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Year 4 are on their one night residential to Delamere. Thank you Mrs Cowell, Mrs Beardsworth, Mrs Pacitto, Mrs McCabe and Miss Flint for organising / accompanying this visit.

Mother's Day Shop was outstanding and such a treat for our pupils big thank you PTA

Comedy Night—big thankyou to all PTA and staff volunteers who organised and helped on the night. Summer Ball is June 5th at Cranage Hall.

Children's books will be out in the classrooms next Thursday from end of school to 5pm. Please come and see your children's work in preparation for parents' evenings the week after.

We have some children with a serious nut allergy—please be aware of this when sending food in for your child

Concerned staff member has seen me about the young children running on the car park and around the cars when some vehicles are moving. Please keep your children close to you and not let them use it as a playground.

Weekly Attendance 2.3.2026

R 99.2%, Y1 99.7%, Y2 97.1%, **Y3 100%**, Y4 97.1%, Y5 95.2%, Y6 96.5%

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>

Bella won the KS1 vocal category in Love Music Trust Cheshire East Musician of the year competition. She came third overall in the KS1 combined instruments and voice. One very happy bunny. She'd sung it at Lions Brass on Tuesday to practice in front of an audience, so she got Lionel their lion as her lucky mascot for the week



Our Year 5/6 basketball team put on a fantastic performance at Wednesday's tournament. They played three exciting games, winning two and narrowly losing one. Every player showed brilliant team spirit, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the event.

Referees were full of praise for the children's excellent manners and positive attitude, which is something we are incredibly proud of.

Well done to all the children for representing our school so brilliantly.



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



Goostrey PTA presents

SUMMER BALL

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 5, 2026

CRANAGE HALL

**Tables of 10 or 12 and individual
tickets available**

SPORTS COACHING GROUP **SPRING INTO ACTION** **Ofsted Registered**

EASTER MULTI-SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUBS

MOVE **PLAY** **EXPLORE**

30TH MARCH TO 10TH APRIL | 8:45AM - 3:15PM
 WRAPAROUND AVAILABLE | CHILDCARE VOUCHERS AND TAX FREE SCHEME ACCEPTED | SIBLING DISCOUNT

VENUES:

- CHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
- EDLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
- HOLMES CHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL
- MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL
- PEAR TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL
- SANDBACH BOYS SCHOOL
- WESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
- WORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

THEME DAYS AVAILABLE

SCAN TO BOOK



St. Luke's Children's Easter Workshop



Goostrey Junior School Hall
10.00 am - 12 noon

Good Friday 3rd April

**All children Age 4-11 welcome
 (Younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult)**



Key dates for the spring term

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



If your child would like to be part of the Goostrey Rose Festival parade, please fill in the form linked below.

[Goostrey Rose Festival Child registration Form 2026](#)

This link can also be found on the Goostrey Rose Festival website and facebook page.

Closing date: 27th March

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 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:



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Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

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:
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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>