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Please go and look at the new display at Goostrey Train Station showcasing our children's work. Thank you Mrs Cowell for organising and putting up new displays for people to see.



Our brilliant Eco team ran a successful toy swap last week—recycling at its best.

### Auction of Promises—**UPDATE AND OFFER**

Thank you to everyone who donated or bid in our auction—we have raised £2775 which will now go towards the SA visit in June.

A parent who lost a bid has asked about extra front row seats being available for the Nativity / Carol Service. We are offering everyone the chance to go in to a draw for 2 more reserved, front row seats for each event. The Nativity seats will be £65 and the Carol Service £80—both these amounts match the highest bid for each event.

If you willing to pay the asking price and want to be in the draw please email me [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) by Monday 9th March, 9am and I will draw the winning families that day.

Weekly Attendance 23.2.2026

R 89.2%, Y1 97.2%, Y2 100%, Y3 97.6%, Y4 97.4%, Y5 97.2%, Y6 98.8%

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

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

SENCo [mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

Income Related Free School Meals: [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](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

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**Alfie Northwood** in reception passed stage 2 in swimming and is very proud of himself. He is already loving stage 3.



**Phoebe Sharman** in year 5 has received her first Blue Peter badge today after weeks of patiently waiting.

Phoebe created two posters highlighting the importance of looking after the environment, especially forests and oceans and was awarded a green badge for her efforts.

Huge congratulations to **Marcia** on an incredible first year competing nationally in Rhythmic Gymnastics!

She recently competed in the individual qualification competition in Cardiff, where the UK is split into two zones, and delivered an amazing performance. Marcia achieved an incredible 3rd place with her Ball and Clubs routine and secured 3rd Overall in her age category — a fantastic achievement!

Now we wait to see which level she has qualified for.

Next up, she travels to Newcastle this weekend to repeat the process with her group. Wishing her the very best of luck — we're all cheering you on, Marcia!





Please help us support World Down Syndrome Day 2026 by buying a gingerbread biscuit and wearing your odd socks.

We will be selling the gingerbread sock biscuits on **Thursday 19th March 2026** straight after school in the infant and junior playgrounds. Please wear your odd socks on this day too.



**£1 per biscuit**



**Rainbow**  
**CLASS HAMPERS**

Tickets on sale from  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**£1 per ticket**  
Available for children to purchase from  
their class teacher

Raffle drawn  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

All proceeds go towards resources  
for the children



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

**Mother's Day**  
**Shop**

Shopping days start  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Gifts priced from **£1 to £5**

Children will have the opportunity during the school day  
to visit our pop-up gift shop to buy gifts for the special  
people in their lives

Please bring money in a named envelope/purse  
Don't forget a bag to bring the gifts home!



**Wirral Community Health and Care**  
NHS Foundation Trust



The 0-19 Service (Health visitors and school nurses) offer a course to support parents of children from 1-7 years with potentially emerging additional needs. There is no need for any diagnosis but if you are concerned about a child and would like to understand more about their development and how you can support them then please come along.

We run it over five sessions online via MS teams and there is no pressure to have your camera on or to speak, however if you would like to ask questions you are more than welcome to either by the chat facility or by coming off mute.

We look at your child's communication, understanding their sensory needs, understanding their behaviour, sleep, toilet training and other support available.

It is delivered by our SEND health practitioners Libby Butcher and Nicola Bourne. We offer one evening course and one day time course (held over three weeks) each term as well as one day just for professionals.

If you are interested please just email us on [wchc.sendhealthteam@nhs.net](mailto:wchc.sendhealthteam@nhs.net) with your child's name, date of birth.

<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>	<u>Autumn Term</u>
<b><u>Evening Course (7.00pm-8.30pm)</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Course (7.00pm-8.30pm)</u></b>	<b><u>Evening Course (7.00pm-8.30pm)</u></b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b><u>Daytime Course (9.15am-12.15pm)</u></b>	<b><u>Daytime Course (9.15am-12.15pm)</u></b>	<b><u>Daytime Courses (9.15am - 12.15)</u></b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November

Please email [wchc.sendhealthteam@nhs.net](mailto:wchc.sendhealthteam@nhs.net) for the link or see your link Pquip/HV

## Key dates for the spring term

WB 9th March	Mother's Day Shop
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

## **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
  - 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 will be followed.
  - o 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 may be issued for Term time leave:**

Penalty Notice fines may 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 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

**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](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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:



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

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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>