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Dear Families,

I was delighted to receive this comment from Rob Tidy who leads Roots Morris. They were dancing in the procession along Main Road at Rose Day:

It was an absolute pleasure, both to participate and to watch the festival activities on the field. We were highly impressed with the year 3 maypole dancing, so please pass this on if you're able. We were exhausted by the time we got to the field, so the wonderful Goostreyites are clearly made of sterner stuff than us!



Well done to Year 3 for their outstanding maypole dancing—you were sensational.

Year 6 go on their residential visit today until Monday—huge thank you to all the staff who have organised and are accompanying the children to Willersley Castle.

We've done it again! Congratulations to our Tag Rugby team who won the rugby tournament this week—medals all round. Full report on page 3

Last day for ordering PTA tote bags is today

Holiday homework is on page 4 and photo competition on page 2.

July Evening is next Friday—email has been sent to all families explaining this event and information is also on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

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, 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

We are very proud of Bea as she was awarded Highly Commended in her NATD Ballroom Rainbow exam at the weekend



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: **A Good Book / My Favourite Book**

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 by Monday September 15th

We're excited to see what wonderful photographs you can take linked to a good / favourite book.

Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby

On Wednesday the 2nd of July we hosted a tag rugby tournament at Goostrey. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere was great. Lovely support from the crowd gathered to watch their children.

The team played 4 games in total and won three. Our first game was against Lower Peover and the final score was 5/4. A close win for us. Bryony and Stanley both scored two tries and Gus scored 1. The team showed excellent skill with passing the ball and dodging the opponents to avoid being tagged. Their tagging was superb too. Our second game was against Hermitage and we beat them 7/2. Bryony scored 4 tries, Gus 2 and Henry 1. The team were fired up and then took a break while Lower Peover played Hermitage. Our third game was against Lower Peover and another close game with us losing 5/7. Stanley scored two tries and Bryony 3. So, onto the 4th game which was against Hermitage again. We beat them 7/4 and the tries came from Stanley, Gus, Bryony, Freddie and Henry.

Thank you to our team of **Gus, William, Bryony, Eleanor, Freddie, Henry and Stanley**

Goostrey were the overall winners and proudly accepted their medals!



Summer holiday home activity
For our annual October exhibition

Your Favourite Book!

Design your own book spine

Your holiday homework

Designing a book spine for your favourite book gives you the chance to highlight what makes it special to you—whether it's the characters, the theme, or a striking moment in the story.

Here are some ideas to get your imagination flowing:

- **Use bold colours and words** that reflect the tone of the book—mysterious, adventurous, funny, or magical.
- **Add illustrations** of key characters, symbols, or scenes. If it's *Harry Potter*, you might draw a wand or the Hogwarts castle; for *The Gruffalo*, perhaps footprints winding through the woods.
- **Incorporate quotes or a mini title design**—a few standout words that capture the book's energy.
- **Try texture or collage** using bits of fabric, foil, or old pages to give your spine some extra pop

You can use the template provided or create your own. The book spine can be any size from 30cm, but no bigger than 50 cm in length.

Please will you bring your pieces to school on the week beginning 22nd September, so we can display them in the school hall.





**** July Evening ** July Evening ** July Evening ****

JULY EVENING IS BACK FOR 2025. HURRAH!

When: Friday 11th July

Where: Junior Site

Times: 3:30 - 5:00pm

Admission: £1.00 per adult - thank you (please bring lots of change with you to help the children with their stalls as they may have limited amounts of change!)

What is July Evening?

July Evening is an annual event, **organised and run by the junior pupils of our school.** They take time to organise themselves into small groups and devise exciting and enthralling mini-stalls such as "Hook-a-Duck" or "Guess the Name of the Rabbit" or even "Find the Treasure" tasks. You - our families and friends of Goostrey - **are all invited to join us during the event** and we hope you will enjoy participating and supporting the children with their games and stalls.

The idea is that the children raise their own money, which they then decide how to spend, on behalf of all the pupils - infants and juniors - so that each child from Reception to Year 6 will benefit. They have - in the past - raised approximately £600 which they then decide (via the school council) to spend on items such as playground equipment, toys for indoor break times, or resources to help them in classes.

Thank you all for your participation. We hope the weather is kind to us and we look forward to seeing you all enjoying yourselves, supporting the school at such a fun event.

All children who are participating will require permission via a School Spider survey. This will close on Monday 8th July - please ensure that all participating pupils have been logged by this date. Thank you.

The children are already "buzzing" with ideas - they are so excited!

Any questions, please contact Mrs Timmins in Year 6. Some FAQs are on the next page.

Thank you

July Evening 2025 – FAQs

How long will my child be at school for?

The event runs until 5:00pm. Once the children have cleared up their own stalls, they may be released by their teachers.

Do I need to attend?

YES PLEASE! July Evening runs best when parents and families attend to support all of the children by having a "go" on their stalls. Otherwise, it would just be the junior children and no customers! So, YES PLEASE! Come along, bring some change with you, spend time, and a little bit of money, enjoying yourselves.

Do I need to supervise my child during the event?

Generally, the answer is "no". Children will be in their classrooms with school staff to supervise. However, should your child need to be in the playground, you will need to supervise these activities as staff will be indoors. Thank you

Some stalls may require a risk assessment, or may be weather dependent. School will consider carefully all ideas from the pupils and where this may be necessary, we will speak with those children and families next week – thank you for your understanding with this.

What stalls do they have?

The children decide themselves. In previous years, we've held all sorts of games. Anything from "Guess the name of the teddy" to "Hook-a-Duck" to "Beat the 'Keeper'". The games are up to groups of children who are tasked with designing how these will work and what they will need.

Do I have to provide prizes and a float?

Prizes – children opt to sometimes hand out sweets such as Haribo for taking part, others have one item for a prize. Pupils might choose to offer a toy as a prize, or just stickers for taking part – again, the choice is up to them.

Float – children should provide their own float using a mixture of coins. We suggest a starting float of around £5:00 in coins of 5p, 10p, 50p coins. At the end of the event, they may choose to take the float back, out of their money pot, or they may donate this to the overall fund.

Do we need to provide equipment?

Our advice is to keep the games simple. Homemade boards, signs, etc work really well. We will provide tables and chairs. Occasionally, we may be able to provide equipment – children would be best to talk to Mrs Timmins in Year 6 to see what we do.

What happens at the end?

Pupils will need to clear up their own areas and leave the classrooms ready for use again on Monday morning. At 5:00, they MUST see their teachers and be released directly to the adult who is collecting them, unless parental permission has been given for them to walk home on their own.

I've still got questions that aren't covered above – who do I need to talk to?

Contact Mrs Timmins in Year 6. You can leave a message via Mrs Carroll, or email on mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk



PTA



1 bag : £ 6
2 bags : £ 11
3 bags : £ 15
(additional bags £ 5
each)

Cotton tote bags with children's self-portraits will be on sale from next week. There is a bag for infants and a separate bag for juniors.

They make excellent family gifts!



Bag Size : 38 cms (w) x 42 cms (h)

Look out for order forms coming home with children next week.

Orders to be submitted by 4th of July.



Key dates for the summer term

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

Channel 5's hit series '**Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly**' is coming back for its eighth series. For those of you who haven't seen the series it follows Master Dog Trainer, Graeme Hall, as he travels the country helping desperate dog owners solve their pet's behavioural problems.

For the new series, and for the first time in the show's history, Graeme will be taking a group of puppy owners through his brand-new **Puppy Boot Camp**. The training sessions will cover all the major milestones puppies, and their owners need to master to develop an adorable pup into a well behaved and happy adult dog.

Programme makers Avalon Factual are currently looking for new owners who've recently taken on a puppy to take part! The filming & training will take place once a month across a 5–6-month period starting in August. There's no fee for the training, but you will have to be comfortable appearing on camera.

We welcome puppies of all breeds that'll be between **3 and 6 months old in August**. People from all over the UK can apply, although filming is likely to take place somewhere around the Midlands.

If you feel you or anyone you know could benefit from Graeme's help or you'd just simply like to know more about the show, then please contact the team on puppy@avalonuk.com

Kind Regards,

The Dogs Behaving Very Badly team

Dogs Behaving
VERY BADLY

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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/carers 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.

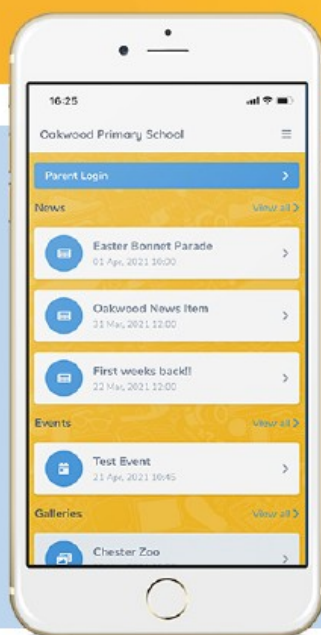
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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/>



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.

The local clinical network has devised a website where they have put all of the organisations nationally and locally that support children and families that are neurodiverse

[Neurodiversity support pathway - NHS Cheshire and Merseyside](#)

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.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:
www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey



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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.

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>