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School finishes next Friday for the May half term break.

**We all return on TUESDAY June 2nd.**

Thursday 21st May Sports Day—weather permitting. 1.30pm start on the school field. This year the PTA have organised a coffee van to be on the field—details below

The PTA have also provided ice pops for the children, as a treat, when they leave school next Friday.



#### Weekly Attendance 4.5.2026

R 77.9% **Y1 100%** Y2 98.7% Y3 99.6% Y4 96.8% Y5 94.6% Y6 99%

**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) Mental Health Lead [mrs.cowell@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.cowell@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**

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>

A huge well done to **Charlie Wood** for achieving his four year award at Stagecoach. You show up every week and give it your all, and are a natural on stage, we're so proud of you!



**MOXIE-MAE  
CYCLING 50KM  
IN THE MONTH  
SHE IS 5!**

**TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
GOOSTREY PARK**

**28.5KM SO FAR!**

TO DONATE



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Goostrey PTA presents

# SUMMER BALL



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Champagne Reception



3 Course Meal



Live Band: *'The Good Guys'*



**£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

# Key dates for the summer term

Thursday 21st May	<b>Sports Day</b>
Friday 22nd May	School finishes for May half term
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	Pupils return
WB Tuesday 2nd June	Tables tests Y4
Wednesday 3rd June	Free Dress Day for sweets CUP U LIKE
Wednesday 3rd June	PTA 6.30 The Crown
Thursday 4th June	Bags to School <b>RESERVE SPORTS DAY</b>
Friday 5th June	Summer Ball
WB Monday 8th June	Phonics testing
Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th June	Bikeability Y4 and 5
Thursday 11th June	Y5 Halle visit
Friday 12th June	June Evening
Tuesday 16th June	SA visitors arrive
Friday 19th June	Film Night
Friday 26th June	Cake Sale R
Monday 29th June	SA visitors leave
Friday 3rd July	Y6 residential
Monday 6th July	Swimming pool arrives
Friday 17th July	School closes for the summer break



# SEND 0-19 Advice sessions

**SEND 0-19+ health practitioners** (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & Young people for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to book in for some advice. You will be seen on a 1-1 basis and there is no need to bring your child.

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May 9-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-11.00am Disley Library and Community Centre (drop in)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon Oakenclough Family Hub (Local offer live drop in)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May 9.15-12.15 Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9am-11am Congleton Family hub (appts only)

## June 2026

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9am-11am Knutsford Children's Centre (drop in)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (appts only)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1pm-2.30pm Oakenclough Family Hub (appts only)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June 1.30-4.30pm Wesley Place Methodist Church, Alsager

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (appts only)

## July 2026

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9am-11am Ash Grove, Macclesfield Family Hub (appts only)

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.15-12.15am Monks Coppenthal SEND Hub (appts only)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9am – 11am Congleton Family hub (appts only)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9.15-12.15am Nantwich Children's Centre (appts only)

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## To book an appointment:

At Congleton, Ash Grove or Oakenclough email [startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:startforlifeforth@cheshireeast.gov.uk).

At Monks Coppenthal, Nantwich and Alsager call 01270 371240 or email [startforlifesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:startforlifesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

## Venues and contact numbers

Wesley Place Methodist Church, 30 Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2RU

Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield, SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484

Congleton Family Hub, Congleton, CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061

Knutsford Children's Centre, Manor Park North, Knutsford, WA16 8DB

Monks Coppenthal SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe, CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240

Nantwich Children's Centre, Nantwich, CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240

Oakenclough Family Hub, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –

[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

## **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.

**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](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)

Uniform can now also be purchased from Sam Dales in Holmes Chapel.

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>



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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. **This is rising to £4.50 per session from September 2026.** The club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.50 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.