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**Dear Families,**

**Comedy Night Friday is next Friday—7th February. Please see page 5.**

### **New School Meal Provision**

We are aware the first 3 weeks of our new meal provision have had a few teething problems. We have been working closely with Chartwells to rectify this. The supply of deliveries has now been addressed, so we have been focusing on how we can help the kitchen staff to provide each child with the nutritious meal they have requested. Following a meeting on Thursday we have agreed to drop the sandwich option from next week, as they have also done in other schools. This will allow the catering team to concentrate on the hot meals they provide and ensure families are reassured their children are receiving their menu choices. There will still be 4 options daily and an updated menu removing the sandwich option will be uploaded to the website as soon as we receive it.

### **A message from St Luke's Cheshire Hospice**

Thank you for being part of our Elf Run 2024, we hope you all had an amazing time at your event. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents involved for their wonderful generosity and support of us this Christmas. I am thrilled to be able to confirm that you raised **£1,058.90!** Congratulations on raising such a great amount. The money you have raised will help to support local families on a very difficult journey; it will help to provide medical and nursing care, bereavement support for both adults and children, and care for carers including those living with Dementia.

**Before and after school clubs** : booking forms available on school website

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

SENCo [mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Income Related Free School Meals:** [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](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>



They've raised £695 so far, having grown their hair specifically to donate. **Matthew** gave 14 inches, while **Joseph** donated 12 inches to the Little Princess Trust. A charity who provides wigs to children with cancer, helping restore their confidence and identity. We're incredibly proud of them!

Hi 5 Netball with Year 5 and 6

**Nancy, Lucy, Iris, Harry and Henry** made a super determined team at the Hi 5 on Wednesday evening at HCCS. They played games against Hermitage, Lower Peover (blue team) and Lower Peover (red team). The games were fast paced and the skills they have learnt in PE sessions and practice club were used with confidence. The only development point is that they must use their 4 second time before shooting for the net but not always easy when you have a very tall opponent in the way! Sadly, we lost two of the three games but not without a good fight.

Once again, a fabulous afternoon of excitement for Mrs Murdoch and myself. Thank you to the parents for their support too.

Mrs Flint

Well Done to **Erica Walker** in Year 2. Super swimming achieving your 10 metre distance badge. Keep up the good work !



**Gus Peake** was a mascot for Sales Sharks rugby team at the weekend and also played on the pitch at Sale during half time.



**George and Henry Hardcastle** represented Knutsford rugby club at Sale Sharks at the weekend. They were part of the guard of honour and played on the pitch at half time. Pictured here with Gus Warr who was celebrating his 100th 1st team game at the club.





Dear Pupils and Families

We are thrilled to be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

As in previous years, pupils will be able to view a selection of titles – in school – during these dates, or online, if you prefer. All classes will be given an opportunity to visit the fair during the first two days.

There is something for every pocket at the fair with approximately 25% of titles being under £5.

We are operating the purchasing of titles via wishlists, emails (to Mrs Timmins) or online. Please see below for further information and a list of FAQs to help you decide the best way.

When viewing or purchasing online, please be sure to use the link that we send, in order to ensure that your title is in our fair.

Each year, we are thrilled to see how many pupils choose a fabulous title to enjoy. We are hoping that this year will be just as successful.

Happy choosing. Happy reading.

Mrs Timmins  
Book Fair Coordinator

### **Book Fair FAQs**

#### **When is the Book Fair open?**

The Book Fair will be “open” from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Can we visit the book fair as parents?**

As in previous years, our book fair operates online for parents. Pupils will be able to view the titles in the junior school hall throughout the day. Families can view the range of titles from the comfort of your own home.

#### **How do I view the titles?**

Click the link below to begin choosing some fantastic titles.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents>

#### **How does my child view the range of books and titles?**

Pupils will be able to visit the book cases and spend time looking through the different titles. Their class teachers will facilitate this for you

**How do we order a book?**

Please order your book by completing the paper copy of the “Wishlist” that your child may bring home. A copy of this is attached to this email so that you may print this too. Whilst you may pay for your books online, they are taken from the bookcases in school. Therefore, you must return the Wishlist to Mrs Timmins in order for this to happen. You may scan the QR code which will also take you to the correct site.

**What is a “Wishlist”?**

Pupils MUST complete a wishlist in order for the request to be processed quickly and accurately. Copies will be available in school and a copy is attached to this email.

**How do we pay for our books?**

Our bookfair is a cashless system. You may pay online as you order the book using this link – please be sure to choose Goostrey Community Primary School and not the Pre-School. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code that is attached to this email and this will take you to the correct site. If you have any queries about this, please do contact me.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

**Will you accept cash purchases?**

Our book fair is cashless – it’s easy to pay online or through the QR code.

**When will we receive our books?**

Once you have placed your order, please allow a few days for this to arrive. Mrs Timmins will take the books from the shelves and organise for these to be delivered to your child’s class. Where titles prove popular, I will order extra copies which should be delivered at the end of the fair.

**What if I have paid for a book but it doesn’t arrive?**

As above – please give 2/3 days for the book to get home to you but if it still doesn’t arrive, please email [mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Will you place books “on hold”?**

No need – just order the book online, sit back, and wait for delivery. If the book has flown from our shelf, Mrs Timmins will organise a copy for you.

**Do you sell other items at the fair?**

Possibly – when the fair arrives, we may have stationery items such as funky pens & pencils, sharpeners, pencil cases, etc. Watch out for further information.

**What is the last date for ordering a book?**

All orders must be received by gam on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately, no orders can be processed after this time. Thank you for your understanding with this.

**Can I just google Scholastic and choose from their site?**

The best way to order is via the link in this email or with the QR code. If you order via Googling, the titles may not be available.

**Help! Who can I contact to help me with a different query?**

Email me and I’ll be happy to help.

[mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA  
INVITES YOU TO OUR

# COMEDY NIGHT

with Big Lou Comedy



## Big Lou

*"A quick witted, laugh a minute, big hearted comedian who will take any audience by storm" Manfords Comedy Club*



## Tony Burgess

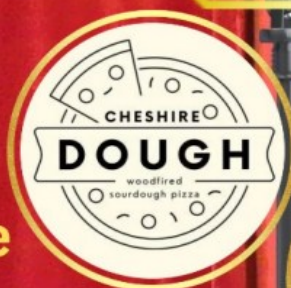
*Joke writer for Steve Coogan, John Bishop, Johnny Vegas and numerous BBC Sitcoms, with 25 years stand up experience*

Local favourites Tatton Brewery and Cheshire Dough will be bringing you their award-winning beer and exceptional pizzas!



## Alun Cochrane

*Appearances on "8 Out of 10 Cats" and "Mock the Week"*



## Oliver Bowler

*Award winning rising star*

**GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL  
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**

**Doors open at 7pm - show starts at 8pm**  
**Tickets £15 - on sale from the link or QR code**

Enquiries to: [GoostreyPTA@outlook.com](mailto:GoostreyPTA@outlook.com)



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 11th		Y4 to Delamere one night
March 14th		Y2 Cake Sale
March 20th	After school until 5pm	Open Books—your child's work
WB March 24th		Mother's Day Shop
WB March 24th		Parent evenings
2nd April		Y5 to Burwardsley 2 nights



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Congleton  
Town Mayor

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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](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.**

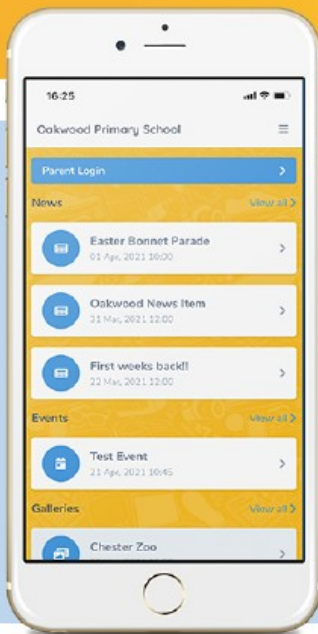
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# 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:



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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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>