

GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

Open Mornings For Reception 2027

Discover a nurturing start to your child's learning journey



Welcome

We warmly invite prospective families to visit Goostrey Community Primary School and discover our caring community, inspiring learning environment and dedicated staff.

Whether this is your first school visit or you are exploring options for your child, you are very welcome to join us.



Open Morning Dates

Wednesday 23rd September 2026
Wednesday 30th September 2026



Arrive from 9:15am



Welcome Presentation at 9:30am



The Sunshine Room, Infant Site

During Your Visit

- ✓ Meet our friendly team
- ✓ Tour the school and see children working in their learning environment
- ✓ Learn about Reception and admissions
- ✓ Ask questions and chat with staff

Can't Make an Open Morning?

We would be delighted to arrange a personal visit for you at a convenient time.

☎ 01270 918940

✉ admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

🌐 www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Why Choose Goostrey?

- ★ Caring, nurturing community
- ★ High expectations for every child
- ★ Inspiring curriculum and excellent teaching
- ★ Strong values of respect, kindness and responsibility
- ★ Extensive indoor and outdoor learning opportunities
- ★ Reception Buddy Programme with our Year 6 pupils
- ★ Wide range of clubs and enrichment activities
- ★ Strong partnerships with families

Admissions Deadline

Applications for Reception places starting in September 2027 must be received by 15 January 2027, via

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

The schools admissions team can be contacted on 0300 123 5012



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Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, we hope you've all had a great summer. Our pupils have come back so well and we're all ready for another brilliant year. Reception, what an excellent start you have made too. I was in the outdoor area with our young starters today and they were so settled and enjoying themselves—lovely to see.

Our Year 6 children achieved excellent SATs results demonstrating very high achievement and progress—great start to their Year 7. Once again our results, in all subjects, are well above the national.

We have two open mornings, this term, for any families who are thinking about applying for a place. There is no booking system—all welcome.

Wednesday September 23rd at 9.15, tour starts at 9.30.

Wednesday September 30th at 9.15, tour starts at 9.30.

We are also very happy to do individual tours, families are very welcome to contact us and arrange a visit, for any year group, whether they have been to the open morning or not. Please email head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Currently we do have spaces in some year groups throughout the school.

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

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

SENCo mr.warhurst@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 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>

REMINDERS

The school day starts at 08.45 for the infants and 08.50 for the juniors.

Juniors should not be arriving before 08.40 unless they are in the before school club.

Please understand that if your child is on the play-ground, before the start of the school day, they remain the responsibility of their families as there are no school staff on duty until the bell.

Pupils are not allowed to use phones or any other smart devices in school. If they have these items they must be in their bag, switched off and not used until they are off school premises. Pupils are not allowed to have their mobile phones and / or smart devices during the school day. Any child found with their phone / smart device will have it placed safely in school for an adult to collect.

Smart watches are not allowed in school.

RSHE and PSHE Policy

RSHE – Relationships, Sex and Health Education PSHE -Personal, Social, Health Education

This policy has been updated with the new statutory guidance on our website.

The dates below generally involve the whole school.

Information about individual class events / sporting events etc will usually be sent out separately to relevant classes / families.

Our extra curricular clubs will be on the school website by the end of next week.

Mrs Murdock's sporting clubs can be accessed and booked
<https://goostrey-coaching.classforkids.io/>

Wednesday 23rd September	Open Morning 9.15am
Thursday 24th September	Individual photos
Wednesday 30th September	Open Morning 9 15am
Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October	EXHIBITION 2pm to 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Pupils finish for half term
Monday 2nd November	Pupils return
WB 9th November	Parents' evenings
Friday 4th December	Film Night
WB 7th December	PTA Christmas Shop for pupils
Tuesday 15th December	Infant Nativity 09.30
Tuesday 15th December	Carol Service—Y3 and 4 tickets
Wednesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 09.30
Thursday 17th December	Carol Service Y5 and 6 tickets
Friday 18th December	School closes
Monday 4th January	School opens

TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

Year 6 SATS are WB 10th May '27

A guide for parents and carers

Frequently asked questions

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

New regulations came into force on 19th August 2024:

[The School Attendance \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#)

☐ 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

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

What will the school do then?

☐ The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined

○ 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 must be followed.

○ Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication; 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 will be issued for Term time leave:

Penalty Notice fines will 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 Notices 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

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.

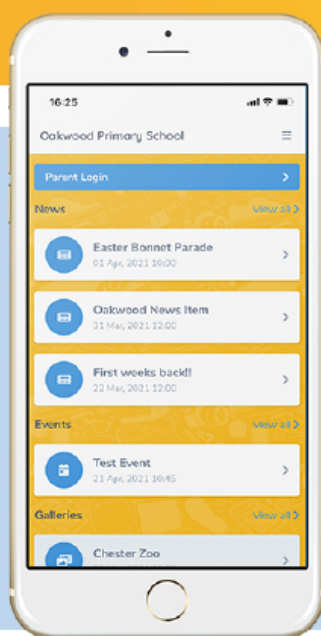
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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

DOWNLOAD NOW





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>



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.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:
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 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 or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>