

Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School



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Catch-up Tuesday 18th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

★ Stars of the Week ★

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...

★ Robins – Zofia & Lucy ★
★ Kingfishers – Amelia & Oliver ★
★ Swallows – Tansy, Samuel & Sarah ★

Children In Need

Thank you for all the donations. The children raised an amazing £70 on Friday for Children in Need.

Photographer

The children should have brought home the proof for their photo on Friday. Information on how to order is on the proof.

Core Values

Thank you to those of you who have sent in your questionnaires. We are currently collating them and will give you some feedback next week. We are currently planning a week all about our core value of Service ready for after half-term. If you volunteer for an organisation or know someone who does and they would be happy to come and talk to the children, please let us know. Visitors into school always help the children understand the world beyond the school gates.

Swimming

There is no swimming for Year 4 and Year 5 this week as we have most of our teaching assistants on staff training.

Trips

Information for Kingfishers Holdenby House trip came out last week & Robins Skylark trip will come out next week. 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

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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.

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.

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

This Friday is the **Eagles and Swallows Disco**, 6-7.30pm at Gedney Hill. If your child has a song they would like to request, please head over to our Facebook page to put their requests in.

Next Friday (28th Nov) is **Dress Down Day** in exchange for prizes for this year's Christmas Raffle. Please remember any alcohol donations will need to be handed into the school office.

Raffle Tickets will be coming home in book bags soon. We would be grateful if you could help us by selling these tickets to your friends and family. Ticket counterfoils, along with any cash payments, will need to be returned to either school by Friday 12th December. If you don't manage to sell all of your tickets, please return them to the office, so that they can be reallocated and sold on. If you need more tickets, please let a member of the PTFA know and we will be happy to assist you.

Please remember that we are always on the lookout for volunteers, if you would like to help at our events but are unable to join the committee please reach out to us at info@ghsptfa.co.uk.

Diary Dates and Reminders

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	Kingfishers & Woodpeckers Visit to Holdenby House	
4 th December	Flu immunisations (Mop up session)	
8 th December	Robins class Nativity	2pm & 5pm
9 th December	Robins & Puffins visit to Santa	Skylark Garden Centre, March
10 th December	Pantomime Day	
16 th December	Christmas Party Day & PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw	

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17 th December	Christmas Lunch	Please order via ideal meals
13 th January	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	
18 th June	Sports Day	
6 th July	PTFA Meeting	
22 nd July	Leavers Assembly	

Yours sincerely

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