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 20th November – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been a busy and rewarding one across the school. Children took part in a special assembly and a range of engaging activities to mark **Anti-Bullying Week**, exploring the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion. Through discussions, teamwork and reflection, pupils considered how their actions can make a positive difference to others and help create a safe and supportive school community.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who attended our parent meetings this week. Your contributions and valuable discussions help us to work in partnership to ensure the very best outcomes for every child.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any concerns about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Best wishes,

Nicki Maddison

A note from Miss Chance:

Over the past few weeks, we have been introducing some new behaviour approaches across school to support our vision of a calm, positive and inclusive learning environment.

Our approach is built around three simple expectations:

Safe • Ready • Respectful

Alongside this, we are embedding a new Behaviour Ladder which focuses on helping children understand expectations, make positive choices and restore relationships when things go wrong. The approach includes:

- Remind
- Redirect & Connect
- Private Verbal Warning
- Restorative Conversation
- SLT Support

We are also strengthening our focus on explicitly teaching positive behaviours, recognising and celebrating success, and supporting children to develop the values that sit at the heart of our federation:

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A draft of our new Behaviour and Relationships Policy will be shared with families as soon as possible. This policy reflects current Department for Education guidance and our commitment to ensuring all children feel safe, valued and able to flourish within our school community.

We look forward to working in partnership with parents and carers as we continue to develop a positive culture where every child can thrive.







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 – Daria &Marks

Kingfishers – Isaac & Joe

Swallows – Abel & Sam

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!

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

PTFA reminders:

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for our personalised keychain fundraiser! They all look fabulous and we thank Pin Badge Lab for donating a portion of each sale to the PTFA.

Raffle tickets have now come home. Please let us know if you're unable to sell yours, as we will reallocate these. You can follow our PTFA Facebook page to keep up to date as we share our fabulous prizes from this year's generous sponsors. We have over 40 amazing prizes up for grabs (and counting!). Tickets are only £1 each! Please email info@ghssptfa.co.uk if you require any more tickets.

Silly Hair Day reminder- next Friday, 27th November pupils are invited to style their hair in a silly way (with their regular uniform, please). This is in exchange for a donation to our raffle hampers (ideally we are looking for non-perishable, in-date food and drink items. Any alcohol-based products to be handed in to the school office by an adult, please).

Elfridges reminder: children who have prebooked their special tokens will be able to purchase gifts for those special people in their lives from Elfridges on the 4th December.

Our next PTFA meeting is on Monday 30 November at 5:15pm at Shepeau Stow Primary School. As always, we welcome anyone from our school community to attend if they can.

Thanks for your support!
Your Federation PTFA

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
27th November 2026	Silly Hair Day	In return for a donation to the PFTA Christmas Raffle
30th November 2026	PTFA Committee Meeting	5.15pm at Shepeau Stow School
1st December 2026	Christmas Unwrapped	Year 6 – Spalding Baptist Church
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

Online safety Q+A
for Early Year and primary parents



Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL

📅 Tuesday 1st December
🕕 6:00pm - 7:30pm
💻 Microsoft Teams
🎟 Sign-up required

Whether your child is using tablets, gaming online, watching videos, or starting to explore apps, this session is an opportunity to get advice and answers to your questions.

Topics include:

- ✅ Screen time and healthy online habits
- ✅ Parental controls and privacy settings
- ✅ Age-appropriate apps and games
- ✅ Popular online trends, risks and safety tips
- ✅ Any online safety questions you'd like support with

Suitable for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Parents of nursery and early years children are also encouraged to attend.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2476488

Skegness Best Start in Life

Christmas Celebration

FREE! Community event

Drop in and enjoy everything on offer



Saturday 5th December
10am-1pm
The Storehouse, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1BY

For all families with children aged 0–19 (25 SEND)



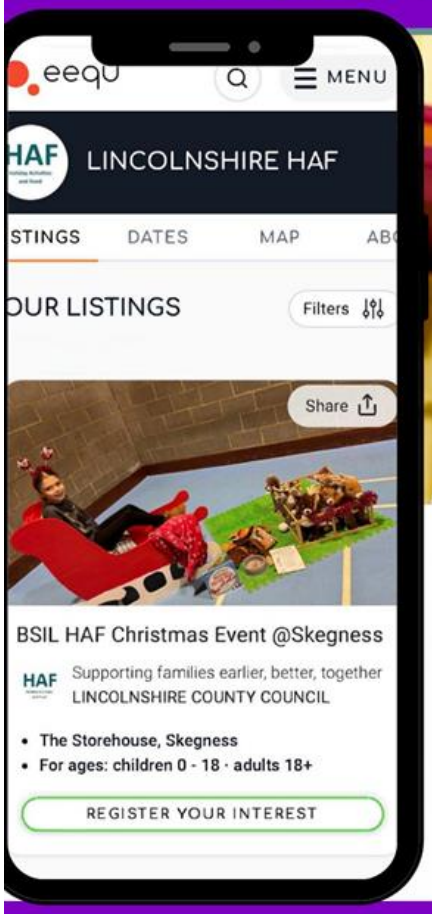
What's on:

- Meet Santa and get a free gift*
- Meet the Grinch
- Free recipe food hamper per family*
- Early Years activities
- Winter crafts
- Sports and games and plenty more



*Subject to availability

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)





www.eequ.org/lincolnshirehaf

FREE **funded** Holiday Activities for School-Age children receiving **Targeted Free School Meals**.

Discover exciting new activities, and experiences which includes a healthy meal.

Bookings open: 10 November, 11am

Find out more and book your place **scan the QR code**

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