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Dear Families,

What a fantastic end to the term—wonderful performances by our outstanding children—nativities and carol services. I have had so many lovely comments from you about the excellent standards at our school. Thank you

As well as our brilliant School Council we now have 4 Wellbeing Champions—Zack, Alice, Iona and Max. These children meet with me and we discuss how we can keep each other safe and look out for and after each other in school. We think about what is working well and what could be made even better.

Happy Christmas to all our families and see you all in 2025 for another year of magic!



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

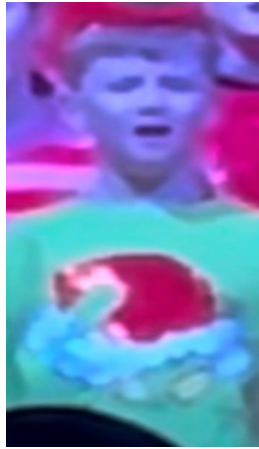
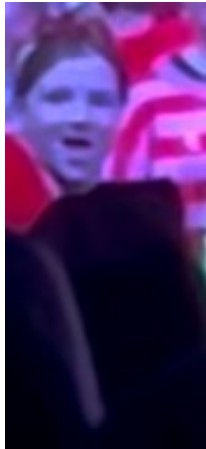
Term dates for 24-25 and 25-26 are on our website

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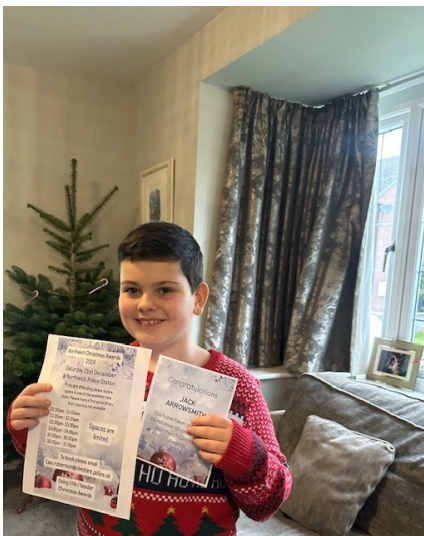
The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

George Hardcastle and Harry Nightingale performed at Chester Cathedral on Friday night as part of the choir supporting Nadia Eide. It was an amazing night and they were brilliant. We were all super proud!!



Daniel and Lucy were both awarded their yellow belts in karate this week - we are super proud



Jack received a visit from the police a couple of weeks ago - the officer told him he has been nominated for all of the kind things he has been doing for his community and all of his fundraising efforts. He will receive his award this Saturday. We are super proud of him.

Reggie from Year 6 was very proud to Captain the football team he plays for on Saturday morning, leading them to a 2-0 win.





Thank You!!!



Thank you for all your support in buying our Christmas tags we made.

We are happy to announce, that we made a profit of over £75.

Please can you send in to school your Christmas cards from this year to be recycled next year.

Sincerely, The Eco Team.

Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!



Goostrey PTA End of Term update



Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA this year. It has been a busy first term with lots of fun activities for the children, all helping to raise money for the school.

The kids enjoyed watching *Despicable Me 4* at Film Night, and we had family fun at the Beetle Drive. The children also designed some fantastic Christmas cards and had the chance to buy presents for family and friends at the Christmas shop. Additionally, we sold cakes at the Year 5 and 6 cake sales and ran stalls at St Luke's Christmas Fair.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the school raise money through clothes recycling with Bags 4 Schools, ASDA Cashpot for Schools, and buying second-hand uniforms and Christmas jumpers. The PTA has helped fund new laptops, Forest School sessions, and a Christmas film for the children.

Don't forget to get your trail sheets by the end of the week for the Goostrey Christmas Trail! We've got lots going on next term, including cake sales, a Mother's Day shop, a disco for the kids, and a comedy night for the adults (tickets on sale now)!

Anyone is welcome to get involved in the PTA. Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th January, at 7pm in The Crown.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

The PTA Committee



GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
INVITES YOU TO OUR

COMEDY NIGHT

with Big Lou Comedy



GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Doors open at 7pm - show starts at 8pm

Tickets £15 on sale now [here](#)

Enquiries to: GoostreyPTA@outlook.com



December 20th		School Finishes for Christmas
January 6th		School returns
January 10th		Year 4 Cake Sale
January 13th	7pm	PTA meeting
January 24th	Time TBC	School Disco
January 30th		Book Fair arrives
February 7th		Year 3 Cake Sale
February 7th	7pm Village Hall	PTA Comedy Night
February 25th		Young Voices
February 27th		Recycle for School bags
March 6th		World Book Day
March 7th		Film Night
March 11th		Y4 to Delamere one night
March 14th		Y2 Cake Sale
March 20th	After school until 5pm	Open Books—your child's work
March 21st		PTA Bingo
WB March 24th		Mother's Day Shop
WB March 24th		Parent evenings
2nd April		Y5 to Burwardsley 2 nights

More good news for Friends of Goostrey Station!

Recently our photo with the caption Keeping Up Appearances was shortlisted for an award in the Cheshire Best Kept Station competition. The theme was Brightening Up Our Station. We've just heard that the same photo has also been shortlisted by Community Rail! The theme of their photo competition was Capturing the Essence of Community Rail. In both cases the winner will be chosen through a public vote.

This link will take you to the voting page of Cheshire Best Kept Stations <https://www.bestkeptstations.org.uk/photocompetition/> Voting closes at 5pm on 28th December. We'll hear the result in February.

This link will take you to the voting page of Community Rail <https://communityrail.org.uk/community-rail-awards-2025-photography-competition/> Voting closes at 5pm on 22nd January. The result will be announced in March.

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

Good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Christina



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.

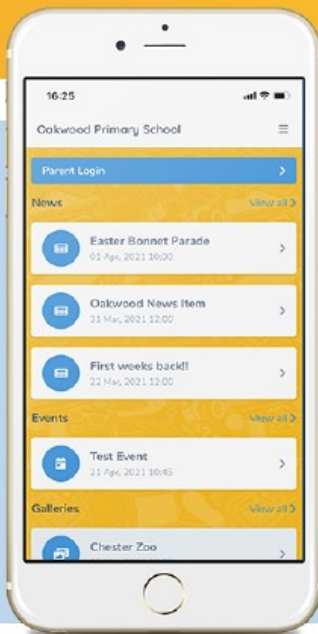
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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

<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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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>