



Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 96%
Gedney Drove End – 98%
Westmere – 93%

Our target is 96%

Each week, one child from each class will get the attendance award, and one class from each school will get the class certificate for the week.

School Attendance – year to date

Holbeach St Marks – 95%
Gedney Drove End – 93%
Westmere – 92%

Our target is 96%

Hot Weather

Just a reminder that, in the warm weather, children need sun cream to be applied before school and should have a named bottle with them to reapply at lunchtime. We are not able to let children share sun cream due to potential allergies. Please also send your child with a sun hat or cap.

Summer Uniform

We understand that it is getting near to the end of the school year and it is not the time to be buying new uniform, but we remind you that children's summer uniform is any of the following: shorts, skirts, dresses, culottes or skorts; the length should be to the knee or just above. For PE, children should wear football style or cycling shorts to mid-thigh.

Online Safety

Please find attached a leaflet with tips for how to keep your children safe online.

Club Cancellations

Unfortunately, the following clubs will be cancelled due to staff training;

Date	School	Club
27th June	Gedney Drove End	Board games
27th June	Westmere	Board Games
27th June	Westmere	Rounders/Cricket
27th June	Holbeach St Marks	Colouring

Secondary School – New Intake Days

Please find a list below of all the new intake dates that we have been made aware of;

School	Dates
University Academy Long Sutton	4 th & 5 th July
University Academy Holbeach	13 th & 14 th July
Spalding High School	7 th July
Spalding Grammar School	7 th July

New Intake Day – Spalding Grammar School

We have received an email from Spalding Grammar School this week to say that even though strike action is planned on the day of transition, 7th July, the new intake day will still go ahead as planned.

Diary Dates

10th July – School Play GDE
11th July – School Play HSM
12th July – Leavers' Trip
13th July – Leavers' Play Westmere
14th July – Move Up Day
17th July – Sports Day GDE / HSM
19th July – Celebration and leavers' Assembly Westmere
20th July – Celebration and leavers' Assembly HSM/GDE
21st July – Sports Day Westmere
21st July – End of School Year



Inhalers in school

If your child has asthma, they need to have their own named inhaler in school. We are not able to let a child use a sibling's medication even with permission from a parent. Children could have a different strength of inhaler and this could result in either not getting enough, or having too much, medication. It is also a parent's responsibility to check the expiry date on the inhaler and provide a replacement in good time.

Class Photo Proofs

The class photo proofs have been sent out and all Year 6 children have received a leavers' photo. Orders are made online at www.wrates.co.uk and you need to use the username and password printed on the proof. To get your photo delivered to school for free, you will need to place your order by 27th June. Any late orders will incur a delivery charge. If you do not receive your proof from your child, please speak to the office.

Reading Sessions

Each class will be having a reading session which we would like to invite parents to. Please see the table below for your session, if your class is not listed then the session has already taken place;

Class	Date	Time
Canada	6 th July	2.15pm-3.15pm
Spain	6 th July	2.15pm-3.15pm
Gedney Drove End – all classes	4 th July	2.15pm-3.15pm

Leavers' Trip – Year 6

On Wednesday 12th July, we will be taking Year 6 to the Fun Farm where they will get to go on the High Ropes and in Laser Storm. Children should wear their PE kit including jogging bottoms / leggings, a long sleeved top and trainers: no shorts please. The trip will take place within school time with the coach picking up Westmere first at 9am, followed by Gedney Drove End and getting back to school by the end of the day. Children from Holbeach St Marks will be transported by car. Lunch and squash are included: please choose one item from the first column and either chips or salad. Children should bring a water bottle, and depending on the weather, sun cream and a sunhat or a raincoat for when they are on the high ropes. There is no charge for the trip but we do need you to give permission and your menu choices, so please email the office or return the permission slip.

Choose One	
Beef Burger	Choose either chips or salad
Sausage	
Fish Finger	
Chicken Nuggets	
Veggie Nuggets	

China Class Trip – Thetford Forest

On Monday 17th July, we will be taking China class to High Lodge, Thetford, where they will get to go on the Gruffalo trail, music trail and try den building. Children should wear their PE kit and bring a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle, but no fizzy drinks, please. The trip will take place within school time with the coach picking up at 9:15am and getting back to school by the end of the day. If you would like a packed lunch provided for your child, please log onto the Country Kitchen website and order in the usual way. The cost of this trip is £12.33 but we would like to ask for a contribution of £10 per child. Please either complete the permission slip below or email the office with your permission. Payment can be made by cash or card in the office.

Move Up Day

On Friday 14th July, we will be having our move up day in school. Children will spend the day with their new class teacher.

Gedney Drove End Celebration and Awards Service Thursday 20th July

The celebration and awards service will be held in the village hall at 11am on Thursday 20th July - everyone is welcome.

Holbeach St Marks Celebration and Awards Assembly Thursday 20th July

The celebration and awards service will take place at the church at 9.15am - everyone is welcome.

Westmere Celebration and Awards Services Wednesday 19th July

We will be having two celebration and awards services in the school hall on Wednesday 19th July.

Key Stage 2 including leavers' is at 9.30am and Reception and Key Stage 1 is at 10.45am. All Y6 parents are welcome to attend. For all other year groups, you will be invited to attend if your child is receiving an award.





Gedney Drove End School Play Monday 10th July

Our school play this year is 'Do You Remember the First Time?', which will take place at the village hall at 6pm on Monday 10th July. Please ensure the children arrive at the village hall between 5.30pm and 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes.

Holbeach St Marks School Play Tuesday 12th July

Our school play this year is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', which will take place in the church at 6pm on Tuesday 11th July. Please ensure the children arrive at the church between 5.30pm and 5.45pm to allow time to change into their costumes.

Westmere Y6 School Play Thursday 13th July

Our Y6 school play this year is 'I'm an 11-Yr-Old...GET ME OUT OF HERE!', which will take place at 6pm on Thursday 13th July in the school hall. Children should arrive between 5.35pm and 5.45pm to allow time to get changed. Parents of our Y6 pupils are invited to attend.

Kind regards
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher

Leavers Trip – 12th July

I give / do not give permission for my child to visit the High Ropes and Laser Storm at the Fun Farm on Wednesday 12th July.

My child would like the following meal;

Choose One		Choose One	
Beef Burger		Chips	Salad
Sausage			
Fish Finger			
Chicken Nuggets			
Veggie Nuggets			

Signed Date

Westmere China Class Trip – 17th July

I give / do not give permission for my child to visit High Lodge Thetford on Monday 17th July.

I do / do not enclose a voluntary contribution of £10

Signed Date

