

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 97%

Gedney Drove End –91%

Westmere –93%

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.

Value of the Week

Each week we have a value of the week where we focus on one of our federation values. We discuss what this value is and how we can live this out in our everyday lives. At the end of the week, certificates are awarded to children who have who have shown evidence of that value during the week.

Our value for the next school week is: **Wisdom & Knowledge**

Year 6 SATs – Week Commencing 13th May

The SATs tests for all Y6 pupils will start on Monday 13th May. The timetable of the week's tests is as follows:

Monday 13 th May 2024	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 (Punctuation & Grammar) & Paper 2 (Spelling)
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Please encourage your child to get a good night's sleep, have breakfast and be at school for the start of the day.

Year 2 SATs

SATs tests for all pupils in Year 2 will start on Monday 20th May.

Uniform & PE kit

Please find below a reminder of the correct school uniform. Children may wear tailored shorts – not cycling shorts in the warm weather and smart sandals are also allowed.

Gedney Drove End	Holbeach St Marks	Westmere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green checked dress (summer) Black or grey skirt or pinafore dress Black or grey trousers Black or grey tailored shorts (summer) White blouse/shirt/polo shirt Green sweatshirt (school logo) Green cardigan Green fleece jacket Griffin or plain blue PE hoodie Dark coloured school shoes (no high heels or mules) Smart sandals (summer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maroon or red checked dress (summer) Black or grey skirt or pinafore dress Black or grey trousers Black or grey tailored shorts (summer) White blouse/shirt/ polo shirt Maroon sweatshirt (school logo) Maroon cardigan Maroon fleece jacket Griffin or plain blue PE hoodie Dark coloured school shoes (no high heels or mules) Smart sandals (summer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maroon or red checked dress (summer) Black or grey skirt or pinafore dress Black or grey trousers Black or grey tailored shorts (summer) White blouse/shirt/ polo shirt Maroon sweatshirt (school logo) Maroon cardigan Maroon fleece jacket Griffin or plain blue PE hoodie Dark coloured school shoes (no high heels or mules) Smart sandals (summer)



Diary Dates

13th May – Mexico Parents' Evening

11th May – Car boot sale Friends of Westmere

13th – 16th May Year 6 SATs week

18th May – HSM Church Flower Festival

22nd May – FOW Film Evening

17th -21st June – Summer sponsored mile event

20th June – Colour Run

21st – 23rd June – Hilltop Residential

17th July – End of year Disco - Friends of Westmere.



PE Kit - All Schools

Blue PE Hoodie with logo or plain blue hoodie
House coloured plain PE T-Shirt
Dark coloured leggings / jogging bottoms / shorts (to mid-thigh)
Trainers / plimsolls

NO JEWELLERY

No clothing with branded commercial logos is allowed (e.g. Nike, Adidas, football shirts)

Uniform Orders for September

We will be starting to send out the uniform order forms for September in the next few weeks. **All uniform will need to be paid for in full at the point of ordering.** If anyone would like to start a payment card and save a little each week to spread the cost, please speak to the office staff.

Long Hair

Just a reminder that long hair must be tied up for swimming and PE. It is also suggested that it be kept away from the face when doing activities such as cooking, DT or art. Having hair in a ponytail or plaits can reduce the risk of headlice as well. Please provide your child with an extra hair tie in their bag in case they need to put their hair up.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, all jewellery, including earrings, must be removed for sporting activities and long hair should be tied back. If your child is unable to remove their earrings by themselves, it should be arranged that they do not wear them on their PE days. When planning to get your child's ears pierced, please aim to do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.

Watches (smart watches are not allowed) and studs or sleepers worn in pierced ears may be worn (these must be removed for any sporting activities), however, no other jewellery should be worn. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove or look after jewellery for children. The safest place is at home.

Stay Safe Partnership's Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership's 2023 Keeping Safe Survey showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire every day. In this event we will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions this is the event for you! Sign up is required.

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for Parents of Primary Aged Children 5th June 2023 6-7:30pm FREE TEAMS event sign up required:

<https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/1238483>

HSM Church Flower Festival – 18th May

Any donations of cakes for the flower festival or if anyone who would like to help decorate a window this would be very welcome. Please drop off at the church on the Friday. Thank you.

Friends of Westmere Colour Run

Friends of Westmere will be holding a Colour Run on Thursday 20th June in the afternoon. As it is Sports week, we will be doing other sports activities and FOW will be selling refreshments. All children from the Griffin Federation will have the opportunity to take part in the colour run, tickets are £5 per child. Children who wish to take part will need to provide their own white t-shirt and sunglasses. If your child would like to take part please purchase your tickets from the school offices, by Friday 24th May.

GDE / HSM transport to Colour Run

On Thursday 20th June we have arranged two coaches to take all the children from Holbeach St Marks and Gedney Drove End to Westmere for a sports afternoon. Children are able to take part in the Colour Run if they wish but need to purchase a ticket beforehand, see details above. If your child does not wish to take part they will still be able to join in the other activities. There will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments if they want to and children may take no more than £3 in a named purse or envelope. Children will be back at school by the end of the day. As this is a federation event you will have already given permission to transport your child (on our emergency contact form) but should you have any concerns please speak to the class teacher.

Friends of Westmere Car Boot Sale





The Griffin Federation

Learning Together for Excellence

Friends of Westmere will be holding a car boot sale on Saturday 11th May (weather permitting) at school. Cars are £5 per car, arrival time is 8am and we will open to buyers between 8.30am and 12pm. There is an entrance fee of 20p per person. FOW will also have refreshments, tombola and glitter tattoos you can purchase on the day. All money raised will go to FOW.

Film Evening - all schools

On Wednesday 22nd May, 3:30pm-5pm, Westmere will be holding a film evening which all of the children from the federation are invited to attend. Tickets cost £3 including popcorn and a drink, and can be purchased at the school offices. GDE and HSM will be able to leave school at 3pm to make sure they arrive on time at Westmere.

Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament

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Congratulations to the winning team WELLEND with an awe-inspiring score of 1355 points! Their team colours will decorate the TTRS trophy this term. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part over the tournament - we are looking forward to the next one, which will be held next academic year.

Kind regards
Sally Massey
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