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## ***Dear Families,***

I am so proud of our Year 4 children who have just returned from their residential visit to Delamere. The centre staff told us that the **children's behaviour was exemplary**—our Year 4 were given the gold standard, the highest possible. This is outstanding—a great time had by an excellent group of young people.

Mrs Cowell has passed her Child and Adolescent Mental Health course and is now our Designated Mental Health Lead in school. Well done Mrs Cowell.

March 17th	Parents' evenings appointments go live at 7pm
March 20th	Class photos
March 20th	After school until 5pm      Open Books to see your child's work
March 20th	Gingerbread biscuits on sale—see page 3
March 21st	Odd Socks Day—see page 3
WB March 24th	Mother's Day Shop
WB March 24th	Parent evenings this week
1st April	Hamper draw in classes
2nd April	Y5 to Burwardsley 2 nights

**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

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

Congratulations to **Poppy Makin** in reception for achieving her 5 meters swim and moving up to level two swimming



## **Year 5 and 6 Basketball**

On Wednesday a group of 5 enthusiastic players took to the courts at HCCS for 4 matches. The level of skills and pace was of a high standard and the players gave their all. Many rosy cheeks proved how hard they all played! Many thanks to **Iris, Lucy, Ralph, William B and Charlie** who played passionately but all their hard work in defence and shooting to goal did not go in their favour and they came away with only one very strong winning game of 8 goals to nil. The other 3 games did not go their way. Once again a fun afternoon and a chance to take part in a sport and meet with other schools.



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



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

# Mother's Day Shop

Shopping days start  
**Monday 24th March**

Gifts priced from £1 to £5

Children will have the opportunity during the school day to visit our pop-up gift shop to buy gifts for the special people in their lives

Please bring money in a named envelope/purse, including the names of the gift recipients. Children will visit once with their class, so please ensure they bring their money on Monday 24th

Don't forget a bag to bring the gifts home!

Thank you for your support





# Quiz Night

at

Goostrey Village Hall

on

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Doors Open: 7:00 pm

Quiz Start: 7:30 pm

Bar & Snacks

Teams: Up to Six

Tickets £5 per person

Tickets available from:

[treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk)

or 07867 798848

or 01477 535971

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Cheshire East Performing Arts presents:

# Easter Holiday Musical Theatre Workshop



Thursday 17th April 2025

🕒 10.00am - 3.00pm

📍 Sandbach Town Hall,  
CW11 1AX



Suitable for ages 7-11

£35 per student



Join us for a day of music and dance, **LED BY WEST END PROFESSIONALS**, Jessica Joslin (Les Mis, Matilda) and Joseph Anthony (Les Mis). Spend a day learning exciting **SONG** and **DANCE** routines to musical numbers from the popular musical production, Wicked! The workshop is inclusive of all abilities and will conclude with a closed showing for parents and carers.

**For further info & online booking please email**

✉ [info@cheshireeastperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:info@cheshireeastperformingarts.co.uk)

Head to [www.facebook.com/cheshireeastperformingartsltd](https://www.facebook.com/cheshireeastperformingartsltd) to find out more about us and to see footage from our previous workshops

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

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 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](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.**

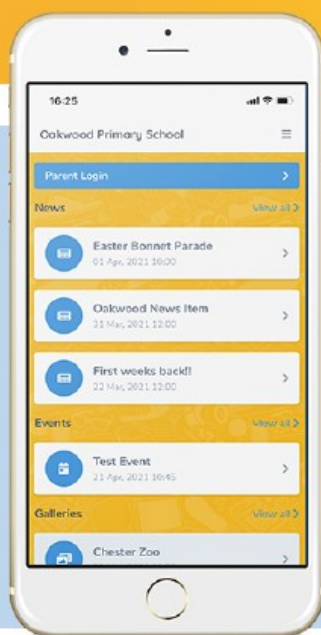
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# 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>



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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.

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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>