

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 9 December

After-School Clubs

No after-school clubs next week.

School Christmas Lunch Tuesday 13 December

Children may wear Christmas jumpers on the day of our Christmas lunch. If the children don't have a specific Christmas jumper they could wear a different jumper, but it is still school uniform apart from the jumper – not party clothes. Party clothes can be worn on Friday for the class parties. Thank you.

Robins' Nativity Wednesday 14 December 2pm and 5.30pm

We welcome all families to both performances.

For the evening performance please return Robins to the church at 5.20pm for the 5.30pm start. Kingfishers and Swallows children do not have to return for the evening performance but are welcome back with their families should you wish to join us in the evening too.

Unfortunately, there is no photography or filming allowed. Please enjoy the moment. We will upload photos to the website of those children who have permission.

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils have worked hard to learn their lines and songs and are looking forward to sharing their performance with you. So, we do ask that if you have young children with you who become restless you take them out until they've settled again. Thank you.

Collection of children – only those who normally collect from school will be allowed to collect from the church unless we have permission (email, note or verbal from parents).

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Family Library Time

Thursday 15 December – The perfect time to come and choose a good book for the Christmas holiday!

There will be the usual range of activities too: story time, a craft activity and laptops for sites such as TTRockstars, as well as a cuppa for the adults. I hope to see you and your children there.

Class Christmas Parties Friday 16 December

Party time! Children can come wearing their party clothes. Please bear in mind the children still go out to play and it could be cold or wet. Play involves running around so please also ensure shoes are still suitable for the whole day at school.

During the day the children will be cooking party food for the whole school afternoon tea, playing games and enjoying a visit from Father Christmas. The afternoon tea will not replace lunch so the children will need either a packed lunch or their school meal as normal.

Homework

Teachers will not be setting formal homework over the Christmas period. We hope you continue to enjoy sharing books with your children and have an enjoyable family time; maybe cooking, playing board games both great, fun activities.

Other Diary Dates and Reminders

13 December	Christmas Lunch	
14 December	Robins' Nativity Play at Holy Trinity Church	2pm and 5.30pm
16 December	Class Christmas Parties End of Term	Details to follow, but the children will be allowed to wear their party clothes.
4 January	Start of the Spring Term	
26 January	Parent Maths Information Evening	6.30pm
2 March	World Book Day	

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6 March	Federation Assessment Week	
31 March	School Spring Fayre (children's Enterprise Event)	1.30pm
During May	KS1 SATs	
9 May – 12 May	KS2 SATs	
16 May	Early Learners to start	1.30pm – 2.45pm
5 June – 19 June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks	
12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
15 June	Sports Afternoon	
26 June	Federation Assessment Week	

PTFA update

Christmas Raffle: Not long to go now until our winners are announced! The deadline for tickets being returned is this coming Monday (Counterfoils AND payment). Please don't miss out on a chance at winning one of our fantastic prizes! Prize details as on our fb event

page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/531950694936618>

The raffle will take place during Shepeau Stow children's Christmas Party. **All** winners will be contacted by our team to arrange collection/ delivery of your prizes! Good Luck!

Christmas Card Fundraiser For those who ordered personalised Christmas items via Class Fundraising, most of these items have been delivered and will be sent home with your child(ren). Unfortunately, they don't all arrive at once, with mugs, tea towels and totes due to arrive next week. Once you have received your order, if you believe you are missing any cards, tags, coasters, teddies or gift wrap, please get in touch via info@ghssptfa.co.uk and we can update you.

Upcoming events in the new year:

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events in the new year. We know your emails can get busy, so please like and follow our facebook page to keep you up to date with all things PTFA! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghssptfa/>

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PTFA Dates up until Easter:

- 6th February- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Order Deadline)
- 8th February- PTFA Committee Meeting 6pm @ Gedney Hill
- 10th February- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Collection Date)
- 21st February- Bag 2 School Collection
- 10th March - Federation EYFS & KS1 School Disco @ Gedney Hill School Hall
- 24th March -Federation KS2 Disco @ Gedney Hill School Hall

Thank You

The School and PTFA would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' for your support this term with all our fundraising efforts.

We appreciate the cost-of-living crisis is making giving to charitable causes all that more difficult, so thank you for so generously supporting all events – raising money for our children in school and for other important, worthwhile charities the school has chosen to be involved with, moving beyond simply knowing, to saying and doing. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Barmby
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