

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 23rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tomorrow we are looking forward to welcoming you to our annual coffee morning that is held in school. This is always a popular charity event to raise funds for a very important cause. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake! **Donations of cake will be gratefully accepted, please include a list of ingredients and ensure they are nut free.** Our school councillors from years 2 to 6 will be taking on their first challenge of helping during the morning so please come and support them to make our morning a great success.

School Councillors

Congratulations to our new school councillors. A fair and democratic polling day was enjoyed by the children last week and our new school councillors were elected. They are all keen and excited to get started with their new responsibilities around school. Thank you to all the children who worked so hard to prepare for this important event in school.

TT Rockstars and Numbots

Mrs Waterston, our maths co-ordinator, delivered an exciting TT Rockstars and Numbots assembly last week. All of the children should now have their log on details to play on the website at home.

Puffins 'real objects' request

Puffins class enjoy using areas such as the home corner and mud kitchen. It is one of their favourite areas to play in. To make their environment even better we are asking for donations of safe, clean items that may be used in the kitchen such as kettles, utensils, pots and pans etc. If you are having a clear out at home and can donate real objects to Puffins class, please bring them to the office so that we can pass them on. We don't mind if the objects are dated as long as they are not broken.

Open Morning

We are hosting an open morning at school for those families with children due to start school in September 2026. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 30th September between 10am-12pm.

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.

PTFA

We have lots of preloved uniform (including PE kits, coats etc) available to purchase at a suggested donation of £1 per item. Please let us know if you would like anything.

We have our first committee meeting of this school year tonight (Tuesday 23rd) at Gedney Hill 6pm. We would love it if you could join us.

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 \(shepeaustow-school.co.uk\)](https://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
30 th September	Open Morning for families with children due to start in September 2026	10am-12pm
8 th October	Puffins & Robins Visit to Gedney Hill Church	Please return consent forms by Wed 1 st October
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