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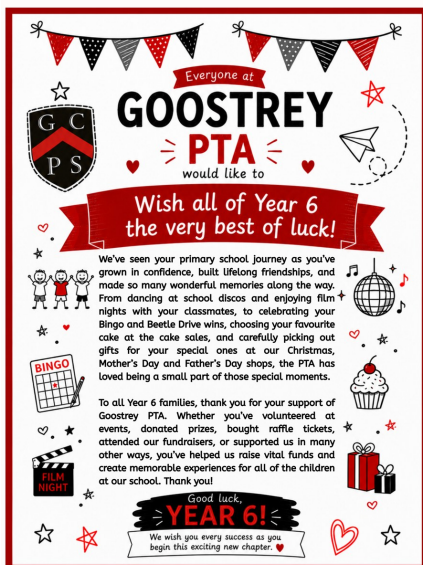
SCHOOL FINISHES TODAY FOR THE SUMMER BREAK. THE CHILDREN RETURN ON THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

We wish you all a very happy summer break as look forward to the year ahead.

So today we say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6. This afternoon is their special leavers' assembly when we celebrate their time with us at Goostrey School. We wish you all the best for the future and hope we will see you again to hear about how well you are doing.

Harry Nightingale is the first Year 6 to win the Catherine King Artistic Endeavour Award—well deserved Harry

Year 3 have won the class sports cup for the year, Mrs Murdock has chosen Year 3 for their progress, attitude and skills.



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 26-27 and 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.

Isla had a brilliant Saturday, earning “Star of Bars” at gymnastics for working incredibly hard and demonstrating an excellent chin-up circle. Later that afternoon, she also achieved her 25-metre swimming badge, which has taken a great deal of practice, perseverance and resilience. We are so proud of the effort she puts in week after week and how determined she is to keep improving.



Our School Garden

We have been working hard in the garden in the junior playground. The children have been enjoying looking at it grow and the lovely colours. We can't wait for the sunflowers to come out and to taste the tomatoes

If you have any donations of bulbs or autumn/ winter plant we would love to have them.

Thank you



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.



Look at the
baby
tomato's



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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



GOOSTREY PTA UPDATE



The PTA is an active and friendly group of volunteers who work with the school to create memorable events for the children and parents; and raise money to enhance learning at Goostrey Primary School.

This year we have run events for the children including a disco, film nights and the ever popular beetle drive!

We hope you enjoyed the Comedy Night and the Summer Ball which were arranged as parent only events.

The children always enjoy buying their loved ones gifts at the Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day shops.

The PTA has raised money for forest school sessions, the swimming pool currently in the playgrounds and a contribution to transport costs for school trips.

Thank you to everyone who has attended a PTA event, donated a raffle prize, bought raffle tickets or supported your children to buy gifts at the shops.

We have lots of exciting events lined up for next year, including some new events which haven't been done at Goostrey school before! More details to follow in the new school year.

The PTA couldn't run without parents volunteering their time. If you would like to get involved in the PTA then speak with your year rep. You can volunteer as much or little as you like, everyone is welcome.

To keep up to date with everything that's happening, check the weekly school newsletters and follow us on our social media pages for event dates and updates.

Instagram: [goostrey_primary_school_pta](#)

Facebook: [Goostrey Community Primary School PTA](#)

If you'd like to help out or have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!

GoostreyPTA@outlook.com

We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September.
GCPS PTA Team



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Find us at:

Goostrey Community Primary
School PTA - Cheshire

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
 - 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.
 - 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/>



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.



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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>