

# Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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## Catch-up Tuesday 30th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for all of the wonderful and delicious donations of sweet treats. Our Macmillan coffee morning was a great success. The school councillors were tremendous in helping to organise the event, meet and greet the guests and make sure everyone ate plenty of cake and ensured the tea and coffee flowed during the morning. Well done children! We raised an incredible £60.

### TT Rockstars and Numbots

Hopefully children are continuing to enjoy these online maths games at home. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions regarding TT Rockstars or Numbots.

### Maths Monkeys

We have introduced maths monkeys into school. Children will have an opportunity during the year to bring the maths monkey home and complete maths activities with them over a two-week period before bringing them back to school. Some have already gone home with children, and we have received some lovely photographs.

### Reading

Reading is always high priority for learning in school and developing a love of reading through promoting good reading habits remains an important focus. Children are rewarded for books that they read, and we would like to encourage them to complete their reading reviews and return them to school as they count towards earning rewards by climbing onto the school's reading rockets. School librarians are in the process of being trained for their new roles in the library. We are sorting many books, some of which are surplus to our requirements in school. Look out for free books to take home. These will be available in the next few days and be placed on the picnic benches for you to select with your child after school.

### 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. Children have enjoyed the opportunity to use the field during such a dry September at break times. We hope to continue to use the space more often providing children have suitable clothing for the changeable weather.

### Swimming

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

### PTFA

Please remember to get your child's Christmas Project creations in by Thursday (2nd October). These templates can then be turned into Christmas cards, mugs, cushions, wrapping paper, puzzles and more. Perfect keepsakes that you can enjoy every year. If you need another template, please reach out to us.

Our AGM is on Monday 20th October 6pm-6.30pm at Shepeau Stow School. The AGM is an opportunity to see how the funds you have helped raise have been used within both schools. We will also be electing the PTFA committee. You are welcome to come along, even if you don't intend to join.

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### 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 \(shepeaustowschool.co.uk\)](https://shepeaustowschool.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

8 <sup>th</sup> October	Robins & Puffins Visit to Gedney Hill Church	
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	2pm
20 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA AGM Meeting	Shepeau Stow School 6pm-6.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations	
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations	
17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Meeting	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Kingfishers & Woodpeckers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day	
13 <sup>th</sup> January	PTFA Meeting	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Week (Dress up on 5 <sup>th</sup> March)	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	
16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Meeting	
19 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Meeting	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely  
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