

Newsletter

Attendance

Weekly attendance for each school based on Friday - Thursday:

Holbeach St Marks – 94%

Gedney Drove End – 96%

Westmere – 96%

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.

Times Tables Rockstars Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our schools, we are thrilled to announce that we will be holding a federation-wide tournament where houses (Nene, Ouse, Welland and Witham) will compete to score the most points and claim a trophy.

Children can log on to play.ttrockstars.com over the half-term holiday and play in any gamemode- with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question earning themselves and their house a point. The winning house will have the honour of decorating the TTRS Trophy with their house colours and displaying it in school at the end of the tournament. There will also be certificates for the top players within each house.

The tournament will run from Friday 20th October 2023 to Thursday 2nd November 2023 with an award ceremony on Friday 3rd November.

In the spirit of the tournament, please don't play on your child's behalf but, by all means, encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Hilltop Residential 2024

We have organised a residential trip to Hilltop for children currently in year 5 and 6. We will leave on Friday 21st June and return on Sunday 23rd June. The total cost of this trip is £207 per child. If you would like your child to attend please complete the permission slip on the letter they are bringing home today.

Autumn edition of the Lincolnshire Road Safety education e-newsletter

The Road Safety team - Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, have put together a newsletter for parents/carers. The newsletter features current road safety advice and updates to help keep children safe. Click this link for the newsletter: <https://sway.office.com/vzzhkqhFypy25kFF?ref=email>

Westmere New Intake Open Morning

On Monday 13th November, we will be holding an open morning at 9.15am-10.15am for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2024. Please join us so we can show you around school and see our fantastic children at work.

Club Cancellation – Westmere

Mrs Cropley's Choir Club is cancelled Thursday 16th November.

Club Cancellation – Gedney Drove End

Miss Wells' Film Club is cancelled on Monday 16th October but children are welcome to join choir club instead.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

We will be holding Meet the Teacher evenings at Gedney Drove End and Westmere on Monday 6th November (France class will be Thursday 16th November) and Holbeach St Marks on Wednesday 8th November. This is an opportunity for you to book a five-minute appointment to meet your child's teacher. There will be a formal parents' evening later in the year which will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning. The first appointment is at 3.20pm and the last appointment at 5.55pm. Please return the slip to the school office or send an email, with your preferred times indicated, by Wednesday 18th October.

Diary Dates

17th October – Harvest GDE / HSM Dawsmere

19th October – Harvest Westmere

20th October – End of Term 1

31st October – Deadline for secondary applications

31st October (Tuesday) – **Start of Term 2**

3rd November – School Photos

6th November – Meet the Teacher GDE & Westmere

8th November – Meet the Teacher HSM

16th November – Meet the Teacher France Class



Harvest Service – GDE & HSM

We will be having a joint Harvest Service on Tuesday 17th October at 1.30pm, it will be held at Christ Church, Dawsmere. You are welcome to attend and you may take your children home directly from the church after the service if you wish. Children from both schools will be transported by coach and any children that are not collected from the church will return to school to be picked up at the end of the day. The postcode for the church is PE12 9NL. We are not collecting donations of food this year, but you may want to donate at your local supermarket or foodbank if you are able to.

Harvest Service – Westmere

We will be having two harvest services at Westmere on Thursday 19th October. The first service will start at 9.15am and will be for China, France, Italy and Greece classes. The second service will start at 10am for Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Canada and Spain classes. Parents are welcome to attend the services. We are not collecting donations of food this year, but you may want to donate at your local supermarket or foodbank if you are able to.

Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October, please use the link below to make your application <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>. If you are waiting for 11+ results, they will be emailed to you on Friday 13th October. If your child has achieved the appropriate mark, you can then apply for a place at either Spalding High or Spalding Grammar School. If your child is entitled to school transport then you should apply for that at the same time.

Into Film Festival

The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, nationwide celebration of film & education for children, we have arranged cinema visits for the following classes.

France and Italy – Wednesday 8th November

On Wednesday 8th November, France and Italy will be going to watch Paw Patrol at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:00pm. Please return the permission slip below.

Canada and Spain – Friday 10th November

On Friday 10th November, Canada and Spain will be going to watch Haunted Mansion at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:40pm. Please return the permission slip below. The children will have their lunch on their return to school. There will be no hot meals on this day and all children will need a packed lunch.

Brazil, Mexico and Portugal – Tuesday 14th November

On Tuesday 14th November, Brazil, Mexico and Portugal will be going to watch Minions: The Rise Of Gru at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and should return to school at approximately 12:15pm. Please return the permission slip below.

Norway, Sweden, St Lucia and Barbados – Wednesday 15th November

On Wednesday 15th November, Norway, Sweden, St Lucia and Barbados will be going to watch Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken at the Light Cinema in Wisbech. We would like all the children to wear their blue PE hoodie on this day. The coach will leave Holbeach St Marks at 8.40am and pick up Gedney Drove End at 9am. We will be back at school in time for lunch. Please return the permission slip below.

Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 5

If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and you would like them to be immunised in the Autumn, then please use the following link and the appropriate school code from the table below;

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

	Date of immunisation	School Code	% of Pupils Already Registered
Gedney Drove End	15 th November (PM)	EE120410	61%
Holbeach St Marks	10 th November (AM)	EE120549	58%
Westmere	8 th November (PM)	EE120502	30%

Kind regards

Sally Massey

Assistant Executive Headteacher



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I give / do not give permission for my child(ren)to attend the cinema on Wednesday 8th November.

Signed Parent/Carer Date.....

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Meet the Teacher Evenings GDE / Westmere 6th November (France 16th November) / HSM 8th November

Preferred Time	TICK BOX	Child's Name:	Class:
3.20 PM TO 4.00PM		1. _____	_____
4.00 PM TO 4.30 PM		2. _____	_____
4.30 PM TO 5.00 PM		3. _____	_____
5.00 PM TO 5.30 PM		4. _____	_____
5.30 PM TO 6.00 PM		Signed: _____ Parent/Carer	
Please complete one reply slip per family and return to school (or email the office) by Wednesday 18th October			
ANYTIME			

