

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

December already! We have a busy few weeks ahead in school, so please expect your children to begin to get tired, particularly those in reception who will soon have completed a third of their first school year. On Wednesday they will be performing their Nativity for parents along with all the year 1 pupils. I am really looking forward to it! Performances are at 2pm and 5.30pm. Children should arrive back in school for 5.20pm for the evening performance. This is Robins class only.

### Clubs

Clubs have all finished for the time being. We will restart clubs in February next year. Letters will go out at least two weeks before they start so please keep an eye on parent mail.

### Flu immunisation

The team will be back to do a "mop up" on 7<sup>th</sup> December of any children who were absent or late registering consent.

### Santa Visit

The children in Robins had a fantastic time with their friends from Puffins visiting Santa this week. They enjoyed some time looking around the garden centre and travelling through the Winter Wonderland. Mrs Ward has had an email to say that Santa thought they were beautifully behaved during the visit. Following on from this I know Mrs Ward has asked you to send in some information about your Christmas traditions at home so that we can share these in schools. The children love to talk about what they do at home and it is interesting for them to compare similarities and differences.

### Pantomime

The children had an amazing morning enjoying Cinderella in school this week. Lots of cheering, singing and shouting could be heard around the school. Popcorn and crisps were enjoyed by all.

We would like to thank you for supporting the PTFA all year as this has enabled us to provide enrichment opportunities this week. The Panto and Santa visit were fully funded by their donations.

### Primary school admissions

Applications for new intake Reception children in September 2024 opened on 15<sup>th</sup> November and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you have a child who is starting Reception in September 2024, you will need to make your application via the Lincolnshire County Council online system.

### PTFA

PTFA Christmas Bingo Night. We would like to say a massive thank you to lots of people who were involved in making the night a success and a big thank you to everyone who attended. It really was a great evening.

Christmas Raffle - We have been overwhelmed with support from our local businesses for our upcoming Christmas Raffle. Thanks to everyone who has donated prizes! Check out our facebook event for daily updates of our ever-growing prize list! <https://fb.me/e/4PEH7HFx> It is just under two weeks until our Raffle Prize Draw 2023, get those tickets now. We don't want you to be disappointed and miss out!

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## Diary Dates and Reminders

6 December	Nativity	2pm and 5.30pm
7 December	Flu immunisation "Mop up session"	
12 December	Swallows geography trip to Spalding	
12 December	School Christmas Dinner (please order from A Country Kitchen)	
14 December	PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
20 December	Last day of Term 2	
3 Jan <b>2024</b>	Term 3	
12 January	Learn to ride Bikeability	
9 February	End of Term 3	
19 Feb -28 March	Term 4	
19 March	Swallows trip to Wroxeter Roman City	
23 April	Robins trip to Ferry Meadows	
16 April – 24 May	Term 5	
13-14 May	Reception Balance Bikes with Bikeability	
15 May	KS2 Sats – Monday to Thursday	Year 6 pupils only
3 June – 19 July	Term 6	
3 June	Multiplication check will take place during the 2 weeks beginning 3 June	Year 4 pupils only
10 June	Phonics Screening will take place during this week	Year 1 pupils and any Y2 pupils who did not meet the threshold last year
10 June	Class Photographs	
18 June	Robins trip to Burghley House	
18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	

Kind regards,

Alison Buddle  
Executive Headteacher