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Dear Families,

Next week we have 2 main events for all the pupils:

Christmas Shop – always a big success and we are very grateful to the PTA for all their hard work organising and helping to run this. In order for it to run smoothly we are asking the following:

- All the children will need to bring their money in on Monday 9th and give it to their teacher to keep safe. They will visit the shop sometime on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday during the school day.
- Please put their money in a named envelope and include a list of all the people they are buying a gift for. They will need a plastic bag to carry their gifts in.

Christmas Lunch Friday 13th December

Children can wear Christmas hats / head attire if they wish and can bring a cracker as well.

December 17th	9.30 Infant Nativity Village Hall
December 17th	1.30 Y3 and 4 tickets for Junior Carol Service St Luke's
December 18th	9.30 Infant Nativity Village Hall
December 19th	9.30 Y5 and 6 tickets for Junior Carol Service St Luke's
December 19th permitting	5pm Junior Carol Service junior playground—weather
December 20th	School Finishes for Christmas
January 6th	School returns

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

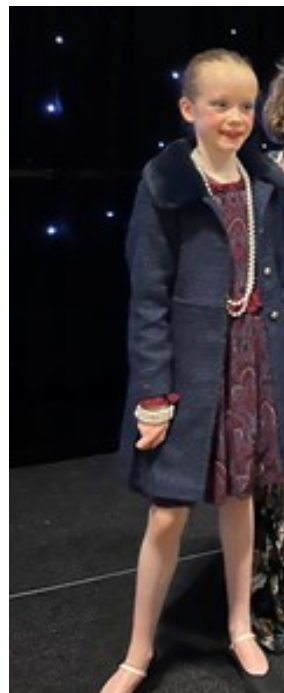
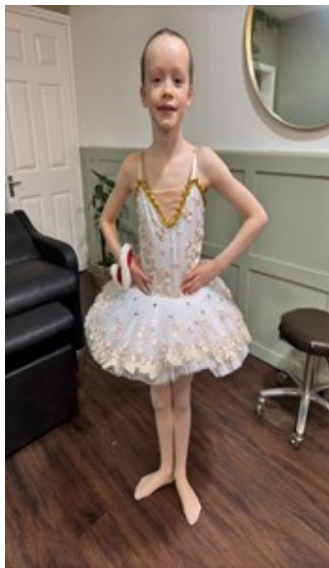
Term dates for 24-25 and 25-26 are on our website

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

Eliza performed 2 shows this weekend in Annie JR in Alderley Edge as one of the principals- Lily as well performed as part of Cheshire Youth Ballet at Holmes Chapel Christmas Markets



Your school council would like to invite you to take part in this year's Christmas Art Competition 2024!!!

<p>There will be 3 competition categories:</p> <p>Infants!</p> <p>Y3 & Y4!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&</p> <p>Y5 & Y6!</p>	<p>There will be 1 winner & 2 runners up per category!</p> <p>All Junior entries will be collected by your council member and Infant entries will be collected by your teacher and given to Mrs Sant!</p>	<p>Entries must be no larger than A4 size and can be created using any materials.</p> <p>The competition theme is 'Christmas in pictures'</p> <p>Final date for entries is Wednesday 18th December 2024 and prizes will be awarded Friday 20th December 2024!</p>
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First prize + 50 House Points

Runners up - prize + 30 House Points

Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

Christmas Shop

Shopping days start
Monday 9th December

*Gifts for all the family
and loved ones*

We have some great
gifts on sale starting
from £1 to £5

Please bring your money
in a named purse and
don't forget your bag
for life to bring your
gifts home!



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.



School Meal Update

Following the previous information informing you of Cheshire East Catering ceasing trading, and the subsequent Cheshire Collaborative Primary School Group tender process to find a new contractor, we are pleased to announce our new caterers, from January, will be Chartwells.

We will be sharing their full welcome newsletter and new menus for the Spring term via email and the school website next week.

We are also delighted to be able to confirm that the cost of school meals for KS2 pupils will reduce to £2.95 per day from January 2025!

Chartwells are now recruiting additional staff for some of the Cheshire East schools, including here at Goostrey. Our existing catering team are being TUPE'd across to Chartwells, so our school family remains the same, but is looking to expand!

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please direct them to the advert on our website.

WELCOME PARENT NEWSLETTER



Good news! Another photo featuring Friends of Goostrey Station has been shortlisted for an award. The winner will be chosen by public vote and the name will be announced at an Awards Evening on 6th February. Voting closes at 5pm on 28th December.

This link will take you to the voting page on the website of Cheshire Best Kept Stations.

<https://www.bestkeptstations.org.uk/photocompetition/>

The theme of the competition is Brightening Up Our Station and FoGS entry has the caption Keeping Up Appearances (see attachment).

In the past, our supporters helped FoGS to be successful in the national Community Rail photo competition. We've won twice and came second on another occasion!



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.

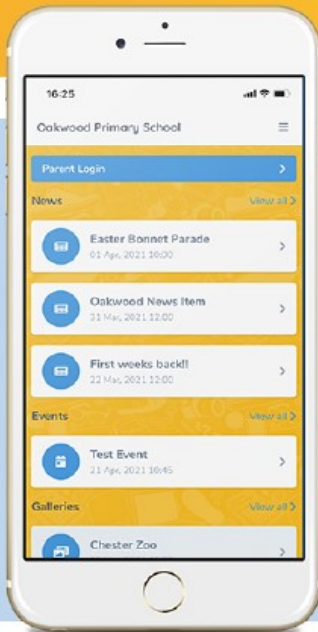
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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:



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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.



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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.

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 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>