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What a brilliant time we all had on Saturday at Rose Day. Huge well done to all our Y3 / 4 pupils who danced the Maypole brilliantly and with so little practise because of the weather. You were amazing, as were the children from South Africa showing us their wonderful dancing skills and routines. So proud of all of you. I believe the SA children are going to have a go at the Maypole with our Y3 next week.

The South African visit is going so well and our children are loving meeting their new friends. Thank you to all our host families for welcoming these children in to their homes and looking after them so well. The school has an extra special buzz and excitement as the children all play and learn together.

Our year 6 pupils go off for their residential visit today at Willersley Castle. They are going to be doing all sorts of exciting things including axe throwing, river tubing, kayaking, zip wire, archery and many other things too. Thank you to Mrs Timmins, Mrs Cowell and Mrs Cuttle for going with the children on this visit.

School has received its third consecutive gold award for our PE and sports in school. We are now able to look at gaining the platinum standard next year. Thank you Mrs Murdock for all you do to help us get these awards

Weekly Attendance w/c 22.6.2026

R 84.2%, Y1 97.9%, Y2 95%, **Y3 98.6%**, Y4 94.8%, Y5 96.8%, Y6 91.6%

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

http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform official suppliers - other options are available, please see the school website for more information.

www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey or <https://www.samdaleandson.co.uk/collections/goostrey-community-primary-school>

SENCo mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk Mental Health Lead mrs.cowell@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 27-28 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.

We are so proud of **Ella and Daisy** on achieving their Stage 6 swimming award - only one more stage to go girls!!!



Holiday homework for our exhibition Journeys is on page 3.

We are also asking for you to send in a photograph, with the theme journeys to mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

These photographs will then be displayed around the entrance to the exhibition on the junior site.

Exhibition 26 – Holiday Homework

Fantasy Journey Map

Create a **fantasy map** that shows a character's journey through a magical world. Your map should tell a story and include exciting places, landmarks, and a clear route from the start to the finish.

Choose ONE theme:

Journey Through a Giant's Garden (or another location)

A tiny character travels through enormous flowers, insects, and vegetables.

Space Explorer Map

Create a route between planets, with challenges or adventures at each stop.

Journey Through a Storybook (A well known story or one you have made up yourself)

Link locations from a favourite story or fairy tale, such as castles, forests, enchanted lakes, or magical kingdoms.

Time Traveller's Map (Pick a time in history you are interested in)

Travel through different periods of history, such as: Dinosaurs, Ancient Egypt, Medieval Castles, or The Future.

Hidden Treasure Island

Design a treasure map with clues leading to hidden treasure. Show the journey using a dotted line, footprints, or a winding path.

Ideas for Magical Locations You may include places such as: Whispering Forest, Dragon Tooth Mountains, Rainbow River, Fairy Glade, Sleeping Dragon Cave and Starfall Lake

Or Your Own Fantasy Map Idea...

Design

- No bigger than A3
- Easy to hang up

Can you include

- A title for your map
- A route showing the journey
- Labels for locations
- Creative illustrations and colours
- A compass rose and map key (optional)
- Neat presentation suitable for exhibition



To be handed in
on Friday 18th
September



Key dates for the summer term

Wednesday 8th July

SA visitors leave

Monday 13th July

Pupil reports come out. Teachers will be available Thursday 16th July 3.30 to 5pm for any families who wish to come in and discuss the reports.

Friday 17th July

Leavers' Assembly for Y6 families
2pm Village Hall
School closes for the summer break

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:



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

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.



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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. **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.

Uniform can be purchased from Sam Dales in Holmes Chapel.:

<https://www.samdaleandson.co.uk/collections/goostrey-community-primary-school>

Alternatively school uniform is available from www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

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>