

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



Our vision is to foster a community of lifelong learners who are confident, resilient, and equipped with the necessary skills to thrive in an ever-changing world. We believe in the importance of inclusivity, respect, and mutual understanding, ensuring that our whole community feel a sense of belonging.

Respect—Responsibility—Service—Wisdom—Perseverance

Gedney Hill PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 25th September – Weekly Catch up

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to welcome Mr Bell as our full-time Interim Executive Headteacher working across both Gedney Hill and Shepeau Stow. He is looking forward to getting to know all the children across both schools. If you wish to contact him then you can email interimhead@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk.

Celebrating Success!

Well done to the following children who have been recognised for the work and diligence in showing our school values this week:

Robins – Teddy-James & Alfie

Kingfishers – Rebeka & Aleasha

Swallows – Vakaris & River

If your child has achieved a medal, certificate or trophy for success outside of school, your child can bring it in on a Friday and we would love to celebrate their achievement in our assembly!



Play Boxes



A huge thank you to the PTFA for funding the children's new play boxes. The children have enjoyed using them this week during play and lunchtime.

Happy Circus



South View (Crowland) have a circus visiting in October. If you think your family would enjoy an evening at the circus, tickets can be found via this QR code:



Wraparound Childcare

Our Early Birds and Night Owls wraparound care is open to all children at Gedney Hill Church of England Primary School. If you are looking for childcare, please book via Arbor, or for last minute bookings, please email enquiries@gedney-hill.lincs.sch.uk. Bookable hours can be of your choosing.

Early Birds – 8:00am-8:45am

Night Owls – 3:30pm-6pm

Dyslexia Outreach Events – Save the Dates 2026–2027 *1x attachment*

The Dyslexia Outreach Team are pleased to be offering a range of workshops throughout the academic year designed to support parents and professionals in developing their understanding of dyslexia and effective strategies to support children and young people.

The workshops include:

- Supporting Your Child at Home
- Working with Your Child's School
- Study Skills and Revision Strategies
- Primary to Secondary Transition

(Workshops marked with an asterisk (*) are delivered in partnership with the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum and can be booked through their website. Information about the remaining workshops will be shared nearer the time.)

Please help!

Do you have any of the following toys (in good condition) that your children have grown out of and you would be happy to donate to our school? If so please drop these into the school office FAO EYF Team. Thank you

- Dinosaurs
- Large Piece Jigsaws
- Pretend Food items (plastic or wooden) and Kitchen Utensils
- Dressing up outfits

Books for our Library

If you have any good quality reading books your child has finished with, we would be very grateful for them. Please can we ask you don't send in phonics specific books as we follow a very prescribed scheme so it would be unlikely, we'd use them.

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. If your child is absent, please contact the school office or email the enquiries email address. If we don't hear from you, we may deem it necessary to undertake a 'safe and well check'.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA



Firstly, please ensure all completed Class Fundraising Christmas Card templates are returned to school by Wednesday 30th September. We've had some fabulous designs handed in so far, we can't wait to see the final products.

We have a date in the diary for our very popular Silent Disco event. We will get information and permission slips out soon.

Christmas will soon be upon us. We have started organising this year's Christmas Raffle. If you know of any businesses that may be able to offer us a prize, we would be very grateful if you could ask on our behalf.

Also, we are really excited to share with you our new fundraiser - 'Elfridges'. Details of this will be coming out soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
14 th October 2026	Parent Consultations	More info to follow shortly
15 th October 2026	Harvest Celebration	2:30pm
22 nd October 2026	PTFA Annual General Meeting	4pm – Shepeau Stow School
5 th November 2026	Flu Immunisations	
W/C 9 th November 2026	Assessment Week	

10 th November 2026	School Photographer	Individual & Sibling Photographs
13 th November 2026	Children in Need Dress Down Day	
16 th November 2026	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	
27 th November 2026	Crazy Hair Day	In return for a donation to the PFTA Christmas Raffle
30 th November 2026	PTFA Committee Meeting	6pm at Shepeau Stow School
1 st December 2026	Christmas Unwrapped	Year 6 - Spalding Baptist Church
3 rd December 2026	Flu Immunisation Mop up session	
8 th December 2026	Nativity at Gedney Hill (Robins class)	9:20am & 2pm (please note change of times)
15 th December 2026	Christmas Party Day	
2 nd March 2027	Class Photographs	
7 th March – 10 th March 2027	Aylmerton Residential	Year 5 & Year 6

Warm Regards

Nicki Maddison (Head of School)

Gedney Hill Primary School

