The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools

Our vision is to foster a community of lifelong learners who are confident, resilient, and equipped with the necessary skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. We believe in the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding, ensuring that our whole community feel a sense of belonging.

Respect—Responsibility—Service—Wisdom—Perseverance

Gedney Hill PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 6th November – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome Back After Half Term

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children and families following the half-term break.

We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable week, with opportunities to spend quality time together and recharge ready for the busy weeks ahead. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school with smiling faces, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude towards their learning.

As we begin a new half term, I look forward to continuing the journey already started in the role of Interim Executive Head alongside Mrs Redmile and Miss Chance. We look forward to the exciting opportunities, learning experiences, and events that lie ahead. We are incredibly proud of the effort, kindness, and resilience our pupils show every day, and we are confident that they will continue to flourish throughout the remainder of the term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Working together helps us provide the very best opportunities for every child. We look forward to sharing more of our children's achievements and successes with you in the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Nicki Maddison

Celebrating Success!

Well done to the following children who have been recognised for the work and diligence in showing our school values this week:



Robins – Lucy & Indy

Kingfishers – Rebeka &Isla

Swallows – Laiton &Vakaris

If your child has achieved a medal, certificate or trophy for success outside of school, your child can bring it in on a Friday and we would love to celebrate their achievement in our assembly!

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Speech and Language Therapy

A few parents have been asking about Speech and Language referrals. Parents are able to complete a self-referral to the service using the following link:

Children's therapy service referral form :: Lincolnshire Children's Therapy Services

If, of course, you would like some support to complete this referral, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Maddison via the school office.

Healthy Pack Lunch

A gentle reminder to please send your child to school with a **healthy packed lunch** each day. 🌟 Healthy choices help children stay focused, energetic, and ready to learn throughout the day.

✅ Fruit and vegetables 🍎🥕🍓
✅ Sandwiches, wraps, pasta or other nutritious options 🥪🥖🍝
✅ Water or a healthy drink 💧

🚫 **Please remember that sweets are not allowed in packed lunches.** 🍬❌

Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy habits for all our children. 😊

Wraparound Childcare

Our Early Birds and Night Owls wraparound care is open to all children at Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School. If you are looking for childcare, please book via Arbor, or for last minute bookings, please email enquiries@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk. Bookable hours can be of your choosing.

Early Birds – 8:00am-8:45am

Night Owls – 3:30pm-6pm

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. If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you, we may deem it necessary to undertake a 'safe and well check'.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

Reminders from the PTFA

• **Silent Disco** for the whole federation (both schools, Reception - Y6) is next Friday 13 November. Please RSVP using the form, no later than Friday 6 November

• **Lego brick fundraiser** - remember to return your order forms and any cash to your school office, please! The deadline for this has been extended to Friday 13th November.

• **Raffle tickets** are on their way to everyone. Your child will receive 2 books (10 tickets, in total) in their envelope. We ask that each family try to sell these, as we have some wonderful prizes up for grabs! If you're unable to sell your tickets, please return them to the school office so that we can allocate to someone else. Tickets cost £1 each and all counterfoils, money, and unsold tickets are due back by Friday 4th December

• **Silly Hair Day** is on Friday 27th November - all children are invited to wear their hair in a "silly" way, with regular school uniform. This is in exchange for a donation toward our Christmas raffle - in date food and drink items, please.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
10th November 2026	School Photographer	Individual & Sibling Photographs
13th November 2026	Children in Need Dress Down Day	
13th November 2026	Silent Disco	6-7:30pm @ Gedney Hill
16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	
27th November 2026	Crazy Hair Day	In return for a donation to the PFTA Christmas Raffle
30th November 2026	PTFA Committee Meeting	6pm at Shepeau Stow School
1st December 2026	Christmas Unwrapped	Year 6 - Spalding Baptist Church
3rd December 2026	Flu Immunisation Mop up session	
8th December 2026	Nativity at Gedney Hill (Robins class)	9:20am & 2pm (please note change of times
15th December 2026	Christmas Party Day	
2nd March 2027	Class Photographs	
7th March – 10th March 2027	Aylmerton Residential	Year 5 & Year 6

Warm Regards

Nicki Maddison

Gedney Hill Primary School