



Junior word count since September.

Y3 - 2,307,046

Y4 - 8,229,458

Y5 - 8,899,893

Y6 - 4,583,299

Since September, our pupils have read a total of 24,019,696 words.

It's a battle between Years 4 & 5 to break the 10,000,000 barrier!

**Weekly Attendance 9.3.2026**

R 94.8%, Y1 96.5%, Y2 93.5%, Y3 92.4%, **Y4 100%**, Y5 90%, 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

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

Huge congratulations to **Marcia** on qualifying for the British Championships at the Telford International Arena this July! ☐☐☐

This is the highest level of competition in Great Britain, and she'll be competing against the top 9 gymnasts in the Under 11 category — an incredible achievement. To make it even more special, she's also received an invitation to the Team England National Squad this week. What an amazing milestone and an unforgettable week!

We're all so proud of you, Marcia — keep shining and enjoy every moment!

The latest recipients of the Kindness Award are:

**Lucy Tyrer**

**Owen Bowden**

Well done to both pupils.



Well done to **Bella M** in year 2, who has successfully completed stage 1 of her riding lessons. Keep up the great riding, Bella!





### **Girls football Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Well the weather was perfect but the team of girls were apprehensive as we arrived with only 6 players for a 7 a side tournament. Forgotten goalie gloves caused a bit of discussion too but the team soon settled and got on with the job they had to do. Our first game was against Brereton and the game remained even throughout with a 0-0 draw end result. This was a fast-paced game with them all giving 100%. We were off to a good start.

We then faced Lower Peover Panthers. Play took off quickly with Iris getting the first goal fairly early on and the two more goals scored by Romilly and Iris. They scored one so the final score was 3-1. The girls covered every inch on the field and read the game well. Passing and foot work was faultless.

Our third game was against Hermitage. We were on a roll and all thoughts of us having no gloves or only 6 players went out the window. We were flying. We went 4-0 ahead and they brought on an 8<sup>th</sup> player with our consent. This resulted in them getting two goals in quick successions and I was praying for the 10-minute whistle to ring out. Lucy has scored 2 goals, Iris 1 and Romilly 1. Very ably supported by their team mates. Final score 4-2.

The girls were now fired up and ready for their last game. They could smell the winning scent but we now knew we were neck and neck with Brereton in points. This was the deciding game. We had nothing to fear and won 4 -0 against Lower Peover Lionesses. Mrs Murdock, myself and the support parents were so incredibly proud of their endless efforts on the pitch. Well done to Lucy, Iris, Eleanor, Bryony, Tilly and Romilly. The girls voted unanimously that Bryony get the player of the tournament for her excellent efforts in goals. Thank you for representing Goostrey so well.

Goostrey PTA presents

# SUMMER BALL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Included in ticket price:

Champagne Reception

3 Course Meal

Live Band

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS & TABLES AVAILABLE

TABLES OF 10 - 12

**£65** PER TICKET

JUNE 5, 2026

CRANAGE HALL

**Tickets Available from:**

[Info@andrewDwood.co.uk](mailto:Info@andrewDwood.co.uk)

Shuttle bus & other information to follow

**SPORTS COACHING GROUP** **Ofsted Registered**

# SPRING INTO ACTION

**EASTER MULTI - SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**MOVE**



**PLAY**



**EXPLORE**



**30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 10<sup>TH</sup> 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**



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**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD**

# FREE HAF HOLIDAY CLUB

**EASTER MULTI - SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUBS**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
8:45AM - 3:15PM

## WHAT IS HAF?

The Holiday and Activities Food (HAF) is a national programme by the Department of Education. It provides **free access to holiday clubs** with **enriching activities and nutritious meals** during Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays. This opportunity is available to children who receive **income-based free school meals**.

## HAF AVAILABILITY

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

**FREE HOT LUNCH INCLUDED**

**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)**





# Easter Holiday Tennis Fun



## CHILDREN'S EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS IN GOOSTREY

*FUN-FILLED COACHING, GAMES AND FITNESS FOR ALL  
ABILITIES*



Easter holiday sessions are run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held  
at Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts and Pavilion, Goostrey, from  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9.30am-1.30pm**

You can book one, two, three or all four mornings  
EMAIL [goostreytc@outlook.com](mailto:goostreytc@outlook.com) or call 07885 804246 for a booking form

## Key dates for the spring term

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](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:



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.

Select your school to get started!

**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/>

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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>