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Dear Families,

After 23 years as head of this wonderful school I have made the difficult and emotional decision to retire next summer. The governors are currently starting the recruitment process but it is important that you hear about my retirement, from me, before the job is advertised. I have complete faith in our governors to choose the right candidate, someone who will lead our school in to the future and take us from strength to strength.

We are hoping that we will be able to let you all know who the new head will be by January. They will then have 2 terms to get to know us before they start. I wanted to give the governors enough notice so they had time to recruit the best person.

There are so many things I want to say about my time here and how privileged I am to lead such an outstanding school. However, all of this is for July, before I leave— until then I am still lucky enough to be the head and be here to support all our pupils and families in any way I can.

Our annual exhibition, Journeys, is on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October— 2pm to 5.30 each day. Everyone welcome.

The children are going to have visits from:

Bidlea Dairy to talk about the journey of milk from cow to table

Pigeons and their journeys home

Refugees to talk about their journey

Yoga sessions to experience a mindfulness journey

Alpacas—live on our playground

A video to show the children a dance from Elizabethfontein that they will learn with Mrs Murdock

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>

FUN SPORTS DAY

Last Friday, 34 children from years 3 – 6 took part in a fun sports day at Goostrey playing fields in Boothbed Lane.

This was organised and run by Thrive – a PE provider for some of our local schools and children from Hermitage, Chelford and Brereton schools also took part.

The children were split into teams from the different schools and age groups so that everyone got to meet other pupils.

The day began with netball. Captains were appointed then the teams were sent to their allotted space in the tennis courts to devise warm-up activities – it was a little chilly to begin with and slightly damp but luckily enough the rain stopped before we began. The teams were then given objectives and a point-scoring system. The idea was to include everyone and to develop throwing and catching skills rather than to compete against anyone else. This was great fun and teams were very inventive with their ideas.

After a short break, we moved on to frisbee games – once again focussing on teamwork and tactics - the children also enjoyed this activity.

After a short lunch break, the teams were reorganised so everyone had the chance to meet even more children. It was time for football. Once again, teams had their own playing space on the astroturf and each team played all of the other teams. Fortunately, the area covers more than three tennis courts and is marked out so there was plenty of room and perfect for small football games with 6 or 7 children on each team.

The final sport was tag rugby and followed the same format as the football games.

The children spent the whole day running round and having fun. There were no winners so everyone got involved and had a lot of fun trying new sports and developing their skills,

Behaviour and manners were great and sportsmanship was much in evidence during the whole day. It was a pleasure to be with these terrific children. Well done to Kayson, Efren, Hannah, Eleanor, John, Luke, Ted, Freddie, Beth, Charlie, Saul, Ollie, Ella, Daisy, Rex, Harry, Asa, Georgia, Chloe, Heath, Mila, Theo, Oliver, Daisy, Lily, Ralph, Arthur, Bella, Evelyn, Oliver, Rupert, Finley, Ezzy and Seth.

Thank you to parents and carers for bringing the children to this event.
Mrs Cooper

Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

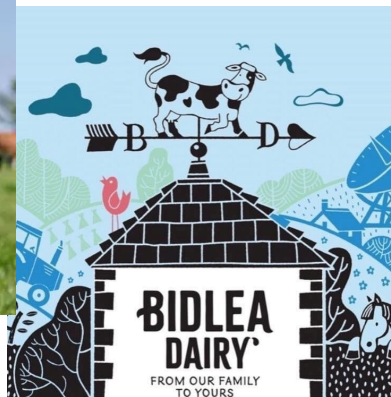
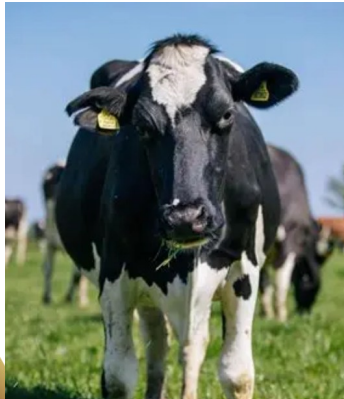
A selection of Year 5 & 6 footballers took part in a tournament at Holmes Chapel Comp this week. Our teams played brilliantly – one missed out very narrowly on winning their tournament after playing some really exciting football. The other team were up against some tough opposition and gave it absolutely everything they had. Our players showed fantastic sportsmanship and behaviour. They had a great time representing the school. Well done to...Lucas, Jacob, Reuben, Josh, Oliver, William M, Noah, Toby, Bethany, Bryony, Stanley, Rex, Anvitha and Romilly.

Mrs Flint, Mr Campion and Mrs Murdock

Rupert has completed his 'Walk 30 Miles in September' challenge in aid of Cancer Research UK.

He has raised an amazing **£600**, which we are incredibly proud of. He didn't moan once throughout the challenge and genuinely seemed to enjoy pushing himself and reaching his goal!

He has worked really hard and showed great determination throughout.



Emmie and Maisie both competed at the Western Holstein calf show this weekend. Both girls did amazing, Emmie won her handling class and Maisie came fourth. Emmie's calf Lively then went on to win her class, where she has qualified to compete against the rest of Britain at the end of the month.

We're so proud of all the hard work and practice the girls have done over the summer holidays.



Help make it happen! Volunteers needed for Goostrey Bonfire Night.

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/GRTymJK>

Thank you for supporting Goostrey Scouts and Goostrey Primary School PTA

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.

Extra curricular clubs can be found on the school website.

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

OCTOBER TENNIS CAMP

Half-term tennis and fitness fun for children

TENNIS COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL ABILITIES

Camp sessions are run by an LTA qualified
tennis coach and held at Booth Bed Lane
Tennis Courts, Goostrey, from
9.30am to 1.30pm each day



HALF TERM CAMP

**Monday 26th October –
Friday 30th October**

Book per day or for the full camp



EMAIL goostreytc@outlook.com for a booking form



CALL 07885 804246 for info

Spaces limited – book early!



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.

☐ **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.

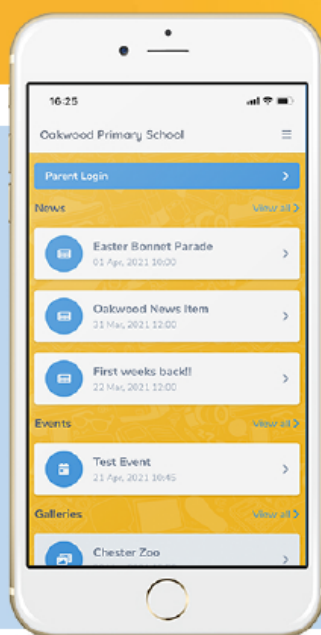
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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/>



The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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 £4.50 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>