

Newsletter

Diary Dates

2nd May May Day Bank Holiday
9th – 13th May Year 6 SATs
27th May End of Term 5
6th June Start of Term 6

A Date with Dan 18th May 6:30pm-7:30pm FREE Online Safety Question and Answer event

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children and young people safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our last Q and A event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for another opportunity to ask us some questions.

Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions. [A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Year 6 SATs

The SATs tests for all Y6 pupils will start on Monday 9th May. The timetable of the week's tests is as follows:

Monday 9 May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English Reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 12 May 2022	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Swimming – Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks starting 28th April

We have arranged swimming lessons for children in Norway and St Lucia classes. Mr Timmins will be taking both classes to Whaplode School on a Thursday afternoon commencing on **28th April**, where we will have sole use of their pool and swimming teachers. Children should come to school in their PE kit and bring their swimming kit in a bag. Earrings must not be worn to school on swimming or PE days. The coach will collect Gedney Drove End at 12.10pm and then travel to Holbeach St Marks for 12.30pm. They will leave Whaplode at 2.30pm and be back at school by the end of the day. To cover the cost of the pool rental and swimming teachers we need to ask for a contribution of £2 per week: the total for this term will be £10 which can be paid in one payment or weekly. Please sign the permission slip, or email your permission and return to school by Friday 22nd April.

Sports Clubs Gedney Drove End

Gedney Drove End Clubs for this term are as follows;

Thursday from 28 th April	Rounders	Years 4, 5 and 6
Friday from 29 th April	Team Games	Years 1, 2 and 3

Please complete the permission slip if you would like your child to take part.

Sports Clubs Westmere

Mr Timmins' sports clubs for this term are as follows;

Mondays from 25 th April	Team Games	Australia, France, Italy
Tuesdays from 26 th April	Rounders	Canada, USA, Portugal
Wednesdays from 27 th April	Rounders	Brazil, Mexico, Spain

Please complete the permission slip, or email joanna.thomas@griffinfederation.co.uk if you would like your child to take part.

Lunchtime Sports Club

Mr Timmins will run a rounders lunchtime club at Westmere on a Tuesday and Wednesday. If it is not your child's PE day, they can just bring in trainers to wear. Mr Timmins will allow as many children as possible to take part but cannot guarantee that there will always be enough space for everybody. There is no need to sign up for these clubs.

Tuesday – USA, Canada, Portugal and Spain

Wednesday – Brazil and Mexico





PE Days

Cuba	Thursday and Friday
Barbados	Tuesday and Thursday
St Lucia	Monday PE & Thursday swimming
Finland	Monday and Thursday
Sweden	Friday double lesson
Norway	Thursday swimming Friday PE
China	Tuesday and Thursday
Australia	Monday and Friday
France	Tuesday and Wednesday
Italy	Wednesday and Friday
Brazil	Monday and Wednesday
Mexico	Monday and Friday
USA	Tuesday and Friday
Portugal	Tuesday and Friday
Canada	Tuesday and Thursday
Spain	Monday and Wednesday

Amanda's Top Tips!

We know some children hate the mornings, as they come into school with a look on their face as if they have been forced to come to school, despite them pleading with parents they are too ill! I'm going to be using the newsletter to share some simple advice and tips to help to make parenting that little easier.

Morning Routines Start with Bedtime/ Evening Routines

The best morning routines are those that start with effective bedtime routines. Even though it can be tempting to skip a few steps the night before because the children are tired (and so are you), creating a plan before the kids ever go to sleep will help everyone get out the door on time the next morning.

- Get the backpacks, coats and shoes by the door – make sure that backpacks are ready to go; this will hopefully reduce the amount of times you have to ask the children to put their coats on and grab their bags!
- Make packed lunches the night before – if your child takes their own lunch to school, get it packed the night before.
- Breakfast – bowls, spoons and boxes of cereal can be placed out on the side, ready for the morning.

Set out the clothes – if frantically rummaging through the washing pile for a matching sock is part of your morning routine, turn that around and when the children get their pyjamas on for the night, have them set out their school clothes for the next day.

Get a good night's sleep – research shows that healthy sleep amounts really can help children and adults alike awake on time and refreshed in the morning.

I personally set my alarm 30 minutes before my son gets up. This means I can manage at least 2 cups of tea before he gets up which really helps me to start my day!

Amanda (Family Support Worker)

Kind regards
Sally Massey
Assistant Executive Headteacher



Gedney Drove End and Holbeach St Marks Swimming Term 5

I give / do not give permission for my child(ren) To attend swimming lessons in term 5.

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

Or I will pay £2 per week •

Signed Date

Gedney Drove End Sports Clubs Term 5

Childs Name Class

I give permission for my child to attend the after-school Tennis Club as ticked below:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Please Tick</u>
Thursday Rounders	Year 4, 5 & 6	
Friday Team Sports	Year 1, 2 & 3	

Signed Parent/Carer Date

Westmere Sports Clubs Term 5

Childs Name Class

I give permission for my child to attend the after-school Tennis Club as ticked below:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Please Tick</u>
Monday Team Games	Australia, France, Italy	
Tuesday Rounders	Canada, USA, Portugal	
Wednesday Rounders	Brazil, Mexico, Spain	

Signed Parent/Carer Date

