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GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA  
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# COMEDY NIGHT

with Big Lou Comedy



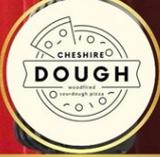
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**GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL  
FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Doors open at 7pm - show starts at 8pm  
Tickets £15 - on sale from the link or QR code  
Enquiries to: [GoostreyPTA@outlook.com](mailto:GoostreyPTA@outlook.com)



**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>



### **Year 3 and 4 Basketball tournament at HCCS**

Winter Olympics is over, Para Olympics to look forward too but on Wednesday the sporting highlight was the Year 3 and 4 basketball tournament. BBC missed out on a fantastic opportunity to get this coverage aired.

Stanley, Eleanor, Freddie, Anvita, Bryony and Bethany represented Goostrey with aplomb. Our first game was against Lower Peover. This was fast paced game with many attempts at point by both sides. Super defence from everyone in the team who showed off their skills early on. In the end Lower Peover beat us by 1 point with the final score of 2 points to 1. Eleanor was the point scorer.

Our second game was against Brereton. Our game against Lower Peover gave us an insight into the pace and challenge of the game and how we could not let our guard down. The team were now warmed up and playing like a team. Defence was strong. They were passing well and looking for the gaps. The final score was 1 all with Stanley scoring the point.

Our next challengers were Hermitage and we won this game with a final score of 4 points to 2. The point scorers were Stanley (2), Freddie (1) and Eleanor (1).

After drinks break we went on the semi-final game. We were up against Lower Peover again. They had beaten us in the first game so our fighting spirit was alive. The team delivered and we won by 4 points to their 2. Stanley scored 3 points and Eleanor 1.

So, this brought us to the finals and the excitement was fizzing in the team. What a closely played game - I could barely watch. They were very evenly matched and the improvement from the first game played against Lower Peover to this game was evident. Eleanor scored the first point early on in the game. Brereton came back with their first point half way through.

Then the battle for the winning point really began. Back and forth – excellent defence – many attempts for point – looking for gaps to bounce the ball though and well thought out passing. But it was not to be our win! Brereton manage to get through out wall of defence and land the winning basket. The team were gutted but still smiling because it was a great game and a fun afternoon. Well done team, you made Goostrey proud!

**Since September the juniors have read the following words.....**

**Y3 2,017,443**

**Y4 7,446,173**

**Y5 7,871,149**

**Y6 3,897,151**

Huge well done to **Seth and Zac** in year 2 for both being awarded 3rd place in their fencing competition. Zac also won the sportsmanship trophy. Excellent work boys!



"We are so proud of **Bea** who achieved Highly Commended in all four of her recent UKA Dance Ballroom Exams."





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.

**One of our parents has asked me to make you aware of the following:**

I am contacting you to invite you to a coffee afternoon I am holding in Sandbach on Friday 13th March 2026.

I want to hear your views on online safety. What do we need to do to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm? How much should we reduce online freedom, to keep people safe? Are restrictions technologically effective and practical?

There is a major government consultation on changing the law about these issues. I want to hear your opinions so that I can prepare a local response.

The meeting will include representatives from Cheshire Police and other local organisations.

If you would like to come along, please email [sarah.russell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:sarah.russell.mp@parliament.uk) with **ONLINE SAFETY** in the subject line, or call my office on **01260 228263**. Please let me know as soon as possible.

**Please note you must live in my constituency and have RSVP'd to attend this event.**

Details of the timings and location will be provided to those who have RSVP'd closer to the meeting date.

You can also keep up to date with my work in Parliament and our local area on my social media pages and website:

**Facebook:** [Sarah Russell MP](#)  
**Instagram:** [@sarah.russell.mp](#)  
**Website:** [www.sarahrussellmp.org](http://www.sarahrussellmp.org)

If there is anything else I can help with, please get in touch. People often ask for support with issues including care for older and disabled people, special educational needs provision; government agencies such as the Child Support Agency, the NHS, local Councils, and many other topics. I am always glad to assist.

Thank you to everyone who has already contacted me about online safety. I look forward to hearing more views on this.

Kind regards,

**Sarah Russell MP**  
for Congleton Constituency



year 2

Friday 6th March

3:15pm infants  
3:25pm juniors

All cakes 50p!



School Uniform Shop will be available!  
Please send any old uniform into school.  
All items are £1 donations (cash only)



## GOT A GIFT THAT NEEDS A NEW HOME?

Do you have any unwanted gifts, raffle-friendly items, or even empty hamper baskets that you'd be happy to donate?

We're currently collecting donations for our PTA Hamper Raffle, which will be drawn at our Comedy Night

All items will be combined with other generous donations to create some fantastic raffle hampers

### HOW TO DONATE:

If you can help, please send any donations in via your child's class teacher or Mrs Carroll by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.



All proceeds from the raffle go towards resources for the children

Thank you for your continued support

The PTA





# Cheshire East 0-25 SEND Partnership survey

Earlier this week we launched our [Cheshire East 0-25 SEND Partnership](https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND_Survey_2026_Young_People/) survey, to gain feedback from professionals, families, parent carers, children, young people, educational settings and anyone who contributes in the delivery of SEND services for children and young people aged 0 – 25.

The partnership is interested to hear about what is working well, and what we could do better in order to improve the experiences and outcomes of our children and young people with SEND.

The survey will differ depending on the nature of your position in relation to SEND, so please access the relevant survey following the links below:

**SEND survey for young people:** [https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND\\_Survey\\_2026\\_Young\\_People/](https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND_Survey_2026_Young_People/)

**Parent carer survey:** [https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND\\_Survey\\_2026\\_Parent\\_Carers/](https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/SEND_Survey_2026_Parent_Carers/)

You can complete the survey online before the deadline of **15 March 2026**.

The feedback we receive will remain strictly confidential and will be used to help us to identify what needs to be improved.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, we look forward to receiving your feedback.

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# Job Opportunity

**Job Title:** School Catering Assistant

**Location:** Goostrey Primary School

**Pay Rate:** £12.26

**Hours:** 15

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team, helping to support our clients and customers as part of the UK's no.1 food and support services business.

Scan the QR code below to apply now!



E-mail  
[sharon.stainthorpe@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:sharon.stainthorpe@compass-group.co.uk)

Job/Advert Ref: [com/2301/42823001/52786665/BU](https://compass-group.co.uk/jobs/2301/42823001/52786665/BU)



## Key dates for the spring term

Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—Characters or Pyjamas
Friday 6th March	Y2 Cake Sale
WB 9th March	Mother's Day Shop
Friday 6th March	Comedy Night
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



# CHILDREN'S TENNIS COACHING

## 'Mad March' warm-ups

A CHOICE OF MARCH FRIDAY AFTER-SCHOOL SESSIONS  
INTRODUCING CHILDREN TO 2026 JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING -  
GENTLE FITNESS, FUN GAMES AND DRILLS FOR ALL ABILITIES  
AND AGES.



At Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey, beginning Friday March  
6<sup>th</sup> \* £28 for four Fridays to the Easter holidays.

Friday 'Mad March' tennis:

4pm - 5pm

5pm - 6pm

6pm - 7pm

EMAIL [goostreytc@outlook.com](mailto:goostreytc@outlook.com)

Or message Alison Richardson - 07885 804246 for details



## **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



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<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.

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**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>