



Gedney Church End News

1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we are now in that really busy time of year with lots going on, I have moved the 'Dates for your Diary' section to the top of the newsletter. Please make a note of dates, especially those to which parents and carers are invited.

The Ukulele performance on Wednesday 13th December at 10.00am, will be a short (15 minute) performance where the Y3 and Y4 children will be able to show what they have learnt in their music lessons. We hope you will be able to join us.

Finally, I would like to say that we are seeing improved attendance for many of our pupils. This will not only help us reach our attendance target in July 2024 but is really beneficial for your child's learning. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th December – Y3/Y4 Indian Culture Day.

Wednesday 13th December – Y3/Y4 Ukulele performance at 10.00am **for parents**.

Thursday 14th December - Whole school visit to the Pantomime,

Friday 15th December 2023 at 9.30am – Whole School Nativity at the church (**Parents invited**)

Monday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day. Details to follow. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day at the school.

Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 2.00pm Christingle service at the church. (**Parents invited**)

Ordering School Dinners

If you want your child to have a school dinner you **MUST** order this in advance through the ParentPay website. Due to financial constraints, we are unable to continue ordering additional meals to provide for those who have not ordered. Mrs Wood is happy to help, for the next few weeks, if you are having difficulties ordering.



Awards

Star of the week

Falcon – Austin for fantastic reading and phonic work

Skylon – Hannah for applying new skills in her learning

Discovery – Navodya for settling into her new class

Attendance – Reception who had 100% attendance this week 😊

Air House – 88 points this week!

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

More details can be found at –

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)