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Dear Families,

IT'S NEARLY HERE AND LOOKING GOOD.....OUR ANNUAL EXHIBITION ALL ABOUT READING AND OUR FAVOURITE BOOKS IS OPEN TO ALL ON:

Wednesday 22nd October 2pm to 6pm

Thursday 23rd October 2pm to 6pm

The infants are performing, on both days, on the infant playground at 2.45.

The juniors are singing, on both days, on the junior playground at 5pm.

Messages have gone home to all families with more information about these events.

There is a book swap—more information on page 2.

Over the last few weeks the pupils have been working with our local, brilliant, artist Debbie Goldsmith and have produced some outstanding boards as a backdrop to the exhibition.

The children have also been to Forest School (thank you PTA for funding this) and Mr

Hadfield also referenced the books classes were reading when he led these sessions.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have been in reading a book to the children, offering to bake cakes for the café, preparing areas and mounting work ready for display.

Mrs Carew, Year 1 teacher has accepted a position in another school, starting January 26.

We are currently advertising the post and hopefully will be able to tell you soon who will be taking the class after Christmas.

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website

http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform official supplier - other options are available, please see the school website for more information.

www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

SENCo mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Income Related Free School Meals: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or visit website for further information

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Term dates for 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>



Exhibition week

A Good Read

Book Swap

The Eco Team are organising a book swap during exhibition week.

They will collect your book/books from you in the Junior School playground from 8.35 am on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October. You will be given a token for each book that you bring.

On Wednesday 22nd the books will be displayed in the playground and any child with a token/s will be able to choose a book/s from the collection.

Please make sure there are no ripped or torn pages in your books, and they are clean and gently used.

If you don't have any books to swap but would like to choose a book then any books remaining on

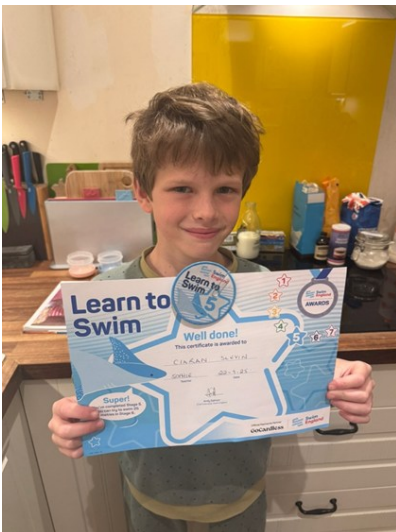
Thursday 23rd will be available to buy for a small donation.

We hope that with your help all the children will have a new book to read during half term!

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby tournament - WE WON!!!!!!

We had a fantastic afternoon at the tag rugby tournament at Holmes Chapel Comp. Our players gave their all and displayed outstanding ability and attitude. As result of their efforts we won the competition against very strong opposition. Tilly showed great determination and was brilliant in defence. Harry demonstrated speed and agility to score numerous tries. Great teamwork from everyone led to 4 wins and no defeats.

Kayson played his second ever full tackle game of rugby today for Knutsford Rugby Club. Kayson played brilliantly and scored 2 tries



Ciaran (Y5) was delighted to complete his Level 5 swimming.

Evelyn has been working hard to achieve her Rainbows "Recycling" badge. She has made a battery recycling container and would like to encourage everyone to recycle their batteries at local collection points like Aldi in Holmes Chapel!



Key dates for the autumn term

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October	EXHIBITION 2pm to 6pm
Wednesday 22nd October	Football tournament Y5 and 6
Thursday 23rd October	Pupils finish for half term
Sunday 2nd November	Bonfire Scout Hut
Monday 3rd November	Pupils return
Thursday 6th November	Recycle for School bags
Wednesday 12th November	Dance workshop Y1 and 2
Friday 14th November	Y5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 19th November	Dance workshop Y3 and 4
Friday 21st November	PTA Beetle Drive
Wednesday 26th November	Dance Workshop Y5 and 6
Friday 5th December	Christmas Film Night
WB 8th December	PTA Christmas Shop for pupils
Tuesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall
Wednesday 17th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall

Christmas Card Project

FUNdraise with Goostrey PTA!

Create something special this Christmas with your children's imagination.

We have teamed up with Cauliflower Cards, they will print your children's design on Cards (Christmas or thank you!), wrapping paper, labels and other gifts!

Design at home:

Guidelines are available on the cauliflower website (link below)

[Christmas Artwork Guidance - Cauliflower](#)

- NO glitter - your order will be rejected.
- Keep the design within 5mm of the paper

Drop in sessions with Mrs Cowell:
Wednesday 5th November

3:15pm-4:15pm

Order forms will be sent home and MUST be attached to the artwork when returned. All artwork and order forms must be returned by Tuesday **11th** November to Reception or in class. You will be able to order shortly after this by following this link

[Parents Shop | Cauliflower](#)

Messy Church on 22nd Oct. 3.30 - 5.30.
Come along and enjoy fun, crafts and a meal.

Please bring an adult with you.

All welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

A poster for Goostrey Bonfire Night. The background is a dark blue night sky with stars and a string of warm white lights at the top. In the center is a large, bright orange and yellow bonfire with logs at its base, set on a patch of green grass. The text is arranged around the bonfire.

● Brought to you by Goostrey Scouts and ●
Goostrey Primary School PTA

Goostrey Bonfire Night

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
GOOSTREY SCOUT HUT, CW4 8PE

Gates 4.30pm
Bonfire 5pm
Fireworks 6.30pm
Event ends 7pm

Fireworks and bonfire
BBQ and drinks
Cup-U-Like
Bidlea Dairy stall

Tickets cost £6 per adult, £5 per child (up to 12 years old) or £20 for a family of four. Scan the QR code to book your tickets today!



RECYCLE 4 SCHOOL



Help raise funds for Goostrey PTA by having a half term clear out and turning your unwanted clothes into £'s

**Collection date:
Thursday 7th November**



Please drop your recyclables at the bike stores at either the infants or juniors on the morning of the collection date (items can be donated in any carrier or bin bag)



**Fundraiser for Goostrey Community
Primary School PTA**



OLIVER'S PUMPKINS

Oliver of Year 5 and his family would like to help raise funds for the school PTA. Either present your voucher or mention you're from the school when making a pumpkin purchase, and we'll donate 20% of all the proceeds to the PTA. Thank you for supporting a local business and the school PTA.

Oliver and family

The stall is open every weekend in October
(10am-4pm)
at CW10 9ND
near the Three Greyhounds
pub and Shakerley Mere,
Allostock



An update from **Goostrey Pre-School**, we would like to share with you what we have been up to at Pre-School recently and some of the exciting and fun experiences we have been taking part in.

This Term at Goostrey Pre-School

This half term, the children have been busy exploring all things Autumn and Harvest. We've enjoyed collecting leaves, conkers, and pinecones to make beautiful nature collages and autumn-themed crafts, we also went for a walk past school and saw the children playing and the horses nearby. We talked to the children about Mrs Flint's classroom and where some of the children would be going to School next year.

We also had a wonderful visit from Reverend Christine, who taught us all about the harvest season and the importance of sharing and caring for others. The children loved listening to her Harvest Story and looking at the Wheat Sheaf she brought in for us.

We have also transformed our mud kitchen into a 'spooky scare café', the children have loved creating spells, mixing potions and looking for spiders.

We would like to share that we have a new Pre-School Facebook page that we would love you to like and follow us for updates, fund raising events and a glimpse into all the amazing things we do here. The page name is- **Goostrey Pre-School CIO**

Please also look out for the fantastic art work we have done as part of the school exhibition, the children have really enjoyed telling us about their favourite books-we have read lots of new stories and the children have enjoyed bringing these in to share with each other.

Join Our Pre-School Family

We are almost full this year, however we do have some limited afternoon spaces.

We currently have places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from next September.

If you'd like to find out more or arrange a visit, please contact us — we'd love to meet you!

☎ 07471 756720

✉ manager@goostreypreschool.org.uk

🌐 [Goostrey Pre-School](https://www.goostreypreschool.org.uk)



Frequently asked questions about holiday requests in term time.

Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

- ☐ **No.** Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis
- ☐ The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to “*fail to secure their child’s regular attendance at the school*”
- ☐ The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- ☐ The Head Teacher and Governing Board will determine what the exceptional circumstances are

If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

- ☐ The parent/carer with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school
- ☐ The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence

What will the school do then?

- ☐ The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined
 - o Only the Headteacher (or the Deputy) has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision the protocols and criteria laid down in the school’s attendance policy must be followed.
 - o Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication; that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time
- ☐ You will receive a written response from the Headteacher (or the Deputy) letting you know if your application has been approved
- ☐ If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined the absence will be recorded as unauthorised

Penalty Notices will be issued for Term time leave:

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of ‘Failure to send a child to school’ the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500

IF A FAMILY GOES ON HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME SCHOOL WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY WORK FOR THE PUPILS. TIME OUT OF SCHOOL, FOR A HOLIDAY WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD/REN MISSING TEACHING AND LEARNING AND THEY MAY FIND IT CHALLENGING TO CATCH UP WITH THEIR PEERS ON THEIR RETURN.

Do you have a concern about a child?

Anyone can make a call if they have concerns about a child. This call can be made confidentially.

Cheshire East Consultation Service

The Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) is the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families.

General public

Phone ChECS on **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** Callers will be directed to a Unit Coordinator who will ask if the concerns are early help or safeguarding. You will then be directed to either Practitioner Support Officer for Early Help requests for support or a Social Worker (ChECS) for safeguarding concerns. The worker will gather your information and advise you of the next steps.

If you need to contact someone out of hours and you believe it to be an emergency that can't wait, please call our Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.

If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.

The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.

We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families.

However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.



Keep up to date with PTA news and events on our social media pages:



goostrey_primary_school_pta



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address. You must have your email linked with the school

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



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Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 -
available during pre-school hours
only.

The local clinical network has devised a website where they have put all of the organisations nationally and locally that support children and families that are neurodiverse

[Neurodiversity support pathway - NHS Cheshire and Merseyside](#)

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:
www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey



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Before School Club

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or collect from the reception desk. The cost is £4.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.50 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you.
Thank you

Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>