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It's the last week of the school year next week. We all finish for the summer break on Friday 18th and the pupils return on Wednesday 3rd September

Dear Families,

The Year 6 have just come back from a wonderful and exciting residential at Willersley Castle and once again our children's outstanding behaviour, manners and politeness were highlighted by the centre staff. In addition our SATs results have just come out—they are excellent. Progress and attainment all very high— well done all round Year 6.

Pupil reports come home next Monday. Teachers will be available between 3.30 and 5pm, in their classrooms, next Thursday, for anyone who wants to discuss their child's report. If you do want to meet the class teacher please email them so they can book you in, thank you.

A huge thank you to all our PTA members who leave the school this year—we really appreciate all your hard work. Children are consistently at the heart of everything you do. Information about the excellent work our PTA do is on page 2.

OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY IS NEXT THURSDAY 17th AT 10 PAST NINE IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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 25-26 and 26-27 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>

GOOSTREY PTA UPDATE

SUMMER 2025



The PTA is an active and friendly group of volunteers who work with the school to create memorable events, raise money for enhanced learning and build a supporting, fun community for everyone. We have had another successful year running events for children and families to enjoy.

Events this year

School discos
Film nights
Bingo
Beetle drive

Sales / competitions

Cake sales
Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's day shops
Hamper raffles
Cup U like at Rose Day
Christmas card making
Tote bags with self portraits

Comedy night

The PTA ran a comedy night in February, for the first time in over 5 years and it was a huge success. Look out for tickets for the next comedy night in 2026!

How the money has been spent

The money raised by the PTA goes to directly benefit the children at Goostrey school. Some examples of how the money has been spent this year:

New playground equipment
Forest school sessions
Contribution towards transport costs for school trips
Contribution towards the swimming pool for the juniors
New laptops for the children
Y6 Leavers books

Thank you!

We would like to say a massive thank you to our Chair Wendy Hopkins who is leaving us after being Chair of the PTA for the last 2 years. Wendy has dedicated many hours to the PTA and we are all sad to see her go. We wish her all the best for the future.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new PTA chair Rachel Hughes!

How can you help?

We would love to welcome new members from any year group. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you feel able to. We are a very friendly bunch, meet once every half term at The Crown. Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 10th of September at 6pm, anyone is welcome to join us.

Keep up to date

To keep up to date with everything that's happening, check the **weekly school newsletters** and follow us on our **social media pages** for event dates and updates.



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[Goostrey Community Primary School PTA](#)

If you'd like to help out or have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!



GoostreyPTA@outlook.com

Many thanks GCPS PTA Team

Well done to all of the girls who took part in the 'Into The Woods' ballet performance this weekend. **Lily, Evelyn, Sophie and Esme** from Year 1 performed beautifully and looked like they enjoyed every second.



Massive congratulations to **Ella and Daisy** on passing your Stage 4 swimming! We are all super proud of you!!!



Asha spending money

Below is a message from Jackie, one of the staff at Asha Refugee Centre.

Thanks so much for all the organisation and kindness you showed to Asha. Raising the money was so helpful and the children were telling me the rides they had been on, and the ice creams they had had, they were so happy. Thanks to all who donated, it made their day (week and month!)

One male adult sent me a text saying this village (Goostrey) is so beautiful, he loved having a walk around.

Thank you.

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.

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.





Key dates for the summer term

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

Summer holiday tennis and fitness fun for children



TENNIS COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL ABILITIES



'Camp' sessions are run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held at Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey, from 9.30am to 1.30pm each day

**CAMP: TUESDAY 26th AUGUST-
FRIDAY 29th AUGUST.**

Each 4-hour camp session can be booked per day or for all 4 days.

EMAIL play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk for a booking form or call 07885 804246 for info.

Stay safe this summer

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around the water.

What to do if you see someone in trouble

Shout – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

Reach – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

Throw – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

Don't go – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

If you're in trouble, Float to Live - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Have a very happy, and safe, summer!

From Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

If you have any questions or would like information about our free Water Safety presentation set to begin in September, please contact water.safety@cheshirefire.gov.uk.



Water Safety Team

Prevention & Protection Department

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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.

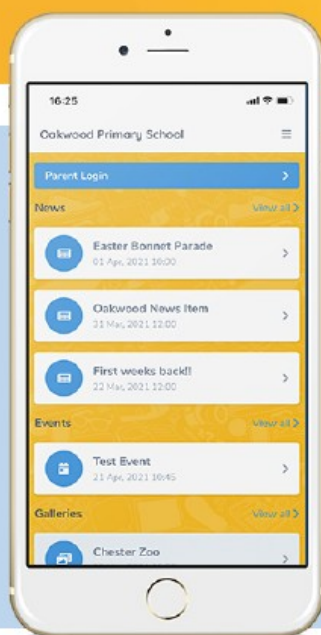
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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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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.

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

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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>