

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 21st October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers



Every week children from each class are chosen to be our stars of the week. These children are often selected because they have demonstrated one or more of our five core school values - Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect, Service and Wisdom. Our stars of week are celebrated during our weekly celebration assembly.

Our current stars of the week are...



I hope you are all looking forward to half-term. We break up on **Thursday** this week and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

We will be putting a box in the entrance for any food bank donations you wish to make. If you are in need of support from the food bank, please email Mrs Buddle directly and a referral can be made. This is confidential.

A note from Mrs Buddle

Please can I remind parents that I do want to remain accessible to parents before and after school for general queries. However, some conversations are more confidential and take longer and therefore need an appointment. As strategic lead of the federation my diary is very full so please do email the enquiries@shepeaustow.lincs.sch.uk address and Mrs Ladley will arrange an appointment for those conversations that need longer.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Dates and information about term dates etc can all be found on the school website. Bookings for Early Birds and Night Owls should be made at least two days in advance. We cannot always guarantee refunds if your child does not attend unless it is because of illness.

Eagles

The children in Eagles really enjoyed a day of sport on Friday. I think there were a few muddy children when they went home but lots of smiles.

Trips

Information will be coming out soon about the next trip for Puffins. I think they will be very excited!

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 are continuing to swim on Friday mornings. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and is not optional. 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

Our Class Fundraising shop is now open. All orders must be placed before Thursday 30th October 12noon. You can scan the QR code on your child's how to order card or follow this link shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock

Disco permission slips for the Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 disco have now gone out in book bags. If you would like your child/children to attend, please ensure permission slips along with any cash payments are handed into school by Thursday 23rd October. Payments by bank transfer will also need to be made by this date please. Permission slips for the Year 4, 5 and 6 disco will follow shortly.

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are already beginning to organise our Christmas Raffle. If anyone knows of any local businesses that would be willing to make a donation towards prizes, we would be very grateful. We will also be having a Dress Down Day on Friday 28th November in exchange for raffle prize donations.

Important PTFA Links

PTFA Email	Email us for enquiries as well as preloved uniform requests	info@ghsspfta.co.uk
Facebook Page	Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow Schools PTFA	www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572138895115
Easyfundraising	Search for Gedney Hill & Shepeau Stow Primary Schools Federation PTFA	www.easyfundraising.org.uk
Your School Lottery	Search for Gedney Hill CofE & Shepeau Stow Primary Schools PTFA	www.yourschoolottery.co.uk
Stamptastic	Money off a Stamptastic Name Stamp Deluxe Bundle with code 'PE120TX'	https://stamptastic.co.uk/

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://www.shepeaustow-school.co.uk/attendance-policy). **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

21 st October	Parent Consultations	
6 th November	Flu Immunisations	
7 th November	Autumn Disco – Reception - Year 3	6 – 7.30pm Gedney Hill School
17 th November	PTFA Meeting	
18 th November	Kingdom of Benin Workshop - Eagles	In School
21 st November	Autumn Disco Year 4 – Year 6	6 – 7.30pm Gedney Hill School
27 th November	Christmas Unwrapped – Year 6	Spalding Baptist Church
28 th November	Dress Down Day	In exchange for PTFA Christmas raffle prize donations
2 nd December	Woodpeckers & Kingfishers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 th December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
9 th December	Robins & Puffins Visit to Santa	Skylark Garden Centre, March
10 th December	Pantomime Day	
16 th December	PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
16 th December	Christmas Lunch	Please order via Ideal meals
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,

Jenny Beale
Head of School
Shepeau Stow School