ★
Kingfishers – Gus and Lawson
Swallows – Sarah and River

Soup & Sparklers!

Robins had a great time enjoying their soup and sparklers on 5th November. The children were able to choose either chicken or tomato soup to eat outdoors. All the children had their own sparkler to hold. There were lots of smiles all afternoon.

Anti-bullying week

As this week is anti bullying week the children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Thursday to represent how we are all individual and this should be celebrated. This links to our core value of respect for others.

Children In Need

The children can dress down on Friday for a donation to the Children in Need charity.

Photographer

The photographer has been at school today taking individual photos.

Core Values

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your questionnaires. If you still have one to return please return them by Friday.

Trips

Information for Christmas unwrapped and Holdenby House trips will be coming out today. We are asking you to support with a voluntary donation. School does fund a large amount of the cost to keep it down

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for parents but unfortunately costs continue to rise. The PTFA also donates towards out trips each year and this really helps so do please keep on supporting their events.

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.

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. There will be no swimming in the Spring Term this year.

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 \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](https://www.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.**

Message from the PTFA

Puffins, Robins, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers had a fantastic time on Friday evening at our first disco of the year. It is Swallows and Eagles turn on Friday 21st November 6-7.30pm. Please ensure permission slips and payments are returned by this Friday 14th November.

If you missed the deadline for our Classfunding Christmas Project don't worry, you have another chance to get hold of your goodies. The shop is reopening on 21st November until 12noon on 1st December!

Raffle Tickets for our Christmas Raffle will be coming home soon. We would appreciate if you could help sell them. Any that you don't manage to sell please return to the school so we can pass them on.

Diary Dates and Reminders

13 th November	Anti bullying week – Odd Socks Day	
14 th November	Children in Need – Dress Down Day	
17 th November	PTFA Meeting	
21 st November	Autumn Disco Year 4 – Year 6	6 – 7.30pm Gedney Hill School
27 th November	Christmas Unwrapped – Year 6	Spalding Baptist Church

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28 th November	Dress Down Day	In exchange for PTFA Christmas raffle prize donations
2 nd December	Kingfishers & Woodpeckers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 th December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
9 th December	Robins & Puffins visit to Santa	Skylark Garden Centre, March
10 th December	Pantomime Day	
16 th December	Christmas Party Day & PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
13 th January	PTFA Meeting	
2 nd March	World Book Week (Dress up on 5 th March)	
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
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