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 13th November – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,

A Winter Weather Reminder

As winter has now well and truly set in, the colder weather is upon us! Please could we remind all parents and carers to ensure that children come to school each day with a warm, named coat, gloves and a scarf.

We aim to get the children outside as much as possible, whatever the weather, so it is important that they are dressed appropriately to keep warm and comfortable during outdoor play and activities.

Please also ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to help us reunite any lost belongings with their owners.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need fundraising. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together to support such a worthwhile cause. Your contributions really do make a difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

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 – Isabelle & Dolly-Mae

Kingfishers – Archie & Vinnie

Swallows – Aria & Connor

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 on the website. 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

PTFA reminders:

• Personalised lego keyrings from Pin Badge Lab are due in today.

• Raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle have come home. Please return counterfoils and money to your school office. Also any unsold tickets should be returned for redistribution. These are due on 4th December for our draw on 11 December.

• Silly Hair Day is on 27 November! Wear regular uniform, with a silly hairstyle in exchange for a donation toward our Christmas raffle hampers (preferably festive food and drink items)

• Children who have tokens purchased will be able to redeem these for their gifts out our Elfridge's Shop on 4th December.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
16th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	
16th November 2026	Parent & Carers Meeting	4.30pm
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 – Please return consent forms by 24th November
3rd December 2026	Flu Immunisation Mop up session	
4th December	PTFA Elfridges Gift Shop	
8th December 2026	Nativity at Gedney Hill (Robins class)	9:20am & 2pm (please note change of times
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
15th December 2026	Christmas Party Day	
18th December 2026	Christmas lunch day	Please order via Ideal Meals if you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch.
2nd March 2027	Class Photographs	
7th March – 10th March 2027	Aylmerton Residential Trip	Year 5 & Year 6

Warm Regards

Nicki Maddison

Gedney Hill Primary School