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Dear Families,

School finishes next Thursday and pupils we all return on Monday 2nd November.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 6th November

Our annual exhibition, Journeys, is on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October—2pm to 5.30pm each day. Everyone welcome. The café will be serving cakes, snacks and drinks

Thank you to Brown family, from Bidlea Farm—Gill and Ray Brown for a great assembly on the journey of milk. And for bringing a massive tractor in to school to show the younger children—they were captivated.

Coming up next week:

Refugees to talk, in assembly about their journey 19th October

Yoga sessions for all classes for the children to experience a mindfulness journey 20th October

Alpacas—live on our playground 21st October

Pigeons and their journeys home 22nd October

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

The children will be singing on the 21st and 22nd October —infants at 2.45 and juniors at 4.45

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

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

Year 5 & 6 Tag-Rugby Tournament Success!

This week, two Goostrey teams took part in the Year 5 & 6 rugby tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive — and they were absolutely sensational. Our first team were unstoppable in their mini league, winning every match with superb teamwork and determination. The semi final and final were nail biting affairs, each decided by a single try, with Goostrey showing incredible resilience to edge both games and bring home the trophy.

The standard of rugby across all schools was outstanding, but Goostrey's quality, spirit and composure really shone. Our second team were equally impressive, playing with grit, courage and real flair. They produced some brilliant rugby of their own — winning a couple of matches and drawing two — and showed huge progress and confidence throughout the tournament.

It was an exciting afternoon of Rugby, and full credit goes to every Goostrey player. Their sportsmanship, behaviour and talent were exemplary, and they represented the school brilliantly. A huge well done to: *Kayson, Oliver, Stanley, Lucas, Bethany, Bryony, Matthew, William M, William D, Leo C, Florrie, Jamie, Artie and Joseph.*

Christmas Card Project

FUNdraise with Goostrey PTA!

Create something special this Christmas with your children's imagination.

We have teamed up with Cauliflower Cards, they will print your children's design on Cards (Christmas or thank you!), wrapping paper, labels and other gifts!

Design at home:

Guidelines are available on the cauliflower website (link below)

[Christmas Artwork Guidance - Cauliflower](#)

- NO glitter - your order will be rejected.
- Keep the design within 5mm of the paper

Drop in sessions with Mrs Cowell:
Wednesday 4th November

3:15pm-4:15pm

Order forms will be sent home and MUST be attached to the artwork when returned.

All artwork and order forms must be returned by Monday **9th** November to Reception or in class. You will be able to order shortly after this by following this link

[Parents Shop | Cauliflower](#)

RECIPE TIME!

Can you help the Eco Team create a book of Goostrey children's favourite healthy recipes?

The recipe must include at least **one fruit** or **vegetable**.

Pictures of your food would be great too!

Please write or print your recipe on **A4 paper**.
You can illustrate it if you wish!

Each recipe will earn you **10 HOUSE POINTS!**

Bring your recipe to school or email it to your class teacher or mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Please send your recipe on or before **Monday 2nd November.**

RECYCLE 4 SCHOOL



Help raise funds for Goostrey PTA by having a half term clear out and turning your unwanted clothes into £'s

**Collection date:
Thursday 5th November**

Please drop your recyclables at the bike stores at either the infants or juniors on the morning of the collection date (items can be donated in any carrier or bin bag)



OLIVER'S PUMPKINS

G C P S
Goostrey Community Primary School
PTA Fundraiser

Oliver of Year 6 and his family would like to help raise funds for the school PTA.

When making a pumpkin purchase, please mention you're from the school! and we'll donate **20%** of all the proceeds to the PTA.

POSTCODE: CW10 9ND

OPEN: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

Thank you for supporting a local business and the school PTA.

Oliver and family

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 5.30pm
Thursday 22nd October	Pupils finish for half term
Monday 2nd November	Pupils return
Thursday 5th November	Recycle 4 School
WB 9th November	Parents' evenings
Friday 20th November	School Disco
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

Concerned about the wellbeing of a child?

Contact Cheshire East
Together for Families if
you have a safeguarding
concern about a child or
need support for a family.

We can provide advice, guidance, and help to
ensure children, young people, and families
receive the right support, at the right time

If you are worried about yourself,
a friend, or something happening
at home, school, or online, talk to
a trusted adult.

Help and support is available.



Call **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** to
refer a safeguarding concern or
0300 123 5022 for the out of hours
emergency duty team

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.

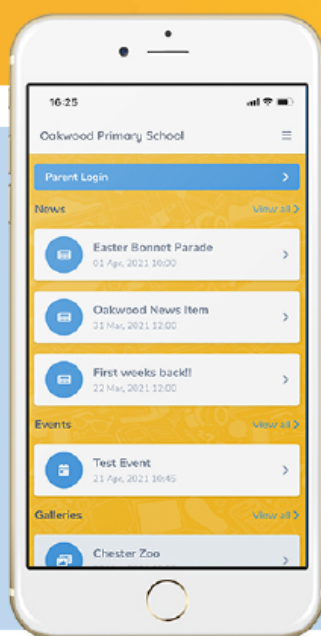
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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/>



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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 £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>