

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Friday 5 May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronation Celebrations

All week we have been thinking about King Charles' encouragement of 'Lend a hand'. We have focused on our Value: Service in Collective Worship, reflecting on the lives of those who have worked to improve the lives of others, and how we can emulate this in our everyday lives.

During Thursday morning all members of the School Council and School House Captains cooked for the whole school creating delicious food for our Coronation Tea Party on Friday afternoon.

In the afternoon, Mrs Pittlock the CEO of Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough joined us to talk about their work and the importance of volunteering. They were a great audience and asked many thoughtful questions.

Today there was a festival feel as the children arrived at school. The bunting was flying and many of the children were dressed in white, red and blue ready for our coronation celebrations today.

To start the day some children travelled to the Oasis Community Centre in Wisbech to visit some of the older people who take part in the events organised there by Age UK. We met the volunteers and had a very jolly time joining in with the games. They really did 'lend a hand' and the children amazed everyone with their knowledge about King Charles III and the royal family.

Back at school, we all gathered in the afternoon to reflect on our week and celebrate achievements. Unfortunately, as the sun hid and the rain came down, we had to adapt plans and have our Tea Party inside. This didn't dampen our spirits! Looking at us all assembled together it was a wonderful sea of red, white, blue and party clothes, with smiles and friendship to start everyone's coronation weekend.

All the Staff wish you all a happy Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 9 May.

KS2 SATs

Next week is Key Stage SATs. All Year 6 children will be taking part and they will start each day by having breakfast together. Please see the timetable below for full information.

Date	Test
Tuesday 9 May 2023	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1
	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English Reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

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Date

Test

Friday 12 May 2023

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Clubs

The week commencing Monday 22 May will be the last week for after-school clubs this term apart from Gardening Club which will continue Mondays.

PTFA News

Information about our amazing PTFA is on the school website and the PTFA Facebook page. The next big fund-raising event is The Summer Fayre on 9th July which, this year, will be at Shepeau Stow.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghssptfa> <https://www.shepeaustowschool.co.uk/ghssptfa>

Other Diary Dates and Reminders

New dates highlighted in yellow.

8 May	Bank Holiday	
9 May – 12 May	KS2 SATs	
16 May	First Early Learners Session	1.30pm – 2.45pm Dates and further information will be sent to families with children attending.
17 May	Year 3 Golf Tournament	Within the school day. Further information to follow.
23 May	Kingfishers Trip to Flag Fen	Within the school day
24 May	Year 4 & 5 Danish Longball Tournament	Within the school day
26 May	Last day of Term	
5 June	First day of the new Term	
5 June – 19 June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks	
12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
15 June	Sports Afternoon	
26 June	Swallows' visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park	More details to follow.
26 June	Federation Assessment Week	
11 & 12 July	Federation Production (Years 2,3,4,5 & 6)	Details to follow
20 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	2pm Year 6 families only
21 July	Last day of the Summer Term	Normal hours

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Kind regards,

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