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Dear Families,

Safety reminder:

The only junior children who should be at school before 20 to 9 are ones who are in the Before School Club, in other before school sports or curriculum clubs, or have an arrangement with us that they need to be in school early for a specific reason agreed with the family.

Generally, therefore we expect our junior children to be at school no earlier than 20 to 9 in the morning. The Before School Club opens at 8am and if they are on the playground the big gate will be shut until 20 to 9. If you need to get your child to school early then please be aware that there are no school staff, on duty, supervising the pupils until school starts at 10 to 9. Before that time the responsibility for their safety stays with their family. As your child gets older you may decide that they can walk to and from school on their own—we encourage independence and see this as a positive thing if the family believe that their child /ren are ready for this. Please see Mrs Carroll if you would like to register your child for the Before School Club, it is £4 a session.

Year 6 SATs next week— good luck to all our fabulous, hard working Year 6—you're going to be brilliant.

Sports Day Tuesday May 20th 1.30pm

Reserve Sports Day Tuesday 1st July 1.30pm

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

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

Rounders with Year 5

Rounders is that sort of game that encompasses all forms of emotions. Celebrating the highs with loud cheers and the lows with loud groans. The crowds support was superb and if we were winning or losing we felt like we were in a huge stadium.

So, to the nitty gritty. We lost the first match 6 rounds to 2. That was a bit hard to swallow as our fielding was superb but we were not communicating well enough. After a quick pep talk and practice during our rest game the team were fired up and keen for the next game. The next game we won with 8 rounds against 6. Now we were really getting into the swing of things and the crowds were cheering us on. In the final game the children continued to do their absolute best but despite their efforts they lost. So overall, we came joint 3rd out of 5 schools.

The umpire came to talk to the team afterwards and said how very impressed he was with not only behaviour but their excellent attitude. He told them to be very proud of themselves.

Thank you for a great afternoon **Tilly, Seth, Iris, Harry H, Iona, Ralph, Quinn and Charlie!**





George Hardcastle in year 5 represented Knutsford rugby club at the Wilmslow rugby festival at the weekend. They showed great teamwork and a true rugby spirit.



Henry Hardcastle in year 3 was awarded rugby player of the season by the coaches for the under 8s. They chose him because of his excellent attacking and defensive skills.

Kindness Award—we have 2 new recipients of this prestigious award. One is in Year 1 and the other in Year 4. Their names will be in next week's newsletter once they have received their card in the post. Watch this space



**PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING GREEN
ON MAY 16TH AND THIS IS THE LINK
IF YOU WISH TO DONATE:**

<https://donate.justgiving.com/charity/cdg-uk/donation-amount>

Key dates for the summer term

WB Monday 12th May	SATs Year 6
Friday 16th May	Year 1 Cake Sale
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
Friday 6th June	Disco TBC
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 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.

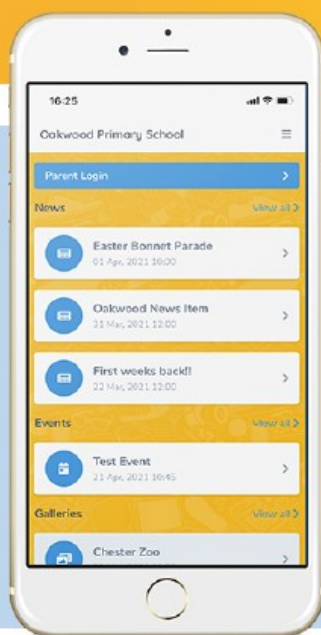
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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

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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

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>