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School closes today for the February half term break—we all return on Monday 23rd February.

Huge thank you to Mrs Sant for all her hard work with our choir preparing them for their visit to Manchester Young Voices yesterday evening. Organising this event is a huge undertaking so thank you to all staff who been involved in co-ordinating or accompanying the children. Our pupils sang in the CO OP Arena which they really enjoyed—all were safely back by 10.30 last night having had a great time.

Mrs Grindell has secured a position at another school and will be leaving here today. Thank you Mrs Grindell for all your hard work and the care and support you have given our children. We wish all the best as you start your new job.

Goostrey's Scholastic Book Fair 2026

A massive "THANK YOU" to all our pupils and families for supporting our book fair 2026. It is amazing to see how many books are being enjoyed by everyone. This year, we have hit a record total at just over £2040. This is a phenomenal amount and in return, the school will benefit with £1,225 worth of free books for our classrooms. Staff are now in the process of selecting new titles and these will be with us shortly. Once again, thank you & happy reading!

Louise Timmins

WORLD BOOK DAY IS ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH—CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME TO SCHOOL AS THEIR FAVOURITE CHARACTER OR IN THEIR PYJAMAS

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

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.

The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA
<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

End of Term House Points

Well done to all the children who have earned house points this term! 16 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 29 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. We also awarded 19 Gold certificates for achieving 150 house points and 4 Platinum certificates. An extra well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were:

Harding: 1531
Garner: 1429
Mallory: 1348
Lovell: 1298

Well done Harding and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Harding will be awarded a free dress day on **WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH**—reminders will be sent out!

Thank you
Mrs Beardsworth



Year 3 and 4 Netball

On Wednesday **Maisie, Stanley, Eleanor, Florrie, Anvitha, Freddie and Bethany** represented Goostrey at the netball tournament. They played 5 games in total. Our first was against Lower Peover and the team were excited to get going. They made a good start and the final score was one all. Well that really got the team excited for the next game. They had adjusted to the larger court and started showing the skills they had learnt at school. Their next game was against Brereton and this was a tougher game. The rules in school netball are that they have to swap positions and so it took them a little longer to settle against a stronger team. Having said that their determination was in their strength and it was certainly not from lack of trying their best to get goals and defend. We lost this game 7 to 2. Thankfully it did not dampen their spirit and they just wanted to play and get to their next game. Sporting big smiles and red faces glowing we headed to play against Hermitage! We always enjoy our games against Hermitage and this game felt like we had found our happy ground and the game was evenly matched. We won by 1 point. Lower Peover was next and the pace quickened. We upped our gameplay and the team were now in their groove. They were reading the game better, spreading out, defending well and making great attempts at goals. We won this game by 3 points to 2.

After the four games were played we were called together to hear if we were in the final to determine first and second place. The team were overjoyed to realise they were in the running for a top position. We had to play Brereton and they beat us 7/2 in our first game against them. We did not get the gold but finished a respectable second. The game was fast paced and their passing skills were slicker than ours but my goodness our players did wonders in defence and kept a possible high scoring game at bay.

A most enjoyable afternoon spent with such lovely and enthusiastic children. Thanks so much for your commitment and drive. Thanks for the parent support as always. Mr Robson, an ex-pupil from Goostrey, helped with their coaching and oversaw their games.

Mrs Flint

This week **Ciaran Y5** and **Aoife Y3** both received distance swimming certificates for taking part in Everybody's February Foundation swim. Well done to them both for a great effort!



Maisie has just received her 25m swimming certificate



Aurora-Lilly completed her stage 4 swimming on Monday



George was selected by his brass band to take care of Lionel the Lion for the week due to his effort in practice and progress he has made

Henry was player of the match for his football team against Winsford Knights. He combined his passing, dribbling and shooting skills to score a goal in his teams fantastic victory



Toy Swap

Wednesday February 25th from 3.15pm in the Sunshine Room

The Eco Team are organising a toy swap for the week after half term.

Please bring your toys to the Sunshine Room **after school** (from 3pm – 4pm) on Monday February 23rd or Tuesday February 24th, or **before school** (from 8.30am) on Wednesday February 25th.

You will be given a voucher for each toy that you bring, which you will use to exchange for another toy at the Toy Swap on Wednesday.

Please make sure that all toys and games are complete, clean and unbroken.

If there are any toys left, they will be available to take in exchange for a small donation on Thursday before school.



GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
INVITES YOU TO OUR

COMEDY NIGHT

with Big Lou Comedy

	Sam Harland <i>"An exciting talent with a big personality"</i> Buzz Comedy		El Baldinho <i>"Adding that something different to any adult comedy club bill"</i> Manford's Comedy Club
	Chris Washington <i>As seen on BBC's Mock The Week, House Of Games and Stand Up for Live Comedy</i>		Dom Hatton-Woods <i>"One of the fastest rising stars on the circuit"</i> Jongleurs Comedy
	Local favourites Cheshire Dough will be bringing you their exceptional pizzas! Pre-order on WhatsApp 07779992215		

GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Doors open at 7pm - show starts at 8pm
Tickets £15 - on sale from the link or QR code
Enquiries to: GoostreyPTA@outlook.com

GOT A GIFT THAT NEEDS A NEW HOME?

Do you have any unwanted gifts, raffle-friendly items, or even empty hamper baskets that you'd be happy to donate?

We're currently collecting donations for our PTA Hamper Raffle, which will be drawn at our Comedy Night

All items will be combined with other generous donations to create some fantastic raffle hampers

HOW TO DONATE:

If you can help, please send any donations in via your child's class teacher or Mrs Carroll by Friday 13th February



All proceeds from the raffle go towards resources for the children

Thank you for your continued support

The PTA



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 26th February**

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)





Bingo

at
Goostrey Village Hall
on
Saturday 7th March 2026

Doors Open: 7:00 pm
Bingo Starts: 7:30 pm

Line & House Prizes
Fund Raising Raffle

Tickets: £5 each (includes 5 games)

Tickets available from:

treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk

or Peter Gomes - 07867 798848

Or David Smith - 07702 152771

Job Opportunity

Job Title: School Catering Assistant

Location: Goostrey Primary School

Pay Rate: £12.26

Hours: 15

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team, helping to support our clients and customers as part of the UK's no.1 food and support services business.

Scan the QR code below to apply now!



E-mail

sharon.stainthorpe@compass-group.co.uk

Job/Advert Ref: com/2301/42823001/52786665/BU



Key dates for the spring term

Friday 13th February	School finishes for half term
Monday 23rd February	School returns
Wednesday 25th February	Toy Swap
Thursday 26th February	Recycle 4 School
Thursday 5th March	Free Dress Day for Easter hampers World Book Day—Characters or Pyjamas
Friday 6th March	Y2 Cake Sale
Friday 6th March	Comedy Night
Thursday 12th March	Y4 residential—1 night
Thursday 19th March	Book look for families to see their child's work—after school to 5pm
WB Monday 23rd March	Parents' evenings
Thursday 26th March	Easter hamper draw
Friday 27th March	School finishes for Easter break
Monday 13th April	School returns



CHILDREN'S TENNIS COACHING

'Mad March' warm-ups

A CHOICE OF MARCH FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL SESSIONS INTRODUCING CHILDREN TO 2026 JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING - GENTLE FITNESS, FUN GAMES AND DRILLS FOR ALL ABILITIES AND AGES.



At Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey, beginning Friday March 6th *
£28 for four Fridays to the Easter holidays.

Friday 'Mad March' tennis:

4pm - 5pm

5pm - 6pm

6pm - 7pm

EMAIL goostreytc@outlook.com

Or message Alison Richardson - 07885 804246 for details



ABSENCE REQUESTS (ATTENDANCE POLICY WTH FURTHER DETAILS IS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE)

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 examples are in the Attendance Policy on the school website.

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—In some sensitive / personal cases it may be appropriate for the parent to explain the need for absence verbally with the headteacher.

What will the school do then?

- The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined—this will be on a case by case basis
 - 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 will be followed.
 - Our weekly newsletter informs parents 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 Notice will 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 Section444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500

Regular attendance is legally defined as attending every session of every day that a school is open. It means consistent, daily attendance rather than just "sufficiently frequent" attendance, with exceptions only for authorised absences like illness or prior school permission.

Impact of Attendance:

95% is the benchmark for good attendance, however 95% Attendance represents approximately 2 weeks of missed school, which can impact learning. **90% Attendance:** Represents 19 days (4 weeks) of missed school. **Persistent Absence:** Missing 10% or more of school is generally considered persistent absence, which significantly affects academic achievement.

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

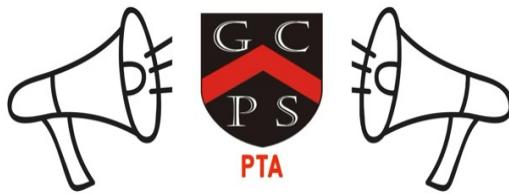
It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

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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Goostrey All Stars
After School Club

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/>

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.

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>