

# 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**

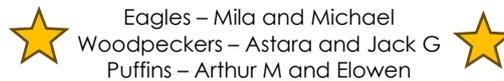
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## Catch-up Tuesday 11th November 2025

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...



### Guy Fawkes in Puffins

The children enjoyed a very successful afternoon gathered around the firepit to enjoy warm soup and sparklers on Wednesday afternoon. Good fun was had by everyone.

### Anti-bullying week

As this week is anti-bullying week the children are encouraged to wear odd socks on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November to represent how we are all individual and this should be celebrated. This links to our core value of respect for others.

### Children In Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

The children can dress down on Friday for a donation to the Children in Need charity.

### Core Values

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your questionnaires. If you still have one to return, please return them by Friday.

### After School Clubs

After school clubs are now running and can be booked and paid for via the new afterschool activities register on Arbor.

### Trips

Information for Christmas unwrapped and Holdenby House trips will be coming out today. We are asking you to support with a voluntary donation. School does fund a large amount of the cost to keep it down for parents but unfortunately costs continue to rise. The PTFA also donates towards our trips each year and this really helps so do please keep on supporting their events.

### 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.

### Photographer

The photographer has been at school today taking individual photos.

### 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## 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://www.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.**

## Message from the PTFA

Puffins, Robins, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers had a fantastic time on Friday evening at our first disco of the year. It is Swallows and Eagles turn on Friday 21st November 6-7.30pm. Please ensure permission slips and payments are returned by this Friday 14th November.

If you missed the deadline for our Classfunding Christmas Project don't worry, you have another chance to get hold of your goodies. The shop is reopening on 21st November until 12 noon on 1st December!

Raffle Tickets for our Christmas Raffle will be coming home soon. We would appreciate if you could help sell them. Any that you don't manage to sell please return to the school so we can pass them on.

## Diary Dates and Reminders

13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti bullying week – Odd Socks Day	
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Dress Down day	
17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Kingdom of Benin Workshop - Eagles	In School
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Autumn Disco Year 4 – Year 6	6 – 7.30pm Gedney Hill School
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Unwrapped – Year 6	Spalding Baptist Church
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Dress Down Day	In exchange for PTFA Christmas raffle prize donations
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Woodpeckers & Kingfishers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Robins & Puffins Visit to Santa	Skylark Garden Centre, March
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	Please order via Ideal meals
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day	
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	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	
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly	

Kind regards,  
Jenny Beale  
Head of School  
Shepeau Stow School