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***Dear Families,***

**It's Bingo tonight—Village Hall , 6pm start and £2 a book. Please bring cash.**

**PTA meeting at The Crown, next Monday at 7pm**

**Our Eco Team have had a letter from Buckingham Palace. They recently wrote to His Majesty King Charles who has replied thanking them for their thoughtful messages. He has passed on his warmest wishes and encourages us all to continue to help sustain and support the planet. If anyone would like to see the letter it is in the school foyer by Mrs Carroll's desk.**

**Some of our pupils in Y7 at HCCS have written to our Y6 telling them about their first year at high school. These letters include personal experiences and advice, hoping this will aid the transition from Y6 to 7. Our Y6 will discuss these with Mrs Schurer-Lewis in their 7UP group. Thank you to Harry, Rose, Bethany, Chloe and Thomas for taking the time to do this.**

**We have a vacancy for a Site Maintenance Officer as Mr Moore is leaving the post at the end of the summer term. I am pleased to tell you though that Mr Moore is continuing in his role at lunchtime. Full details of the job and role etc on page 6.**

**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>**

**Oliver Hughes**, from Year 4, helping at the biannual community litter collection in Cranage during the Easter holidays with his Mum and Dad. Oliver has been attending the events since he could walk and we're very proud of his enthusiasm to keep Britain tidy!



# HOLMES CHAPEL FUN RUN

[www.hcpartnership.org.uk/hcfunrun](http://www.hcpartnership.org.uk/hcfunrun)



**Date:** Sunday 11th May 2025  
**Location:** Dane Meadow  
**Time:** 9.30am





# SENDco and Mental Health Drop-In

Questions, concerns, worries or queries about your child? It may be a little worry or something larger that you would like to chat through. We are here to provide information and support.

Come and have a chat and a brew.  
In the Sunshine Room  
9am– 10am Wednesday 30th April 2025

Mr Warhurst - Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator at Goostrey

Mrs Cowell - Senior Mental Health Lead at Goostrey

Mrs Schurer-Lewis —Mental Health First Aider and Deputy Safeguarding Lead at Goostrey



## Chocolate the Eagle Owl Adoption

Goostrey School Eco team voted to continue to support the work of Lower Moss Wood Wildlife Hospital and Education Centre. They chose to adopt Chocolate the Eagle Owl.

Many thanks again to Mrs Walker and the year 6 Eco team members who helped to raise money by spending many lunchtimes before Christmas making gift tags from Christmas cards.

The children voted to spend the profit from the sale of these tags on adopting Chocolate.

## WWF panda adoption



The children also voted to adopt a panda with WWF.

## Key dates for the summer term

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
Tuesday 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.

Application deadline midday May 16th 2025.

For further information please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Schurer-Lewis, [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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 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.**

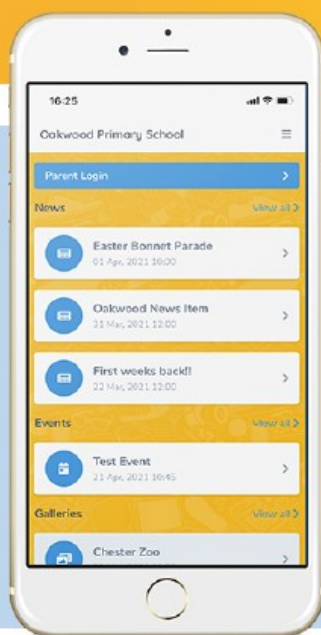
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# 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>



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>