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Dear Families,

Open Morning next Wednesday, September 25th at 9.30 in the Sunshine Room. If anyone is interested in a place at our school please let them know about this. Unusually we have places in several year groups.

Thank you for all the food you sent in for our Harvest Assembly and the local food bank.

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 ★ Huge congratulations to **John and Luke Makin** who were both ★
 ★ nominated for the KINDNESS AWARD. They should have ★
 ★ received their postcards in the post and we will congratulate them ★
 ★ in assembly as well. ★
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 ★ This is a very special award and only given to a few pupils every ★
 ★ year. ★
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Important information about registering eligibility for Income Related Free School Meals is on page 4

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
 On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop
 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 24-25 and 25-26 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>

Key dates for the next few weeks on page 6.



On Saturday **Reggie** had a great day of sporting achievements. Firstly he completed Stage 7 of his Swimming then straight afterwards he rushed to his Hurricane's football match where he helped his team win 7-0 by scoring 2 goals!

Ollie was officially enrolled as a beaver yesterday saying his promise and to top it off, he also achieved beaver of the week for being super polite and listening. Go Ollie!



Gus has completed his Stage 7 swimming, well done Gus for always working really hard in your swimming lessons.



Florence completed her first 5k park run on Sunday in an amazing 33 minutes! Super star!



Messy Church on 27th Sept. from 3.30ish to 5.30. at Goostrey Methodist Church.

September 25th	9.15am	Open Morning
September 25th	4pm	Football tournament Y3 and 4
October 2nd	4pm	Football tournament Y 5 and 6
October 4th	Time TBC	Curling and Archery event Y 3 and 4
October 9th	Morning	Photos individual / sibling
October 9th	4pm	Tag Rugby event Y 3 and 4
October 11th	After school	Y6 cake sale
October 16th	After school	Tag rugby event Y 5 and 6
October 23rd and 24th	2pm to 6pm School Hall	Annual whole school exhibition
October 24th		School finishes for half term
November 4th		School returns
November 6th	After school	Christmas Card workshop Infants
November 7th	Morning drop off	Recycle for School
November 8th	After school	Christmas Card workshop juniors FILM NIGHT
WB November 11th	All week	Parent Appointments
November 13th	After school	Dance workshop Y1 and 2
November 15th	After school	Year 5 Cake Sale
November 20th	After school	Dance workshop Y3 and 4
December 4th		Christmas Jumper Day
December 4th		Dance Workshop Y5 and 6

We are sharing the information below to ensure any family who may be eligible for Income Related Free School Meals is registered.

This is important to the school, whether a child has a school meal or not or receives universal free meals in Reception/Year 1/Year 2, as registered eligibility impacts on the funding school receives. The date our funding is determined for this income is Thursday 3rd October

Please see the criteria below and if you feel you could be eligible, please register with Cheshire East as soon as possible. Their contact number is **0300 123 5012** or you can email freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#).

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

THIS OCTOBER ...

JOIN US FOR SPOOKY HALF-TERM FUN



- ✓ CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
- ✓ TAX-FREE CHILDCARE
- ✓ 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR MULTI-SPORTS

BOOK BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30TH AT SPORTSCOACHINGGROUP.CO.UK

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EMAIL US ON HOLIDAYS@SPORTSCOACHINGGROUP.CO.UK

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Multi-Sport Holiday Clubs

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- AUDLEM ST JAMES PRIMARY **NEW**
- BRINE LEAS
- CHELFORD PRIMARY
- FARDON PRIMARY **NEW**
- HOLMES CHAPEL PRIMARY
- SANDBACH BOYS' SCHOOL
- WISTASTON CHURCH LANE ACADEMY
- ST WILFRED'S PRIMARY **NEW**



SPORT SPECIFIC HOLIDAY CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sandbach Boys	Football	Cricket	Swim n' Splash	Cricket	Dance
Brine Leas	Dodgeball		Dance		
Fardon					Football



TRICK OR TREAT



EMAIL US ON HOLIDAYS@SPORTSCOACHINGGROUP.CO.UK



Year 6 national tests and assessments will be ongoing throughout the summer term until the **end of June 2025**. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.

YEAR 6 SATS ARE WB 12TH MAY AND THEIR WRITING ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF JUNE

TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

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
- 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 amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove any reference to *family holidays, extended leave and the statutory threshold of ten school days*.
- The amendments make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- The amendments give **parents no entitlement** to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time
- The Head Teacher and Governing Body 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

[With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force on 19th August 2024.](#)

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.

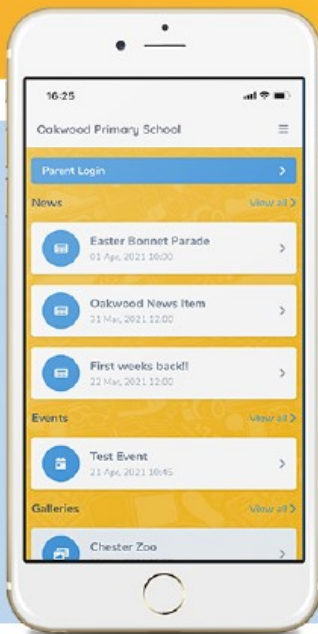
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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



Mid-Day Assistants Vacancies

We are seeking enthusiastic and caring people to join our team supervising our pupils over the lunchtime breaks.

Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs J Schurer-Lewis on 01270 918940 or via e-mail; admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk to request an application form and job description.

Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. Successful applicants will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding awareness training



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.



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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.

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

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>