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***School finishes today for the Easter holidays—
we all return on Tuesday 22nd April.***

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the class hampers. All winning families will be contacted today and the money raised will now be spent on our pupils. A special thank you to Mr Moore who bought a lovely, big Easter egg for every hamper.

Bingo—first Friday back, see page 3.

Children, has your house won this half term? Have you got a free dress day on Thursday 24th April? See page 2 to find out!!!!

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

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>

Cricket with Year 6 at HCCS



On Wednesday 2 April we enjoyed a lovely afternoon of cricket in the sunshine. Goostrey played two games one against Hermitage and the second against Lower Peover. We lost to Hermitage by 3 points and against Lower Peover by 12 points. Despite the losses I can honestly say it was not from lack of enthusiasm and brilliant fielding and some amazing bowling. Some of the players had never played in a match before and were very excited to be taking part. Two novices both took catches which surprised themselves and the very enthusiastic spectators. The final outcome was Goostrey came in with 118 points against the overall winners who had a total of 232 points. Many thanks for a super afternoon to: William B, Rupert K, Henry, Isaac, Reggie, Nancy, Alice, Faith, William H, Rupert N and Zander. It was lovely to spend the afternoon with you all.

End of Half Term House Points

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 5,069 house points this half term!

9 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 10 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. In addition, 16 Gold certificates were awarded for achieving 150 house points and 6 children have achieved their Platinum certificate. Well done!

I don't think it has ever been such a close contest for first and second place! The overall results for the half term were as follows:

Garner: 1409
Mallory: 1402
Harding: 1251
Lovell: 1002

Well done Garner and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Garner will be awarded a free dress day on **THURSDAY 24TH APRIL**

Thank you

Mrs Beardsworth

Thank you to everyone who supported
World Down Syndrome Day 2025.
The school raised £240 which has been passed onto
Down Syndrome Cheshire.



Thank you!

Goostrey C P School
P.T.A.
Presents
£2 a book

EASTER BINGO

STARTS 6:00PM	25th APRIL	In The Village Hall Doors Open 5.45pm Eyes Down 6pm
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Refreshments Available
From 6pm till 7.30 pm
Approx

Three cute cartoon bunnies wearing glasses and scarves, standing in grass.

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NEW Players Welcome NEW



Over Peover
Cricket Club

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Pavilion & Practice Facility

An exciting summer awaits,
come and join the fun, players
of all abilities are welcome.

WOMEN

Tuesday night practice 630 -730.

JUNIORS YEAR 3-10

Monday night practice 6:30-800

SENIORS

Practice Thursday 6:30 - 800

First team in Division 3 of county league. **Second team** in division B of the Cheshire league. Sunday team and midweek games.

COME AND JOIN OVER PEOVER CRICKET CLUB... WE ARE ON THE MOVE

LEGO Animation Workshop

at Holmes Chapel Library

Tuesday 8th April

10.30am-11.30am

Suitable for children aged 7+



Budding film-makers can make a short animated movie using LEGO and animation software.

Free event - please book in advance.

To book, please call 01477 689 550,
e-mail holmeschapel.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk
or speak to a member of staff.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Key dates for the summer term

Friday 25th April	PTA Bingo
Monday 28th April	PTA meeting The Crown 7pm
WB Monday 12th May	SATs Year 6
Tuesday 20th May	Sports Day
Monday 2nd June	Swimming pool arrives— 2 weeks
WB Monday 2nd June	Y4 tables assessments
Thursday 5th June	Recycle For School
WB Monday 9th June	Father's Day Shop
WB Monday 9th June	Phonics assessments Y1
Friday 20th June	Reception cake sale
Thursday 1st July	Sports Day—reserve
Friday 4th July	Y6 residential until Monday
Friday 11th July	July Evening
Monday 14th July	Pupils' reports come home
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th	Bikeability Y4 and 5
Monday 14th July	Y6 performance 7pm
Thursday 17th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 09.10am
Thursday 17th July	Y6 performance 6pm

Site Maintenance Vacancy for August 2025

Goostrey Community Primary School is looking for a reliable, conscientious Site Maintenance Officer, who will become part of a whole school team. The successful candidate will be committed to providing a clean and safe environment in which pupils are happy and safe, and will take a pride in their work.

Hours of work will be 4 hours per day -2 30 PM to 6 30 PM, Monday – Friday, during term –time.

During school holiday closures working hours may be altered to accommodate scheduled maintenance work as required, therefore an element of flexibility is required.

The role includes 25 days paid annual leave during school holiday closures.

The school operates split maintenance shifts therefore handover communication with our morning post holder will be necessary, via e-mail.

For full details of the role, which will include;

- general maintenance tasks
- liaising with outside contractors
- some cleaning duties
- securing the buildings at the end of the day
- security and building compliance checks
- maintenance record keeping
- banking duties
- winter gritting
- being registered key holder and be willing to attend the school should an emergency call out be required.

For further information please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Schurer-Lewis, admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or call 01270 918940

Full job description, personal spec. and application form can be found at:

<https://ats-cheshireschooljobs.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/308985-site-maintenance-officer?source=919-contacted-directly&enhancement=>

Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. The successful applicant will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding training.

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 19th 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 19th 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.

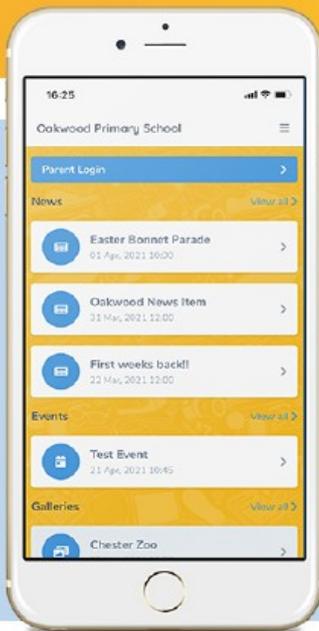
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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





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/>



The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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>