

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



Gedney Hill CoE Primary School

Our Vision is to provide all members of the school community with the opportunities to engage with 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) by igniting imagination and curiosity which builds an enduring passion for life-long learning.



Shepeau Stow Primary School

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Catch-up Tuesday 16th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

New Classes and Start of Day

All of the children have settled really well into their new year groups and made a really positive start to the new year. It has also been a very positive start for all of our new reception children who are enjoying their start to school. The children looked very smart in their school uniforms on their return to school.

If your child arrives late to school when the gate has closed, please ensure that they go to the main entrance to gain access to the school.

School Councillors

At the beginning of each academic year candidates for our school council have prepared and given speeches to their constituents in the hope of winning votes on the election day in school. Good luck to all the children who have delivered speeches.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th September (9.45am – 11am). This is always a well-attended fund-raising event. Our school councillors take great pride in helping to make our coffee morning a great success and any donations of cakes would be gratefully received on the morning. **Please ensure your donations are nut free and display the ingredients list when you send them into school.**

Homework

Homework for years 2 to 6 will go out weekly. The expectation for all children in school is that they continue to read daily. The children do not have weekly spelling tests but are expected to use the spellings they are learning within lessons correctly in their writing.

Weather conditions

During the Autumn term the weather can be changeable. Please ensure your child is well equipped with raincoats and jumpers or cardigans on the cooler days.

Swimming

Year 4 and year 5 will swim on Friday mornings. The year 6 pupils from both schools will be at Shepeau Stow for the morning and do Maths and PE with Mr Collin and Mr Barron.

Message from the PTFA

We hope everyone is settling back into school well and hello to the new reception children. We are looking forward to another fun filled academic year of fundraising. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for all of our latest updates and upcoming events.

Our next Committee meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September, 6pm at Gedney Hill. If you think you could help raise funds for our schools, then why not come along and find out more.

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. [Attendance Policy \(shepeaustow-school.co.uk\)](http://shepeaustow-school.co.uk) **If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you, we will do safe and well checks. These checks take up lots of time and take staff away from what they should be doing in school with the pupils.**

Diary Dates and Reminders

23 rd September	PTFA Meeting	Gedney Hill School – 6pm
24 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9.45am-11am
8 th October	Puffins & Robins Visit to Gedney Hill Church	
13 th October	Harvest Festival	2pm
20 th October	PTFA Meeting	
21 st October	Parent Consultations	
6 th November	Flu Immunisations	
17 th November	PTFA Meeting	
2 nd December	Woodpeckers & Kingfishers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 th December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
10 th December	Pantomime Day	
17 th December	Christmas Party Day	
13 th January 2026	PTFA Meeting	
2 nd March	World Book Week (Dress up on 5 th March)	
9 th March	Science Week	
16 th March	PTFA Meeting	
19 th May	PTFA Meeting	
11 th June	Sports Day	
6 th July	PTFA Meeting	
21 st July	Leavers Assembly	

Kind regards,

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Shepeau Stow School