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Dear Families,

I am so pleased to tell you that our Goostrey children, who attended the Sports Coaching Group holiday club have **WON THE SUMMER GAMES AWARD** (out of 75 schools). This is an outstanding achievement given to the school that has shown great sporting ability, team work, politeness, manners and attitude.

Couldn't be prouder of our Goostrey pupils—first out of 75 **WOW!**

## **GOOSTREY SCHOOL FIRST PLACE IN THE CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross Country event on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

A super afternoon despite the rain! We hosted Brereton, Lower Peover, Hermitage and Chelford schools. The distances were set by Sports England and this meant that Year 3 and 4 children ran four times around the field and Year 5 and 6 did six laps. The determination of all the children across all the schools was pleasing to see as some of the children really struggled but everyone completed their race. The supporters did a perfect job of encouraging them to keep going.

Goostrey showed strength and sportsmanship and certainly made their mark at this event. I was an extremely proud teacher.

Our first-place winners of their age group races were Eleanor, Oliver, Ruby, Seth and Lucy. We had 31 children take part and each child got a placing in the race and these points were added together to get an overall score. I am so pleased to announce that Goostrey was placed first!

This shows team effort and determination. The children not running encouraged their peers from the side line which was uplifting indeed for all.

Thanks to all for an enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs Flint

More information from Andy who organised and ran the event on page 2.

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>

Key dates for the next few weeks on page 6.

*Message from Andy who ran this inter school event.*

*Thank you for attending and supporting yesterday's cross country event. It was brilliant to see so many children taking part and so many families supporting despite the weather, I hope you all enjoyed the event and I hope that all the children are feeling very proud of themselves.*

*I thought I would provide some clarity about the change of venue and the distances that your children ran, yesterday.*

*Firstly, a massive thank you needs to go to Goostrey Primary, who stepped in last minute to host the event, when the high school facility became unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances. A larger venue is much better for cross country as the children only need to run one lap of a larger track, which makes it easier for them to visualise their end point and much easier to judge, however, as I discussed last night with everyone, our aim this year is to get children involved in fun, competitive competition, so getting the event running was our top priority and I think that despite some challenges it was a successful evening and the children should be celebrated for their efforts.*

*In regards to distances, the perimeter of the field at Goostrey (the concrete path that spectators watched from last night, is 281m in length. As we were using the inside of that track, by some distance in part, the running track was approximately 245m. According to England Athletics the distances for Cross Country events should be:*

*Year 3: 1200m  
Year 4: 1600m  
Year 5: 2000m  
Year 6: up to 2500m.*

*Due to space and time restrictions, yesterday's event meant that your children ran approx.*

*Year 3: 980m  
Year 4: 980m  
Year 5: 1470m  
Year 6: up to 1470m*

*I am sure you will agree that this was more than enough for the children last night, but please note that all event rules are taken from National Governing Body advice.*

*I hope this helps and I look forward to seeing you at future events!*

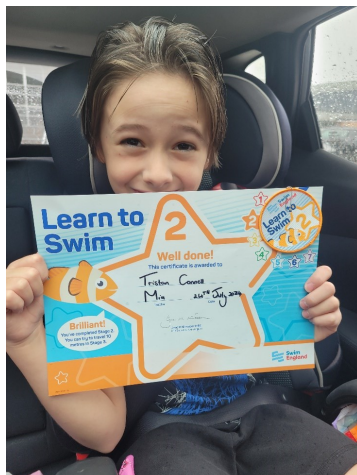


**Jack** attended the Tuilagi Rugby Skills camp over the summer with Freddie Tuilagi. It was a long 4 day camp and he loved it. We were very proud of him.

**Jamie Warren** in year 2 has passed stage 2 in swimming. He works very hard and I am very proud of my superstar



Over the summer holidays, **Esme Connell** completed her Stage One and Puffin award at swimming! She was incredibly proud and couldn't wait to share the news with her friends!



**Tristan Connell** passed his swimming stage 2 just before the summer holidays began, and is already loving stage 3!

We're all very proud of his achievement and can't wait for the next one!

Summer holiday home activity  
For our annual October exhibition  
**'Heroes and Leaders'**  
**Create a 3D mask.**

Your holiday homework is to make a 3D facemask, portraying the image you would like to present of yourself.

You could be strong like a lion!

You could design a creative, caring, fun or heroic mask! A mask that reflects your interests or your beliefs.

Please will you bring your pieces to school on the week beginning 27th September.

The pieces will be displayed in the junior hall as part of the exhibition work.

Above all, please have fun creating your piece!



## **Summer Photo Competition – linked to our next exhibition**

It's time for another photo competition! For a chance to win lots of house points, get out and about over the holidays and see what amazing photographs you can take.

This time the theme is: **Heroes and Leaders**

Please make sure that anyone in your photo has given their permission to be included in the competition. Photos will be displayed at the exhibition in October.

Please email your photographs to [mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) by Monday September 16th

We're excited to see what wonderful photographs you can take with / of your heroes / leaders.

September 16th	5pm	Welcome to Reception meeting
September 16th	7pm The Crown	PTA meeting—all welcome
September 18th	Time TBC	Archery / Curling event Y5 and 6
September 25th	9.15am	Open Morning
September 25th	4pm	Football tournament Y3 and 4
October 2nd	4pm	Football tournament Y 5 and 6
October 4th	Time TBC	Curling and Archery event Y 3 and 4
October 9th	Morning	Photos individual / sibling
October 9th	4pm	Tag Rugby event Y 3 and 4
October 11th	After school	Y6 cake sale
October 16th	After school	Tag rugby event Y 5 and 6
October 23rd and 24th	2pm to 6pm School Hall	Annual whole school exhibition
October 24th		School finishes for half term
November 4th		School returns
November 6th	After school	Christmas Card workshop Infants
November 7th	Morning drop off	Recycle for School
November 8th	After school	Christmas Card workshop juniors FILM NIGHT
WB November 11th	All week	Parent Appointments
November 13th	After school	Dance workshop Y1 and 2
November 15th	After school	Year 5 Cake Sale
November 20th	After school	Dance workshop Y3 and 4

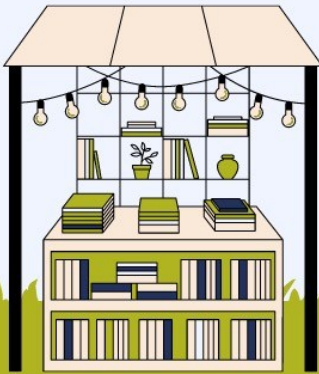


# HOLMES CHAPEL JUMBLE TRAIL!



Follow the Google map, and join the Jumble Trail!

Discover bargains and hidden treasures at yard sales all around the Village!  
It's the perfect opportunity to spend an afternoon exploring and supporting local sellers  
(including children fundraising for HCCS Camps International Kenya Expedition 2025)



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



**Scan the QR code to  
view the map and  
reveal all the  
houses taking part!**

£6 to register your drive on the map  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)  
and search  
'Holmes Chapel Jumble Trail'

# Multi-Sport Classes perfect for Kids age 2-10!

Explore a variety of sports and athletics  
on Sunday afternoons!

4 Week Terms until Christmas  
£30 per term!

£10 pay as you go

Find us on Facebook!



**Little Stars Sports Ltd.**



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.**

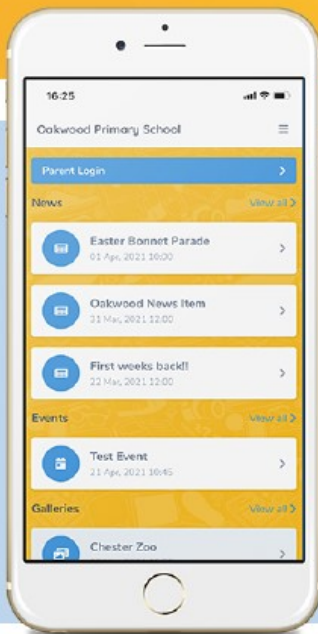
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# 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**



## **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@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.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**



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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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](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 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>