



Gedney Church End News

17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are starting to plan our Christmas activities and hope you will be able to join us for some of them. Please see the Dates for You Diary Section below.

One of our priorities this year is to improve attendance across the school. Our aim is to work with parents to ensure your child attends school and remains in school. Where possible, appointments should be made in school holidays or after the school day finishes.

Where your child's attendance is a cause for concern, we may write to you or invite you to meet with us in order to ensure attendance improves.

BBC Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many children joining in with Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £45!

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 – Sanula for fantastic reading and sentences in English

Skylon – Amy-Rose for showing more confidence in class

Discovery – Kuvini for settling into class perfectly

Attendance – Year 3 who had 100%

Well done Year 3 😊

Air House – 53 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)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th November 2023 Y6 Residential departs.

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.

Tuesday 19th December – We are hoping to take all the children to a pantomime. We are currently making arrangements and will get more information to you next week.

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