

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Tuesday 2nd December 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...

★ Swallows – Daniel & Elias
Kingfishers – Rebeka & Isaac
Robins – Charlotte & Isabelle ★

Attendance

We have lots going on over the next few weeks in the lead up to Christmas, but we will still be working hard with normal lessons. Attendance in school is important. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are ill.

Trips

Kingfishers are on their trip today. Thank you for getting the children here early so that the coach could leave on time. 😊

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.

Pantomime

A big thank you to the PTFA who are once again funding the panto this year. Your support to them helps us provide the extras for the children.

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://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.*

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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

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful Christmas Raffle donations we received on Friday. Please return spare tickets to school a.s.a.p. All counterfoils and any cash payments are due back to school no later than Friday 12th December. The raffle draw will take place at school and winners will be notified thereafter.

Preloved Christmas Jumpers are available for a suggested donation of £1. Please see our Facebook post for stock or email info@ghsptfa.co.uk if you're interested in donating or purchasing.

Diary Dates and Reminders

4 th December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
8 th December	Robins class Nativity	2pm & 5pm
9 th December	Robins & Puffins visit to Santa	Skylark Garden Centre, March
10 th December	Pantomime Day	
15 th December	Kingdom of Benin Workshop – Swallows (rearranged from 18 th November)	In school
16 th December	Christmas Party Day & PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
17 th December	Christmas Lunch	Please order via ideal meals
13 th January	PTFA Meeting	
9 th - 10 th February	Level 1 & 2 (Years 5 & 6) Bikeability	
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	
28 th June	PTFA Summer Fete	
6 th July	PTFA Meeting	
22 nd July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely

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