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Dear Families,

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 places in some year groups throughout the school.

PTA meeting—Monday 21st September in The Crown at 6.30pm—everyone welcome

The owls are visiting next Thursday please see page 3 for more details

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>

Cross Country at HCCS on Wednesday 9th September 2026

We had 122 runners across the 4 schools, broken down into the following:

Year 3 Girls: 15
Year 4 Girls: 10
Year 5 Girls: 10
Year 6 Girls: 14

Year 3 Boys: 18
Year 4 Boys: 23
Year 5 Boys: 19
Year 6 Boys: 8

Teams Scored the following totals:

Hermitage - 360points with 47 runners = Average place of 7.66

Goostrey - 126points with 16 runners = Average place of 7.85

Lower Peover - 339points with 39 runners = Average place of 8.69

Brereton - 191points with 20 runners = Average place of 9.55

Thank you to all the Goostrey children who took part in the event it was such a lovely afternoon. Special mention to Stanley and Oliver who both took first place in their races.

Well done for conquering your fears and having a go at sky diving!

Epic flying skills Oscar!

Rory has been playing for the Holmes Chapel Cricket Club under 7s. He has loved it and enjoyed getting his medal at the Cricket Club awards ☐

Rory was super proud of himself to pass his Stage 2 in the summer holidays. As he said 'Finally!' He has been working really hard to get to Stage 3 and was so determined. We're really proud of him.

Owl Visit

Ian Daniells is coming to school on Thursday 17th September and will join us in a school assembly and share stories of his work with owls at Lower Moss Wood, our local wildlife rescue and animal hospital charity.

For several years the eco committee have used money they have made through the sale of recycled Christmas cards to adopt one of the owls that Ian cares for. This year, Goostrey's adopted owl is called Chocolate, a beautiful Eagle Owl.

Ian's visits are always a delight for the children (and staff) and he is always accompanied by a least one of his raptors.

Lower Moss Wood is currently in need of Whiskas wet cat food pouches age 1+ so if anyone would like to make a small donation this would be wonderful, either multi packs or individual pouches available at the trading post for 80p.



Looking forward to this exciting visit.



GOOSTREY COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA AGM



COME ALONG &
MEET THE
COMMITTEE



NO NEED TO
COMMIT A
LOT OF TIME!



HAVE A SAY
ABOUT HOW
WE RAISE MONEY



AND HOW
IT'S SPENT

Get involved and make a difference

ALL WELCOME!

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

Monday 21st September	PTA The Crown 6.30
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

One of our ex parents is now a published author and has had the brilliant idea of helping children learn about computers through Colin the Computer. Some of our pupils have had a look at these books and are enjoying them.

There are more to come and the first three are now available on Amazon.

The website is colinthecomputer.com where you can find more information and access free quizzes.





Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & Sixth Form College



Year 6 Welcome Event 24th September 2026

Book your slot for the event now by scanning the QR code or
visiting this site – www.ticketsource.com/hccs1978

Slots available are: 1.30pm, 2.15pm & 3pm

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/carers 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.

☐ **Integrated Front Door – Cheshire East:** 0300 123 5012 (Option 3, Option 2)

Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours): 0300 123 5022

☐ Police: 999 (Emergency) / 101 (Non-emergency)

☐ Mental Health Helpline: 0300 303 3972

☐ Adult Safeguarding: 0300 123 5010

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.

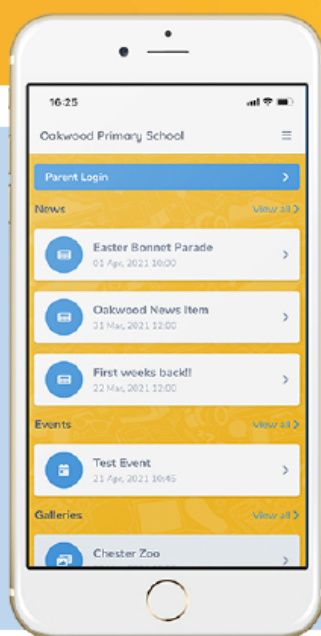
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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.



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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 £450 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.

You are free to purchase uniform from **any supplier** in the school colours. **Should you wish to purchase uniform bearing the school logo**, please visit Sam Dales in Holmes Chapel; <https://www.samdaleandson.co.uk/collections/goostrey-community-primary-school>

OR 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>