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Dear Families,

All our children have now had half a day in forest school led by the brilliant and extremely knowledgeable Mr Hadfield. We hope to repeat this experience next year as the children enjoyed and benefitted from it enormously. Mrs Pacitto continues to run very popular forest school clubs, after school for juniors and infants.

Mrs Carroll's after school club for traditional board games still has a few spaces left. If your child would like to join this lovely club, on a Friday please see or email Mrs Carroll mrs.carroll@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Keeping children safe—please use your hands free facility on your mobile phone when driving on and off the car parks. Some parents are concerned that they have seen drivers holding their phones while driving.

Great Beetle Drive last Friday with many families coming to join in the fun—thank you to staff and PTA members for this.

Christmas jumper day is next Wednesday, looking forward to seeing lots of baubles, glitter, and reindeers!

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

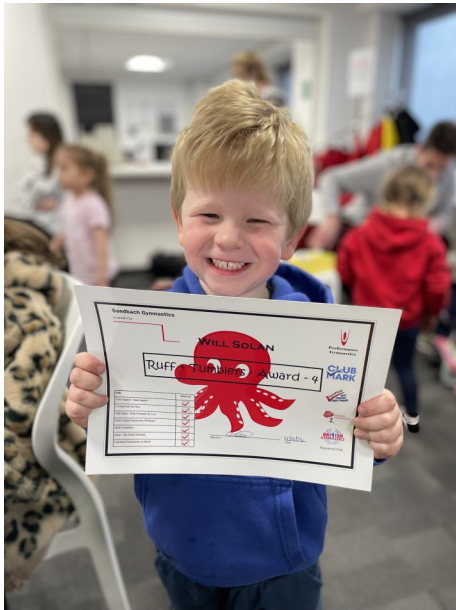
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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

Beth received her level 1 for swimming and we are really proud!

Will gained his level 4 Tumble at gymnastics and worked really hard!



Henry Hardcastle has completed his stage 5 swimming and has now started stage 6. He only started in September so it has been amazing to achieve this!! Well done.



ECO TEAM'S RECYCLED CHRISTMAS TAGS



We are the eco team. Over the course of the last few weeks, we have come in at lunch times to create Christmas tags.

We used recycled Christmas cards and string.

.We are selling them at lunch times and after school

.They are available from Thursday the 5th of December this year!

.A pack of 10 is 60p and 2 packs are a £1
Come and buy our tags.



RECYCLE!

Remember to recycle your glue sticks, black and purple and red pens!

EVERY CLASS HAS A RECYCLING BOX. OUR ECO TEAM IS ENCOURAGING ALL OUR CHILDREN TO RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
Repair
Refuse



Children's Society

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

At St Luke's Church Goostrey

Sunday 1st December

Time 4pm,

Followed by Goostrey Lights Switch On
at the Bogbean at 6pm.

All welcome to stay and join the procession with Christingle to the
Bogbean.

All welcome for this fun Christmas Service.
Supporting the Children's Society .



ST LUKE'S
GOOSTREY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 30th November

11.00am – 1.00pm

in the Village Hall

FATHER CHRISTMAS

will be there

Tombola, Raffle, Gifts

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

December 4th		Christmas Jumper Day
December 4th		Dance Workshop Y5 and 6
WB December 9th		Christmas Shop
December 13th		Christmas Lunch
December 17th	9.30	Infant Nativity
December 17th	1.30	Y3 and 4 tickets for Junior Carol Service St Luke's
December 18th	9.30	Infant Nativity
December 19th	9.30	Y5 and 6 tickets for Junior Carol Service St Luke's
December 19th	5pm	Junior Carol Service junior playground—weather permitting
December 20th		School Finishes for Christmas
January 6th		School returns

SWIMMING LESSONS AT EVERYBODY HEALTH & LEISURE



1. ADULT AND CHILD CLASSES

Baby and Toddler Age under 3 years

Our Adult and Child classes allow parents to be in the water with their child to help gain confidence in the water.

2. DUCKLINGS AWARDS 1-4

Age 3+

Ducklings 1 will see children start to move by themselves in the water. By Ducklings 4 they will be jumping in, going underwater, floating and travelling.

3. LEARN TO SWIM STAGES 1-7

Age 4+

Stages 1-7 are divided into progressive stages. We base our programme around the Swim England frame work.

FURTHER SWIMMING PATHWAYS

Children can choose from a range of different pathways once they pass stage 7, such as stages 8, 9 and 10 or our rookie lifeguard programme.

JUNIOR LESSON PRICES
Monthly Direct Debit - £34.99

JUNIOR CONCESSION PRICES
Discounted swimming lessons are available through our Everybody Options scheme. Check your eligibility online or contacting us. £21.99 joining fee required



ALPHA SWIM

Disability Swimming Lessons: Age 4-17

Swimming lessons for young people with a disability or additional need. These lessons are a basic introduction to swimming to encourage children to have fun, be more relaxed in the water while learning basic water skills.





Recharge

SEND Parent
Meet ups -
Mondays
10am-12pm Dales,
Holmes Chapel -
pop in for a brew
and a natter ❤️

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 19 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.

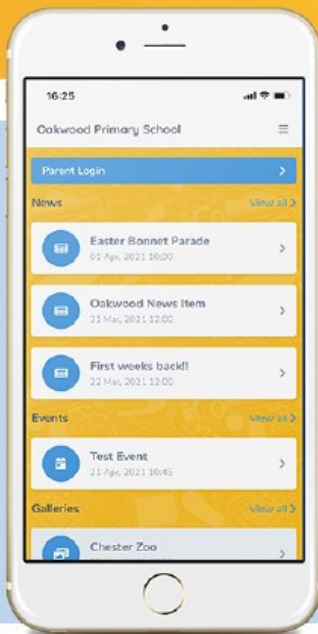
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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@gostrey.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



Keep up to date with PTA news and events on our social media pages:



goostrey_primary_school_pta



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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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.



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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>