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***Dear Families,***

Most children need a snack at morning break to help keep them going until lunchtime.

We encourage our pupils to bring in an healthy snack.

Infant children have free fruit and junior pupils can buy a bagel, toast or crumpets. If you send your child in with a breaktime snack, we are asking that it is a healthy option—vegetables, cheese, fresh or dried fruit, bread sticks, low sugar cereal bars, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, rice cakes etc

**No chocolate, sweets or crisps at breaktimes please.**

Packed lunches—we respect the contents of your child's packed lunch is entirely your decision and choice.

**Thursday March 6th is World Book Day. Children please come in your pyjamas to celebrate this day. Normal school shoes need to be worn and not slippers. If onesies are being worn please make sure your child has a t-shirt and shorts underneath.**

**28 of our junior pupils went to the Young Voices concert on Tuesday evening. They have been practising the songs at Singing Club all year and a great time was had by everyone on the night. Huge thank you to Mrs Sant for all her hard work co-ordinating, planning and preparing the children for this. Also, thank you to Mrs Sant's son and to Mrs Cowell for volunteering to go as well.**

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***

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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### Basketball Year 3 and 4 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

On Wednesday William M, Florrie, Joshua, Ruby and Ben gave a stunning performance at the tournament and I am so proud to watch as they gave their absolute best in all 4 games they played. Their first game was against Chelford and they raced ahead gaining 5 points to nil quickly so it was decided to take one of our players off the court which left 4 vs 5. In the end they won 8 points to 2. Their second game was played against Brereton and once again they stormed ahead with shots and the final score was 5/1. Now they faced Lower Peover in their third game and their determination was still there but the pace slowed down a bit as they felt slightly fatigued after playing two extremely fast paced games. Lower Peover (having had a rest before playing us) stormed ahead with 5 goals and unfortunately despite our efforts and plenty of goal opportunities we lost this game. So, at this point they felt a little disheartened which after two such great wins is understandable. The final game was against Hermitage and they were closely matched which the final score reflected at 1/0. Once again a lovely afternoon and we were rewarded with 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 12 points the overall winners were Lower Peover with 18 points.

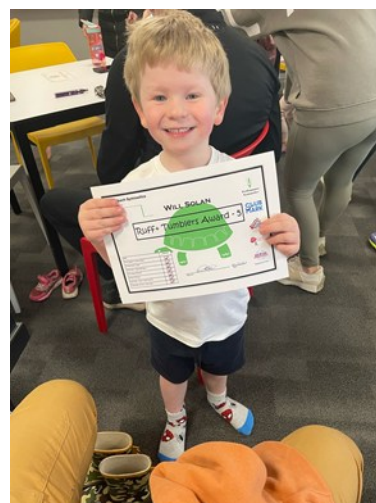
This is a great team with so much talent I was blown away with their skills and team work. Ruby made her debut in this game and we missed Gus who was unable to join us at this tournament.

### Hi 5 Netball with Year 3 and 4

William, Gus, Joshua, Florrie and Ben stormed to victory at the netball tournament on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Their first match was against Hermitage which they won by one point. Then they took on Brereton winning by 3 points to 1 and finally they played Chelford which again they won with 3 points to 1. The children showed incredible team work which made Mrs Murdock grow 4 inches taller with pride. She could not contain her excitement at their confident use of skills taught. This is a team to watch! This was a debut match for Florrie and she was supported excellently by the Year 4 boys.

Thank you for your great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and effort in the game. Well done!

**Will** received his Ruff + Tumble level 5 in gymnastics.  
Well done Will!





# Rainbow

## HAMPER DONATIONS FOR A FREE DRESS DAY THURSDAY 13TH MARCH

We have assigned each year group a colour and asking for donations in that colour to help us create colour coordinated Easter hampers

We'd love you to get creative with your donations (food, drink, toiletries, toys etc) so we can make some fab hampers!

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Staff

Tickets to win the class hampers will go on sale from Monday 24th March, and the raffle drawn on Friday 4th April

All proceeds go towards resources for the children





Support us as we empower people with Down Syndrome to live the life they choose.

We will be selling our gingerbread sock biscuits this year on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 straight after school in the infant and junior playgrounds.

Then wearing our odd socks on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.



£1 per biscuit

March 6th		World Book Day
March 11th		Y4 to Delamere one night
March 14th		Y2 Cake Sale
March 17th	Go live at 7pm	Parents' evenings bookings
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



## JUNIOR BAKE OFF



**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

## **JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES  
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING  
SERIES!**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

**APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.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

**New regulations came into force on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024:**

[The School Attendance \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#)

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 School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**

The Head Teacher and Governing Board 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.**

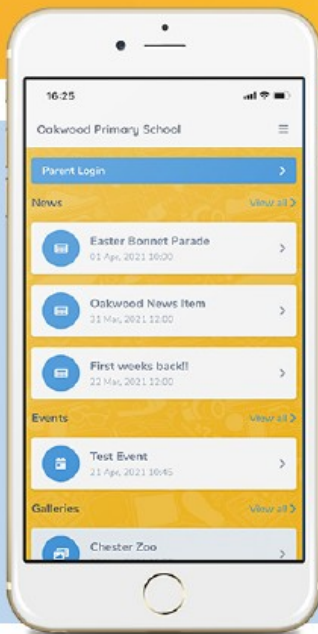
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# 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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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>